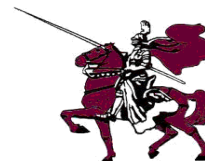


Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2009
RE: “Highlights” of the November 18, 2009 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ◆ **Employees of the Month** – Mrs. Johnson presented awards to nurses; Karen Meller, Jr./Sr. High School; Darlene Smith, Eden Elementary School; and Mary Lee Roush, G.L.P. Primary School.
- ◆ **Jr./Sr. High School Update** –
 - Mr. Graff introduced students, Chad Blonar and Jessica Kramer. Jessica is the Executive Vice President of NYS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Chad is the District 12 Vice President. Eden’s FBLA group was awarded fifth place in the scrapbook competition, which covers the events they do throughout the year. Eden has won Chapter of the Year Award four times in the six years they have been a club. A variety of competitions including Business Law, Business Math, Mr. FBL, Ms. FBL, Macro and Microeconomics, and Job Interview are offered.
 - Mr. Graff updated the Board on college credit courses; AP courses, Niagara University and ECC courses. Prior conversations centered around how to get more of these courses into the curriculum in the future. Currently 235 students are enrolled in our nine college credit courses. Those courses are AP US History, AP World History, which is a new advanced placement course for sophomores, (it is filled to capacity), AP Calculus, NU-Step Chemistry, NU-Step French, NU-Step Spanish, NU-Step English 100, ECC College Success Course, which is new this year, and ECC Anatomy and Physiology (pending ECC approval). With the ECC program, there are some technology courses that are offered periodically through grants. The CAD class students will have the option of applying for ECC credit for that course this year. Technology courses vary from year to year. The students want the college level classes. The classes are maxing out. Most of our students who take the exams are scoring 4’s or 5’s, which guarantees them some college credit. Mr. Graff would like to see the courses open up to any student who wants to take them. There is a fee associated with the advanced placement courses.
- ◆ **Eden Elementary Update** – Mr. Schaefer presented an overview on the K-6 physical education requirements. In New York State, grades K-6 are required to have 120 minutes of physical education each week. All of our students are meeting or exceeding the 120 minute requirement with physical education classes, supplemental physical education and recess. Much of the supplemental physical education involves outside activities. When weather does not permit students to go outside, an exercise video, “Deskercise” will be used for supplemental physical education. The students will participate in Deskercise right at their desks.
- ◆ **Athletic Department Update** – Mr. Beetow recapped the fall sports season. Thanks to the staff for supporting the sports season. This fall, 417 out of 863 students, about 48%, were involved with a sports team. Varsity team highlights – Girls’ Field Hockey made it to sectional semi-finals; the Football Team was Class C North champions and Class C sectional runner-up; Golf Team was Division IV co-champions; Girls Soccer was awarded the Division IV team sportsmanship award; Girls’ Swimming took first place at the Tonawanda Relays and will be sending a swimmer to state competition; Boys’ Volleyball Team was Division III champions, Class B sectional champions and State champion runner-up; Girls’ Volleyball Team was Division IV champions, Class B sectional champions, Far-West Regional champions and will be competing for New York State champions for the seventh time – a New York State record; and the Varsity Cheerleaders took second at the ECIC championship. Special thanks to the All Sports Booster Club for raising money to enclose the bleachers for storage space; Andrew Greiner, Frank Barone, John Klopp, Chelsea Krencik, Mrs. Barone, Mrs. Greiner, and Mrs. Hage for the Planter Box around the Jeremy Krencik Memorial Scoreboard on the soccer field; Mr. Martin and the Buildings and Grounds Crew for making the best out of a very wet season; the Transportation Department for getting our athletes to and from competitions; and the Board of Education for allowing our teams to participate in tournaments near and far. We had a very successful season.

2. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Tenure Appointment – Marc Graff – Jr./Sr. High School Principal

- ◆ Jennifer Smith – Substitute PK-6 Teacher Aide
- ◆ Sharon Stegner – Substitute Clerk Typist and Teacher Aide
- ◆ Erica Latt – Substitute PK-6 Teacher
- ◆ Julee Klopp – Substitute 3-6 Teacher
- ◆ Julie Violanti – Substitute PK-2 Teacher Aide
- ◆ Philip Archabald – Substitute PK-12 Teacher and Teacher Aide
- ◆ Corey Bley – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Ivan Bitnun - Lifeguard
- ◆ Lucinda Karstedt – Jr./Sr. HS Musical Choreographer and Costume Advisor

3. **Approved excessing of 55 copies of Tesoro Literario textbooks.**

4. **Accepted donation of Hamilton upright piano from the Kevin Eschner family.**

5. **Approved budget increase of \$250 (MAC Grant) to \$25,684,832.45 to account for increased revenues.**

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

7. **Business Report:**

- ◆ Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat conducted their risk assessment update. They interviewed all Business Office staff, the Superintendent, the Technology, Transportation, Building & Grounds and Food Service departments. Once they have completed their report, they will request to meet with the Audit Committee. They don't expect the report to be done until sometime in December.
- ◆ Budget work sessions are scheduled for March 10, 23, 30 and April 6, 2010.

8. **Superintendent's Report:**

- ◆ New York State is considering moving the budget vote date from May 18th to May 11th, 2010 because May 18th is a Jewish holiday. If that happens, the District may have to change some budget-related dates.
- ◆ The budget for 2010-2011 will be challenging. Midyear cuts and/or reduction in state aid are a strong possibility. Senator Stachowski cancelled a meeting with local Superintendents due to meetings in Albany being extended. Cost saving measures may have to be put in place within a couple weeks.
- ◆ The only cut in teaching staff last year was a .5 FTE teacher. Because we received stimulus dollars, the District was able to re-hire teachers who were cut in a variety of positions.

9. **Board President's Report:**

- ◆ Mr. Gannon reported that he visited the schools on Tuesday, November 17th, along with Mr. Breier and Mr. Burgstahler. They were very impressed with what we do here, and he stated that what we do best is affirm children.

10. **Future Dates:**

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, **December 16, 2009** at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

