

Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010
RE: “Highlights” of the February 10, 2010 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ◆ **Character Award** – Mrs. O’Brien presented a Character Award to sixth grader, Allison Winiecki.
- ◆ **Employee of the Month Awards** – Mr. Schaefer presented an Employee of the Month Award to Eden Elementary Library and Media Specialist, Vanessa Zoll. Mr. Martin reported that he will present an Employee of the Month Award to Laborer, Michael Mooney, who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Heckathorn presented an Employee of the Month Award to Bus Driver, Marion Battleson.
- ◆ **Vehicle Requests** – Ms. Heckathorn presented her request for replacement vehicles. She would like to purchase two 66-passenger buses and one wheelchair bus. The new buses would have cargo units, which is a safety feature for sports trips. Currently, several buses are aging out, need repairs and should be off the road. The wheelchair bus is a 45-passenger bus with bench seats that can be moved to accommodate up to three wheelchairs. In addition, the Transportation Department was commended for receiving a 100% DOT passing rate for the second consecutive year. Mr. Martin would like to replace one pick up plow truck, which has high mileage and needs many costly repairs.
- ◆ **2008-2009 School Report Cards** – Mr. Graff presented the Jr./Sr. High School Report Card. The maximum performance index score is 200. Scores were: Middle School ELA – 184; High School ELA – 191; Middle School Math 187; High School Math 198; Middle School Science 193. State standard graduation rate was 55%, Eden was at 95%. Mr. Schaefer reported that Eden Elementary School made adequate yearly progress in ELA, Math and Science. Our District ranked consistently with similar schools, with the exception of 6th grade Math which was significantly higher than school deemed similar. Mrs. Grimm reported that students are identified as Tier 1, 2, or 3. Students from all levels showed growth in the skills necessary for reading as assessed in the fall and winter benchmarks. Those who continue to need services are progress monitored several times each month to determine the effectiveness of the intervention they have been prescribed. Early intervention is the key component to successful students.

2. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Jennifer Wojnicki, Permanent Appointment – Part-time Physical Therapist
- ◆ Sharon Baur, Permanent Appointment – Part-time Clerk Typist
- ◆ Diane Strong, Permanent Appointment – Part-time Cafeteria Monitor
- ◆ Tristan Hujer, Substitute 7-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ◆ Kendelle Sutton, Substitute 7-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ◆ Randall Perison, Varsity Girls Track Coach
- ◆ Allison Piwko, Varsity Assistant Girls Softball Coach
- ◆ Brittany Duchmann, Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach
- ◆ Sheila Sickau, Girls Assistant Track Coach
- ◆ Amie Francisco, Modified Girls Softball Coach
- ◆ Linda LaMastra, Mentor for Christina Haag
- ◆ Kristopher Karstedt, Adult Musician for Jr/Sr HS Musical
- ◆ Merry Jeffers, Adult Musician for Jr/Sr HS Musical
- ◆ Lucyanne Georger, Adult Musician for Jr/Sr HS Musical
- ◆ Michael Kankiewicz, Adult Musician for Jr/Sr HS Musical
- ◆ Eve Roushey, Adult Musician for Jr./Sr. HS Musical
- ◆ Kristopher Karstedt, Musical Technical Director

3. Approved Policies:

- ◆ #1330 Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education
- ◆ #3170 Anti-Harassment in the School District
- ◆ #6212 Certification and Qualifications
- ◆ #7680 Independent Education Evaluations
- ◆ #5110 Budget Planning and Development
- ◆ #5120 School District Budget Hearing
- ◆ #5631 Hazardous Waste and Handling of Toxic Substances by Employees
- ◆ #6510 Health Insurance
- ◆ #7620 Students with Disabilities Participating in School District Programs
- ◆ #7640 Student Individualized Education Program Development & Provision
- ◆ #7660 Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities

4. Approved 2010-2011 School Calendar

5. Approved excessing of 52 copies of Math A textbooks and 129 copies of Math B textbooks

6. Approved spring baseball trip to Myrtle Beach, SC April 19 – April 23, 2010

7. Approved change in hours for Science Teacher, Philip Archabald from .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE effective February 3, 2010 through June 30, 2010

8. Approved Eighth Grade field trip to Boston, Massachusetts June 16 – 18, 2010

9. Approved conference attendance for Board Members, Thomas Gannon and Steven Cerne to attend Legislative Breakfast on February 6, 2010

10. Approved budget increase by \$517.53 to \$25,686,020.03 to account for increased revenues – The District received \$17.43 from Abitibi Recycling for GLP, .10 from Boxtops for Eden Elementary and \$500 from RTI Tobacco Awareness Survey for the Jr./Sr. High School.

11. Comments: There were no comments.

12. Business Report:

- ◆ We continue to work on the budgeting process firming up revenue projections for the current year, as well as estimating revenues for next year. We are also working on fund balance projections for the current year. This information will be presented to the Board during our Budget Work Session on March 9th.
- ◆ Nominating petitions for potential school board members will be available in the Business Office on March 1, 2010. Erie County Association of School Boards is sponsoring a workshop for prospective school board members on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For additional information, you may contact the Erie County Association of School Boards.
- ◆ Ms. Almasi presented an analysis of the Co-gen performance using reports provided by Siemens and audited by Energy Advantage. Siemens guaranteed the District an annual savings of \$136,485. The actual savings were actually less, and the District was paid \$102,206. Of that amount, \$26,452 was deposited to the general fund and voter approval will be necessary to have \$75,754 deposited to a repair reserve fund. The amount in the reserve fund will be used to offset future costs of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which do not recur annually. Expenditures can only be made after a public hearing, except in an emergency situation.

13. Approved establishment of repair fund reserve for repairs to capital improvements or equipment

14. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs congratulated Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Banks for being honored by Western New York Educational Service Council. A reception will be given on March 11th at the Marriott Hotel in Amherst. The cost is \$38. Contact the District Office for more information.
- ◆ The Race to the Top grant application has been resubmitted. Ten states did not apply. The Federal Government will give four grants. If we are chosen to receive a grant, the amount would be approximately \$20,000.

- ◆ The District Shared Decision Making Team discussed a community care day. Building Principals and Loran Carter will be working out the details for all three schools to assist the community with various projects on May 26, 2010.
- ◆ The per pupil cost of the District is \$13,452, which ranks us #647 of 677 districts in the State, and 88th out of 98 in Western New York. We are spending less per student than most schools. This can be attributed to our low overhead/administrative costs.
- ◆ The Governor's Executive Budget Proposal shows a total proposed reduction in aid for the 2010-2011 school year of \$662,854. The legislators feel that the Governor's proposal went too far. An on-time budget is expected. There has been a freeze in foundation aid over the past two years.

15. Board Report:

- ◆ Mrs. Gardner corrected two statements made by Mrs. Schenk at the January Board Meeting. 1) No board member has missed more than three consecutive meetings over the past ten years. 2) Education Law states we may offer video-conferencing services, not that we *must* provide them.
- ◆ Mr. Gannon attended the Legislative Breakfast on February 6, 2010. He was impressed that all the Western New York legislators were pulling in the same direction. Relief from unfunded mandates was one of the major topics of discussion.

16. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.
- ◆ BOCES Annual Meeting – Tuesday, April 6, 2010
- ◆ BOCES Component Vote Date – Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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