

Eden Central School



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: JULY 9, 2009

RE: “Highlights” of the July 8, 2009 Reorganization Meeting and Board of Education Meeting

1. **Patrick Howard and Andrew Breier were sworn in as re-elected Board Members.**

2. **Elected the following:**

- ◆ Steven Cerne, School Board President
- ◆ Deborah Gardner, School Board Vice-President

3. **Appointed the following:**

- ◆ Lisa Almasi, District Clerk of the Board
- ◆ Diana Cafferty, Tax Collector for Evans
- ◆ Mary Lobosco, School District Treasurer
- ◆ Drescher & Malecki, External Auditors
- ◆ Mary Lobosco, Co-Central Treasurer for the Extraclassroom Activity Account
- ◆ Jennifer Soule, Co-Central Treasurer for the Extraclassroom Activity Account
- ◆ Dr. Suresh Ghatge, School Physician
- ◆ Patricia Menkiena, Attendance Officer
- ◆ Lisa Almasi, Purchasing Agent
- ◆ Committee on Special Education
- ◆ Committee on Preschool Special Education
- ◆ Lisa Almasi, Records Access/Management Officer
- ◆ David Martin, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Representative
- ◆ Marc Graff, Title IX Coordinator
- ◆ Shawn Johnson, Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer
- ◆ Shawn Johnson, Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth
- ◆ Eric Cooper, Chemical Hygiene Officer
- ◆ Hodgson Russ LLP, School Board Attorney
- ◆ Diana Rae Walker, Claims Auditor
- ◆ Bahgat, Laurito & Bahgat, Internal Auditor
- ◆ Barbara Thomasulo & Cathleen Dobson, Co-Editors – District Newsletter
- ◆ Barbara Thomasulo & Cathleen Dobson, Co-Directors – Continuing Education
- ◆ Impartial Hearing Officers
- ◆ Patricia Menkiena, Educational Officer
- ◆ David Martin, School Pesticide Representative
- ◆ Shawn Johnson, Reviewing and Verification Official – Child Nutrition Program
- ◆ Lisa Almasi, Hearing Official – Child Nutrition Program
- ◆ Steven Cerne, Legislative Committee Representative
- ◆ Thomas Gannon, Voting Delegate - ECASB
- ◆ Patrick Howard, Voting Delegate - NYSSBA
- ◆ Thomas Gannon, Budget & Finance Team Representative
- ◆ Mark Stephens, Long-term Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Sharon Baur, Part-time Clerk Typist
- ◆ Amy Gibson, Special Education Teacher
- ◆ Christine Durringer, Special Education Teacher
- ◆ Christina Haag, Part-time Special Education Teacher & Substitute Teacher & Aide
- ◆ Amie Francisco, Physical Education Teacher
- ◆ Ellen Pulinski, Summer Bus Cleaner
- ◆ Supplemental Activity Coaches and Advisors (See list)

4. Designated the Following:

- ◆ Petty Cash Funds
- ◆ The Sun and The Springville Journal as the Official Newspapers for the District
- ◆ Bank Depositories
- ◆ Official Signatures, Lisa Almasi and Mary Lobosco
- ◆ Regular Board Meetings to be held as follows: August 19, 2009, September 16, 2006, October 21, 2009, November 18, 2009, December 16, 2009, January 20, 2010, February 10, 2010, March 17, 2010, April 27, 2010, May 19, 2010, June 16, 2010, July 7, 2010.
- ◆ Purchasing Agent to Execute Documents, Contracts in order to carry out purchasing function
- ◆ Director of Finance or her Designee to Certify Payroll

5. Authorizations:

- ◆ Superintendent or his Designee to Approve Conferences
- ◆ Superintendent or his Designee to Approve Budget Transfers
- ◆ Superintendent to Apply for Grants in Aid
- ◆ Board President to Issue and Sell Revenue Anticipation Note
- ◆ Board President to Issue and Sell Tax Anticipation Note
- ◆ Mileage Reimbursement at current IRS rate

