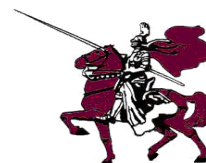


Eden Central School



TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: AUGUST 21, 2009
RE: *"Highlights"* of the August 19, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

1. From Administration & Staff:

- ♦ **Athletic Department Update:** Mr. Beetow gave a recap of the 2008-2009 sports season. Eighteen out of twenty six of our teams were Scholar Athlete Teams, with an academic average over 90%. Over 48% of our students participated in fall sports. Girls Volleyball went to the State Finals but lost the finals this year. Ed Sarcione and Tom Page went to State Competition for Wrestling. The community continues to raise funds for lacrosse. We now have two Varsity, two Junior Varsity and two modified lacrosse teams.
- ♦ **GLP Report Card Update:** Mrs. Carter shared AimsWeb data for GLP. There has been significant growth in all three grade levels at GLP. Improvements in the reading programs are reflected by the number of students being serviced in remediation and in average growth per year. Growth is attributed to early intervention for students in need, including the Kindergarten Literacy Lab Program; Data driven delivery of instruction that utilizes best practice and differentiation to meet all students' needs; Research based programs; Prescriptive and diagnostic remediation programs; On-going staff development for best practice. Copies of the presentation are available at the school.
- ♦ **Eden Elementary Report Card Update:** Mr. Schaefer presented the 2007-2008 School Report Card for Eden Elementary. A big area for potential growth is in writing and writing mechanics. There is a new reading program in place, which should assist in that area. Copies of the presentation are available at the school.
- ♦ **Eden Jr./Sr. High Report Card Update:** Mr. Graff presented the 2007-2008 School Report Card for the Jr./Sr. High. Scores were very positive, with the performance index up in four out of six areas. Ideas to improve are: Continue to enhance AIS program to support students, especially in the areas of Math, Grammar and Writing Mechanics; Research programs that will give us more baseline data for the high school; Continue to review assessment data to pinpoint areas of strength and weakness; Monitor current 9th grade class to ensure supports are in place to help them succeed; Use data to help increase our level of mastery at all levels. Copies of the presentation are available at the school.
- ♦ **Tax Levy:** Ms. Almasi presented information on the 2009-2010 tax levy. The estimated tax levy in the 2009-10 budget is \$11,835,383. The fund balance of \$105,500 was used to reduce the 2009-10 tax levy to \$11,729,883. The tax rate is the amount charged per \$1,000 of assessed value. Tax levy, assessed valuations and equalization rates affect the tax rate. Equalization rates are set by NYS Office of Real Property Services. Equalization rate of 100 means that the property is assessed at 100% of the market value, less than 100 means the market value is greater than the assessed value. Equalization rates are needed to fairly and equitably distribute the property tax levy (true value), thus allowing the tax levy to be in proportion to the total market value of each municipality.

2. Accepted resignations from:

- ♦ Deborah Biastre, Curriculum Coordinator
- ♦ Nicole Lauer, Long-term Substitute Teacher
- ♦ Barbara Caffery, Bus Driver
- ♦ Edward Friedman, Bus Driver

3. Appointed the following:

- ♦ Shannon Rice – Surrogate Parent
- ♦ Jennifer Wojnicki – Part-time Physical Therapist
- ♦ Erin Wiedemann – School Psychology Intern
- ♦ Christine Rowe – School Psychology Intern
- ♦ Cathy Franklin – 1:1 Part-time Teacher Aide for Extracurricular Activities
- ♦ Nicole Marlinski – Substitute PK-12 Teacher and Teacher Aide
- ♦ Julie Violanti – Substitute Cleaner
- ♦ Meghan Hicks – Substitute PK-6 Teacher
- ♦ Judy Rizzzone – Substitute Teacher Aide

