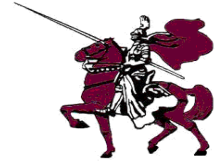


Eden Central School



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2008

RE: “Highlights” of the December 17, 2008 Board of Education Meeting

1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates:

- ♦ **Character Awards** – Mrs. Carter presented a Character Award to Brooke Woodard (K) and Mrs. King presented a Character Award to Scott Edwards (2). Mr. Schaefer presented a Character Award to Caitlyn Leyh (5). Mr. Graff presented a Character Award to Larissa Dobson.
- ♦ **Employee of the Month** – Mr. Graff presented an Employee of the Month Award to David Kean. Mrs. Johnson presented an Employee of the Month Award to Sue Waszak. Mr. Schaefer presented an Employee of the Month Award to Lorry Malkowski.
- ♦ **Jr./Sr. High School Update** –
 - Mr. Graff introduced Mary Nowicki, FBLA Advisor. Several FBLA students were on hand to give a presentation on FBLA. Jessica Kramer, Chad Blonar, Kathleen Bugenhagen, Justine Gugino and Max Malayny provided information on the many events, meetings and workshops that the club has been involved in.
 - Alex Sawyer, representing the eighth grade student body, asked the Board of Education to consider allowing the class of 2013 to participate in an overnight field trip to Washington, DC in June.
- ♦ **Instructional Technology Update** – Mrs. Karstedt gave a presentation on Technology in the District. The complete District Technology Plan (133 pages) is on the edencsd.org website under “Services”, “Technology”, “Technology Plan”.

2. Approved Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Brenda Lauber through January 24, 2009.

3. Accepted Resignation from Sandra Sheffield, Speech and Hearing Teacher.

4. Appointed the following:

- ♦ Robert Barton – Bus Driver (P.T.)
- ♦ Marie Wutz – One on one Teacher Aide for Extracurricular Activities
- ♦ Cheryl Dunmire – Substitute Cleaner
- ♦ Diane Strong – Substitute Monitor
- ♦ Susan Roseman – Substitute Clerk Typist, Monitor
- ♦ Amy Strawbrich – Substitute Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ♦ Mary Cataldo – Substitute Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ♦ Matthew Zabron – Substitute PK-12 Teacher – all areas, Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ♦ Chad Richards – Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide, Monitor
- ♦ Rich Brechtel – Boys Varsity Tennis Coach
- ♦ Thomas Wall – Boys Varsity Track Coach
- ♦ Charles Hund – Girls Varsity Softball Coach
- ♦ Chris Dobek – Girls Varsity Track Coach
- ♦ Eric Cooper – Varsity Baseball Coach

- ◆ Chris Archabald – Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach
- ◆ Christina Haag – Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach
- ◆ Keith Crombie – JV Baseball Coach
- ◆ Jason Bernardone – JV Softball Coach
- ◆ Phil Archabald – Boys JV Lacrosse Coach
- ◆ Randall Perison – JV Track Coach
- ◆ Mark Vogel – JV Track Coach
- ◆ Doug Beetow – Boys Modified Track Coach
- ◆ Colleen Kot – Girls Modified Track Coach

5. Approved Excessing of Desks.

6. Approved Class of 2013 Overnight Field Trip to Washington, DC June 17 – 19, 2009.

7. Approved AFS Overnight Trip to Montpelier, Vermont February 5 – 8, 2009.

8. Approved Wrestling Overnight Trip to Niagara County Community College January 9 – 10, 2009.

9. Approved Contract with Erie 1 BOCES authorizing WNYRIC to furnish certain computer services to the District for a three-year period beginning January 14, 2009.

10. Increased the 2008-2009 Budget by \$517.14 to \$24,892,023.21 to account for increased revenues – The District received \$15.21 from Abitibi for GLP and \$501.93 from Eden Athletic Association for a batting cage suspension system.

11. Comments:

- ◆ There were no comments.

12. Business Report:

- ◆ District Administrative staff has begun inputting a budget into our Finance Manager System. All building and department budgets are due by January 5, 2009. It is anticipated that the first draft should be ready for the Superintendent by the end of January.

13. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs requested that the Board of Education Meeting schedule for April 8, 2009 be changed to April 21, 2009, as the District is obligated by law to vote on the BOCES Board/budget on that date. This will give us more time to complete our budget.

The Board of Education approved the change in dates for the Board of Education Meeting from April 8, 2009 to April 21, 2009.

- ◆ Mr. Buggs announced the winners of the annual Community Involvement Awards. The winners will be invited to a reception on January 21, 2009. The recipients are: School District Committees – Debbie Popple; Sports and Athletics – Ed Sarcione; Music – Samantha Grapes; Volunteer – Laura Bley; Business and Agency/Organization – Ellyn Charette Daycare; Student as a Community Contributor, Nicole Schichtel.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs reported on the financial issues due to the Governor's proposal. Due to the severe State fiscal crisis, the Governor has proposed a reduction in state aid next year of \$1,064,044. Mr. Buggs and Ms. Almasi are working on reductions in BOCES aid and other categorical aids. Enrollment is down. The 2008-09 budget is about \$24,880,000. Over the past five or six years,

the budget has increased at least 5% per year, which would be a projected increase of about \$1 million for 2009-2010, combined with the aid cut of \$1,064,000, amounts to about \$2.3 million. About \$500,000 can be accounted for by holding the line on the budget, stopping spending, and some of the budget reductions proposed. Teacher and staff reductions will amount to approximately \$256,000 thus far. That leaves a shortfall of about \$795,000. The District will continue to hold on to the budget with the only exceptions being absolute necessities and health and safety issues, in order to determine what might be available for fund balance.

14. Board President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Gannon reported that the audit committee met with Luanne Bahgat from Bahgat & Laurito, the internal auditors. The committee recommended that the auditors look at payroll next, as it is the largest component of the District's budget.

15. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, **January 21, 2009**.

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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.*