6. Approved Bonding of Personnel and Tax Collectors:

- ◆ Mary Lobosco
- ◆ Mary Jo Hultquist
- ◆ Diana Cafferty
- ◆ Jennifer Soule
- ◆ Lisa Almasi
- ◆ DianaRae Walker

7. Miscellaneous Items:

- ◆ Readopted Policies for the 2009-10 School Year
- ◆ Approve Substitute Teacher Wage Schedule
- ◆ Approve Support Staff Substitute Wage Schedule
- ◆ Approve Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

8. Approved Leave of Absence for Amber Costanzo November 16, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

9. Approved Policy #7314 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources.

10. Accepted Resignations from:

- ◆ Sharon Baur, P.T. Teacher Aide

11. Approved Contract for Director of Finance.

12. Approved Contracts for Confidential Employees.

13. Approved Superintendent's Contract Amendment .

14. Approved "Buy American Resolution".

15. Approved Contract with Erie 1 BOCES to Furnish Certain Computer Services.

16. Accepted Donation of Thelma Winter Picture.

17. Approved Excessing of Computer Equipment.

18. Approved Excessing of Obsolete Furniture and Equipment.

19. **Approved Budget Increase by \$1,805.90 to \$25,662,575.90 to Account for Increased Revenues.**

20. **Approved Board President, Vice President or Board Member to Appoint Impartial Hearing Officer.**

21. **Comments:**

- ◆ Mrs. Barbara Henry thanked Mr. Buggs for meeting with her and thanked the Board Members for their service. She stated her disappointment that some of the Board Members had not read the Superintendent's Contract Amendment. She also asked for the status of the Corn Festival Committee and PTA parking situation. Mr. Buggs responded that all the parking funds are going to the PTA. The PTA will decide what they will do with the funds. Mr. Howard added that the PTA met with the Corn Festival Committee. The CFC asked for access to one area of the field. The PTA granted that request. In addition she expressed disappointment in the information she read in the paper stating a 4% tax increase. Mr. Buggs explained that the tax increase was around 0%, it was the budget increase that was near 4%.

22. **Business Report:**

- ◆ The District recently became aware of additional reporting requirements for the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) funds. NYSED will create an on-line application to apply for the Stimulus funds and report on how they are being spent. One new report due by December 1, 2009 is a school by school listing of per pupil educational expenditures from both state and local sources during the 2008-09 school year. In addition, we are required to report quarterly on the number of jobs created or saved, tax increases that were averted because we received this funding, the types of projects or activities funded by ARRA, and the outcomes of these activities. It appears that there will be additional separate reporting requirements for General Fund stimulus dollars, Title I ARRA funds and IDEA ARRA funds.
- ◆ Capital Project Update: Jameson Roofing will be working on Saturdays; a portion of the gym has been roofed; classroom unit vents and shelves are 60% demolished; existing exterior light fixtures are being removed from all canopy areas; demolition has begun at the planters at GLP; fire extinguisher locations at Eden Elementary were reviewed last week.

23. **Superintendent's Report:**

- ◆ He thanked Tom Gannon for his service as President and welcomed Steve Cerne as President and Debbie Gardner as Vice President.
- ◆ List of Achievements of the District - Eden ranked 7th out of 97 School Districts in Cost Effectiveness by Business First. The District received an A2 Bond Rating from Moody's citing our sound fiscal position. The District proposed a .99% tax increase for 2009-2010, but we hope to recommend that the tax rate increase be 0%. The District ranked 16th out of 97 districts in WNY and 12th in Erie County, which put us on the Honor Roll for the year. NYS Assessments data in Math and English is the highest it's ever been. ELA was 184 out of 200; Math was 191 out of 200. He commended the administrators, teachers and support staff on their work with students to get us to that point. The District ranked 3rd for its 93% graduation rate for 2008. The State reported that we are a School District in Good Standing.
- ◆ He met with Mrs. Carter. The numbers in Kindergarten continue to increase a little bit. It appears that we will be reinstating the Kindergarten section.

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

- ◆ Mr. Cerne requested that the Board of Education members think about the committees that they are interested in, things that the Board may need or may be missing, as well as board goals for the next session.

25. **Future Dates:**

- ◆ The Next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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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.*