- ◆ Kimberly Catalano – Substitute PK-6 Teacher
 - ◆ Alicia Ejbisz – Substitute PK-6 Teacher
 - ◆ Karen Souder – Substitute PK-6 Teacher and Teacher Aide
 - ◆ Elfie Kaczanowski – Substitute PK-6 Teacher and Teacher Aide
 - ◆ Barbara Caffery – Substitute Bus Driver
 - ◆ James Kaminska – Substitute Bus Driver
 - ◆ Juliann Blencowe – Substitute Bus Driver
 - ◆ Kenneth Waszak, Modified Volleyball Coach
 - ◆ Jake Waszak, Volunteer Volleyball Coach
4. **Approved unpaid leave of absence for Danielle Gabel from October 7, 2009 through approximately October 25, 2009.**
 5. **Approved increase in time for Sue Schnauffer to 1.1 FTE to assist with Student Data Collection and Evaluation.**
 6. **Approved excessing of textbooks as presented.**
 7. **Approved excessing of furniture and equipment to include 50 student desks and chairs from GLP and one Swingline Shredder Model 6413 from Eden Elementary School.**
 8. **Approved excessing of computer equipment as presented.**
 9. **Approved transportation to and from the Boys & Girls Club effective September 9, 2009 through June 11, 2010.**
 10. **Approved overnight Girls Volleyball trips to Ramapo College in Mahwah, NJ and Horseheads, NY.**
 11. **Approved A la Carte Price List and lunch prices as presented.**
 12. **Awarded Food Service rebid to Personal Touch Food Service.**
 13. **Approved Tax Warrant in the amount of \$11,729,883.**
 14. **Established Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.**
 15. **Established Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund.**
 16. **Transferred funds to Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund.**
 17. **Transferred funds to Capital Reserve Fund.**
 18. **Transferred funds to Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.**
 19. **Transferred funds to Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund.**
 20. **Comments:**
 - ◆ Mr. Graff, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, acknowledged David Martin, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and his crew for their efforts in cleaning up flood damage. He also acknowledged University at Buffalo for a grant they provided the District to assist with the purchase of some equipment, i.e. calculators, science materials, etc. The grant was in conjunction with the placement of student teachers from UB.
 21. **Business Report**
 - ◆ Claims for flood damage have been submitted to the District's insurance carrier. Ms. Almasi anticipates receiving a reimbursement check for \$15,000 for the flood damage. This will offset the cost of water, mold and mildew remediation services, as well as air monitoring services in the Jr./Sr. High School basement. The net cost of this remediation will be about \$40,000.

- ◆ Claims for water damage from roof leaks have been submitted to the District's insurance carrier as well. Mollenberg-Betz (HVAC) and Jameson Roofing will also be responsible for some of the repair work sustained during the storm on August 9, 2009.
- ◆ Thanks to Dave Martin and his crew for their efforts in the cleanup process and coming to work in the middle of the night on both August 5th and August 9th. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!
- ◆ The building project is on track and the contractors have assured us that the buildings will be ready to open when school starts. Some minor work will need to be done after the start of the school year, but minimal inconvenience to students and staff is anticipated.
- ◆ School Aid Specialists reviewed the District's state aid reporting to see if they could generate some additional unclaimed aid. Unfortunately, their review did not produce any additional aid. They found that the District data collection and reporting process were sound.

22. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Due to the low response of nominations from the community for the Community Involvement Awards Program, Mr. Buggs asked the Board of Education if they would like to continue this program. The Board of Education agreed to run it one more year and then re-evaluate.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs discussed the new student management system. The District will open up a parent portal for access to report cards, attendance, newsletters, etc. on the computer system.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs thanked Mr. Martin, Mr. Graff and the maintenance crew for coming out around 1 a.m. to clean up flood damage. Currently, there is a large trailer dehumidifier drying the dirt floor in the basement. The gymnasium floors are being refinished.
- ◆ The District will be collecting donations of water and school supplies for Gowanda and Silver Creek through August 28, 2009. A global connect call was sent to parents.
- ◆ A suggestion was made to move Board Meetings to 7:00 p.m., beginning with presentations, and the business meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m. The Board agreed and a motion was made and approved.

23. Board President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Cerne discussed board committees. It was decided that the committees would be as follows:
 - Audit – Tom Gannon, Patricia Schenk, Patrick Howard.
 - DSDMT – Debbie Gardner, Patricia Schenk (alternate).
 - Personnel – Brian Burgstahler, Andy Breier, Tom Gannon.
 - CDEP – Brian Burgstahler, Steve Cerne (alternate).
 - Negotiations – Andy Breier, Steve Cerne.
- ◆ It was discussed and decided that Board Goals will be worked on as a group at a future meeting.

24. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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