

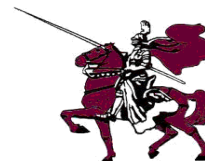
## Eden Central School

**TO: ALL STAFF**

**FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2009**

**RE: “Highlights” of the December 16, 2009 Board of Education Meeting**



### 1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ◆ Character Awards were presented to Aidan Johnson, Grade 2; Amanda Preischel, Grade 2; Jonathan Haier, Grade 4; From the Girls' Swim Team – Larissa Dobson; Girls' Volleyball Team – Katherine Eschner, Victoria Eschner, Heather Feldman, Hailee Herc, Hannah Herc, Heather Holscher, Anna King, Hannah Lauber, Kendall Pierce, Lainy Pierce, Christine Schaefer, Rebecca Shoemaker, and Stacylyn Smith.
- ◆ Employee of the Month Awards were presented to Tebra Howard, Microcomputer Repair Technician; Kim Castiglia, Kindergarten; Jacquelyn Bonfonte, Special Education.
- ◆ GLP Primary School Update – Mrs. Grimm introduced second grade teachers, Mrs. King and Mrs. Preischel who spoke about the second grade writing program. One of the main goals of CDEP is to increase literacy across the board in K-12. Mrs. King discussed how the best way to do that is to enhance the writing program cross-curricular. Using the Step Up program and applying it to all areas of the curriculum, GLP has made significant strides in improving writing and literacy.
- ◆ Instructional Technology Update – Mrs. Karstedt presented an update on Technology. She reviewed the responsibilities of each of the members of the Technology Team and their positions. Other items discussed were the Technology Plan, the Technology Budget, standards for students and teachers for NCLB, and the District web-site.

### 2. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Douglas Beetow – Administrator
- ◆ Cathy Franklin – 1:1 Teacher Aide for extracurricular activities for student with special needs
- ◆ Bradley Sessanna – Permanent appointment as a Bus Driver
- ◆ Ivan Bitnun – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Marie Wutz – Substitute 7-12 Teacher
- ◆ Tracey Childs – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Nicole Popovski – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Amy Bowen – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Lynn Keesler – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Anne Coe – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Theresa Thomasulo – Substitute 7-12 Teacher
- ◆ Kenneth Waszak – Substitute 7 -12 Teacher
- ◆ Sarah Craig – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Ashley Friedman – Cheerleading Coach
- ◆ Ivan Bitnun – Modified Boys Track Coach
- ◆ Michelle Feldman – Musical Program Advisor
- ◆ Dean Cole – Musical Sets Advisor
- ◆ Joe Dougherty – Volunteer Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

### 3. Approved change in hours for Bus Attendant, Mary Tarasiewicz from 5.25 to 5.0 hours per day effective September 21, 2009.

### 4. Approved Change in Hours for Bus Drivers effective December 16, 2009:

- ◆ Desiree Mcallister from 4.25 to 4.5 hours per day
- ◆ Susan Pratt from 5.25 to 6.75 hours per day

- ◆ Marg Skura from 6.5 to 5.0 hours per day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and from 7.25 to 5.75 hours per day on Tuesday and Thursday

**5. Approved designation of surplus vehicles:**

- ◆ Bus #160            1999    Freight Liner 66 passenger Diesel    100,715 miles
- ◆ Bus #178           2005    Ford 18 passenger Bus                136,876 miles
- ◆ #M4                1993    Chevrolet Van                            154,958 miles

**6. Approved change in hours for Teacher, Christina Haag from a .6 FTE to a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, effective February 1, 2010 in order to be in compliance with New York State regulations for students with disabilities.**

**7. Approved wrestling trip to Jamestown, NY for the Jamestown Savings Bank Tournament December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**8. Approved Technology trip to St. Paul, Minnesota to compete in the Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge March 24 – 29, 2010.**

