

Eden Central School



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2009

RE: *"Highlights" of the October 21, 2009 Board of Education Meeting*

1. From Administration & Staff:

- ♦ **School Board Appreciation Presentation:** Student Council Members, Kate Hains and Kyle Zittel thanked the School Board on behalf of the student body and presented them with fruit baskets for School Board Appreciation Week. Mrs. Carter introduced Mrs. Jeffers and some second grade students who performed for the School Board in honor of School Board Appreciation Week. In addition, Mrs. Ploetz helped GLP students to research the history of the town and create books of Eden, which were presented to the Board Members. Mr. Schaefer made announcements about the School Board throughout the week to the Elementary School students.
- ♦ **Character Awards:** Awards were presented to Angela Waldruff, Grade 1; Alexis Vullo, Grade 2; Kathleen Bugenhagen, Grade 11; Justine Gugino, Grade 11; and Morgan Cole, Grade 12.
- ♦ **Employee of the Month:** Awards were presented to English Teacher, Mrs. Wilhelm, Pre-K Teacher, Mrs. Cuddihy and Payroll Clerk, Mrs. Hawkins.
- ♦ **PTA:** Christy Schreckengost and Jennifer Davies, PTA President and President Elect, recognized the new teachers and administrators in the District – Amie Francisco (EE Phys Ed), Amy Gibson Steger (EE Spec Ed), Christine Haag (JSHS Spec Ed), Sherri Stoneberg (JSHS FACS), Danielle Grimm (GLP Principal), Jennifer Wojnicki (PT), and Helen Knab (Soc Worker).
- ♦ **External Audit Presentation:** Brian Juszkievicz from Drescher & Malecki reported that the External Audit showed clean opinions of the District's finances. Revenues were up 4.1% from the prior year. The expenditures had a moderate increase of about 2.9%. The fund balance and general fund are healthy.
- ♦ **Pupil Personnel Services Update:** Joe Weis, Amy Banks and Tammy Finnerty presented a brief overview of what they do in the Pupil Personnel Department and an update on the Family Support Center. Together with Jennifer Carriero, David Hassett, Scott Minton, and Helen Knab, they provide counseling services, social work, psychological services, master scheduling, coordination of assessments, orientations, college fairs, parent information nights, career fairs, student internships and facilitating the college application process. In addition, the school nurses are responsible for prevention, training, responding to crises, education, coordination of services and tending to sick students. With the help of Pupil Personnel support staff, many administrative functions are carried out each day. The Boys & Girls Club Family Support Center was started in March 2003. Over 110 families have participated since its inception. Outcome-data is used to make counseling decisions and measure progress.

2. Comments:

- ♦ None.

3. Appointed the following:

- ♦ Patricia Szulewski –Bus Driver (Probationary)
- ♦ Dawn Preischel – Bus Driver (Probationary)
- ♦ Judith Gustas-Stoj – Part-time Bus Attendant (Probationary)
- ♦ Mark Stephens – Part-time Cleaner
- ♦ Ashley Johnson –Substitute Teacher Aide
- ♦ Maria Oddo – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ♦ Sara Unger – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ♦ John Scharlock – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ♦ Marnie Esford – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide, Monitor and Clerk Typist
- ♦ Susan Geerkin – Substitute PK-12 Art and PK-6 Elementary Teacher
- ♦ Sheila Sickau – Substitute PK-12 Teacher and Teacher Aide
- ♦ Jennifer Singer – Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ♦ Will Ramsey – Basketball Assistant Coach
- ♦ Ivan Bitnun – Girls Modified Soccer Coach
- ♦ Sherri Stoneberg – Grade 7 Class Advisor
- ♦ Michelle Noel – Grade 8 Class Advisor
- ♦ Sheila Sickau – Volunteer Girls Soccer and Basketball Coach

4. Accepted External Audit Report.

5. Accepted donation of Automation Server from Siemen's Building Technologies.

6. **Accepted donation of 1979 XLH Sportster from Gowanda Harley-Davidson for use by the Technology class.**
7. **Approved FBLA overnight field trip to National Fall Leadership Conference in Baltimore, MD – November 6-8, 2009.**
8. **Approved creation of Confidential Clerk Typist position for the Business Office.**
9. **Approved request for reimbursement for expenses at NYSSBA conference for Steven Cerne and Patrick Howard.**
10. **Approved Budget Increase of \$21581.88 to \$25,684,582.45 to account for increased revenues.**
11. **Approved Policy #4212, Organizational Chart.**
12. **Business Report**
 - ♦ The budgeting process has begun. Administrators and department heads have been given the budget timeline and notified that all budgetary information must be entered prior to January 8th so review can begin. Administration would like to have the budget adopted by the Board of Education no later than April 6, 2010.
 - ♦ Budget work sessions are scheduled for March 10, 23, 30 and April 6, 2010.
 - ♦ Information continues to be gathered for FEMA and SEMO in hopes that the District will receive some financial reimbursement for flood damage that occurred in August.
13. **Superintendent's Report:**
 - ♦ Mr. Buggs welcomed 2009-2010 Student Representatives for the Board of Education - Kate Hains, Student Council President and Kyle Zittel, Student Council Vice President.
 - ♦ He read a thank you note from Chuck Rinaldi, Superintendent of Gowanda Central School for allowing their football team to use our field.
 - ♦ Governor Patterson is again proposing large mid-year cuts to aid in education. The District's unrestricted fund balance should cover the proposed cuts, should they occur. Administrators have been asked to spend only on what is absolutely necessary.
 - ♦ A presentation was held for all 6 – 12th graders on Internet safety. The speaker was Patti McClain from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
 - ♦ The budget process has begun. Mr. Buggs asked the Board Members if they wished to have anything specific looked at. Mr. Howard, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Breier and Mr. Gannon agreed that the present programs for students should be kept intact. Mrs. Schenk would like to increase the Family Support Services budget. Mr. Cerne would like to begin with a ground zero budget. Kate Hains and Kyle Zittel would like to see the athletics and extracurricular activities maintained.
 - ♦ The Board of Education will be visiting the District's schools on November 17, 2009 from 8 am until 12 pm.
14. **Board President's Report:**
 - ♦ Mr. Cerne did a Powerpoint presentation, sharing some insight he attained while participating in sessions at the New York State School Board Association Conference. The presentation highlighted setting Board direction through vision, goals and objectives.
15. **Future Dates:**
 - ♦ The next meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
16. **Approved process and form used for Superintendent evaluation.**

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