

Eden Central School



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: MAY 22, 2009

RE: *"Highlights"* of the May 20, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

1. From Administration & Staff:

- ◆ **Employee of the Month Awards were presented to:** Colleen Griffin, GLP Speech & Hearing Teacher, Dana Fazzolari, Eden Elementary School Speech & Hearing Teacher, and Thomas Wall, Jr./Sr. High School Math Teacher.

2. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Brian Scott – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Kyle Mackey – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Sherry Gibson – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Tamara Haungs – PK-6 Teacher
- ◆ Robert Barton – Permanent Appointment – Bus Driver
- ◆ Scott Minton – Tenure Appointment – Guidance Counselor
- ◆ Philip Archabald – Tenure Appointment – Science Teacher
- ◆ Rose Heckathorn – Permanent Appointment – Transportation Supervisor
- ◆ Alison Piwko – Long Term Substitute Math Teacher

3. Approved Leaves of Absence:

- ◆ Heather Pietro, September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
- ◆ Jennifer Ersing, May 13, 2009 through June 30, 2009

4. Approved Policies:

- ◆ #7240 Student Records: Access and Challenge
- ◆ #7241 Student Directory Information
- ◆ #6120 Equal Employment Opportunity
- ◆ #6161 Conference and Travel Reimbursement

5. Accepted Resignations from:

- ◆ Brenda Lauber, Cafeteria Monitor
- ◆ Gary Greuschow, Teacher Aide
- ◆ Kelli Cookfair, Social Worker

6. Approved 2009-2010 BOCES Service Commitments

7. Accepted Donation of BOSU Balls

8. Approved Bus Use for Eden Boys & Girls Club for summer field trip program

9. Awarded Bid #1023 for Office & Classroom Supplies

10. Rejected Bid #1024 for Art Supplies

11. Awarded Bids #1025 and #1028 for Blinds/Shades

12. Awarded Bid #1027 for Wood Floor Refinishing

13. Comments:

- ◆ Zachariah Braunscheidel, Student Representative on the Board thanked the Board of Education for giving him the opportunity to participate.
- ◆ Mr. Daniel Braunscheidel thanked the Board and the Administration for everything they do for the students of the District.

14. Business Report

- ◆ The results from the May 19, 2009 Budget Vote are as follows:

Proposition 1 – 2009-10 Budget	608 YES	455 NO	Passed
Proposition 2 – Purchase of Vehicles and Related Equipment	501 YES	542 NO	Defeated
Proposition 3 – Student Ex Officio Member of BOE	692 YES	349 NO	Passed

Board of Education – Two Positions Each for a Three-Year Term:

Patrick M. Howard	559	Re-elected
Andrew J. Breier	525	Re-elected
Michael M. Byrnes	407	
Mark Harris	347	
Pamela J. Klein-Gibbins	323	
- ◆ One application was received for the Claims Auditor position and was later withdrawn. This position has been reposted at the hourly rate of pay that was budgeted.
- ◆ The company that has been providing our physical therapy services will no longer be doing contract work for us. After reviewing last year's bids, the next lowest bidder bid more than \$17,000 higher than the current vendor. In working with Shawn Johnson, we determined that it will be much more cost effective to hire a part time physical therapist to service our students. Having our own employee will also provide these students with the stability of seeing the same therapist each session. We will be asking the Board to create this part-time position at the next BOE meeting.

15. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs thanked the community for their support of the budget. He congratulated Mr. Howard and Mr. Breier on their re-election to the Board.
- ◆ The anticipated tax levy increase is .99, the lowest it's been in ten years. The hope is that when we set the actual tax levy is that it will be even lower.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs addressed the misinformation that is out in the community that the Board would be making drastic cuts in the music and art programs. That is not the case. All of our academic and extracurricular programs are fully funded in the 2009-2010 budget. There is no plan to cut programs for kids now or in the future.
- ◆ He congratulated the Board, the Administrators, the teachers and the staff on producing a budget that we have adopted.

- ◆ Regarding the transportation proposition, the buses were recommended to us by a consultant who reviewed our entire transportation department. By having a larger bus, the District can alleviate the need for more substitute drivers and allow us to combine two teams going to athletic competitions on one bus, rather than two buses. When the District purchases buses, 77% of the bus purchases are paid for by state aid.
- ◆ Mr. Martin shared a letter with the Board regarding a letter in the Pennysaver in reference to a dump truck his department has. That vehicle gets much more use than the front end loader, which cost the District \$15,000 per year to sit in the back for six months when it didn't snow.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs showed a picture of the rendering of the new entrance way to be constructed at the GLP School, along with the other two entrances to be updated.

16. Board President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Gannon thanked the community for their support of the budget. He also thanked the candidates and congratulated Mr. Howard and Mr. Breier on their re-election.

17. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.
- ◆ Annual Reorganization Meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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