**9. Accepted donation of equipment from SUNY Buffalo:**

- ◆ 3 Mitsubishi XD221U-DLP Multimedia Projectors                    \$ 2,397.00
- ◆ 11 Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus Calculators                        \$ 1,048.52
- ◆ 10 Casio FX300MS Basic Scientific Calculators                    \$    79.50
- ◆ 1 Texas Instruments TI-84 Overhead Projector Kit                    \$    293.72
- ◆ 32 Student Interactive “Clickers” AE1KIT32US                        \$ 2,705.60
- ◆ 1 Human Physiology Bundle PS-2864                                \$ 1,059.00
- ◆ 1 pH Sensor PS-2102                                                        \$    79.00
- ◆ 1 Carbon Dioxide Sensor PS-2110                                        \$    259.00
- ◆ 1 Extension Cable PS-2500                                                \$    20.00
- ◆ Total                                                                                \$ 7,941.34

**10. Approved budget increase of \$170.75 to \$25,685,003.20 to account for increased revenues. The District received \$20.75 from Abitibi for Eden Elementary and \$150 from Evenhouse Printing for GLP.**

**11. Comments: There were no comments.**

**12. Business Report - Ms. Almasi reported the following:**

- ◆ The Governor did follow through with his threat to withhold 10% of the December 15<sup>th</sup> payment of school aid. This reduction in aid payments amounts to over \$27,000 for our District. The District hopes to receive this balance due in the future, but we have heard that the Governor may not release this payment at all.
- ◆ The District is also anticipating that the Governor’s threat to withhold 19% of STAR reimbursements will also happen. This will mean that the District will receive \$334,000 less in STAR reimbursement than we are owed. This deposit should hit our account on January 4, 2010.
- ◆ At this time, we are not concerned about our cash flow, since we just finished collecting property taxes. We have funds available to make all payments due. If the Governor continues to withhold payments in the future, it may put us in a difficult position.
- ◆ The latest news received is that NYS Council of School Superintendents, NYSUT, NYSSBA and SAANYS are filing a lawsuit in State Supreme court challenging the Governor’s action in withholding school aid and STAR payments.

**13. Superintendent’s Report - Mr. Buggs reported the following:**

- ◆ First reading of policies
  - a. #5510 Accounting of Funds
  - b. #5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
  - c. #7121 Diagnostic Screening of Students
  - d. #7130 Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
  - e. #7513 Administration of Medication
  - f. #7621 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- g. #6551 Family and Medical Leave Act
  - h. #7552 Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools
  - i. #6170 Safety of Students (Fingerprint Clearance of New Hires)
  - j. #7514 Student Health Records
  - k. #6190 Professional Services Providers
  - l. #6200 Employment of Retired Persons
- ◆ Regarding the budget, disappointment was expressed with the Governor withholding 10% of our aid from the December 15<sup>th</sup> payment. The legislature has not responded. The Governor said there is a potential that it may be paid some day. He indicated he may be withholding 19% of the Star aid due in January – about \$334,000.
  - ◆ The 2010-2011 school year calendar will be available for the Board to review in the next couple of weeks.
  - ◆ Packets for Superintendent Evaluation will be discussed by the Board at the January Board Meeting.
  - ◆ Mr. Cerne made a request to provide audio to him for the board meetings when he is traveling around the country. The School Board attorney said we could not provide audio alone, but it must be audio and video. If the Board chooses to provide this, it must be in a public location, and the Board must contact the location to ask permission to conduct a public meeting. The District must pay any cost associated with using said location. The meeting must be open to anyone, and the public must be notified. Executive Session must be handled in the same way, with assurances that there is no one else present. A District employee would have to ensure that the location meets all requirements - i.e. handicapped accessible, etc. Someone would be needed to operate the camera equipment.

**14. Approved motion to cease using the School Board Attorney to research videoconferencing School Board Meetings until the full Board is present to discuss and vote on it.**

**15. Future Dates:**

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, **January 20, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.

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- *NOTE: **Any item** for a Board of Education Meeting Agenda must be submitted a **minimum** of ten days prior to the board meeting. This will allow the necessary time for the publishing and distribution of the agenda to the Board of Education members, Administrative Staff, and the news media.*

