

Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2008
RE: *"Highlights"* of the November 19, 2008 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates:

- ◆ **Employee of the Month** – Mr. Martin and Mr. Beetow presented an Employee of the Month Award to Mark Gage. Mr. Buggs presented an Employee of the Month Award to Loran Carter.
- ◆ **GLP Update** – Mrs. Carter introduced first grade teachers, Mrs. Paula Chalifoux, Mrs. Katherine LaVerdi and Mrs. Catherine Chatwood, who presented the first grade curriculum. Students and teachers made a video to show what first graders are learning in Science, Social Studies – Geography, Math, English Language Arts – Reading and Writing.
- ◆ **Eden Elementary Update** – Mr. Schaefer introduced Mrs. Vanessa Zoll and Mrs. Nicole Lauer who presented the new summer reading program. The District Shared Decision Making Team asked for some changes in the past program. An i-movie used in the pep assembly to kick off the program was shown. The new program is geared to get children interested in reading by making it more fun. New ideas for the program are blogs and book chats.
- ◆ **Athletic Update** – Mr. Douglas Beetow presented the fall sports season update. Nine out of twelve of our varsity teams were scholar athlete teams. The fall season included 26 teams with a total of 48.52% participation among the student body. Mr. Beetow thanked the Board and the community for their support.

2. Extended Leave of Absence of Maintenance Mechanic, Donald Preischel through December 19, 2008.

3. Accepted Resignations from:

- ◆ Christie Waterman, Teacher Aide

4. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Nancy Elvers – Substitute Clerk Typist & Teacher Aide
- ◆ DianaRae Walker – Substitute Clerk Typist & Teacher Aide
- ◆ Sara Rich – Substitute PK-12 Teacher & Teacher Aide
- ◆ Nadine Schlegel – Substitute Teacher Aide & Monitor
- ◆ Kristen Eppolito – Substitute Social Studies 5-12 Teacher
- ◆ Jesse Ando – Substitute K-12 Teacher & Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mark Stephens – Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Meagan Bender – Part-time English as a Second Language Teacher
- ◆ Mark Stephens – Long-term Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Rose Heckathorn – Transportation Supervisor
- ◆ Meagan Bender – Home Instructor
- ◆ Melissa Howard – Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher
- ◆ Donald Preischel – Extended Interim Transportation Supervisor position through December 19, 2008

5. Approved Excessing of Books.

6. Approved Elimination of Part-time Physical Education Position.

7. **Approved Model UN Trip to Chicago December 10 – 15, 2008.**

8. **Approved Use of Buses for Eden Recreation Ski Program.**

9. **Increased the 2008-2009 Budget by \$2,567.26 to \$24,891,506.07 to account for increased revenues –** The District received \$21.26 from Abitibi for Eden Elementary and \$2,546.00 from Volleyball Club for Tournament Officials.

10. **Comments:**

- ◆ There were no comments.

11. **Business Report:**

- ◆ In analyzing what the District has paid for diesel fuel, prices have declined considerably. In mid-June, we paid a high of \$4.2472 per gallon for ultra low sulfur diesel, while we most recently paid \$2.4324 per gallon at the end of October.
- ◆ Because of the Governor's proposed cuts in State Aid, the District has implemented a purchasing freeze. At this time, we will only be issuing purchase orders for items which affect the health and safety of students and staff.

12. **Superintendent's Report:**

- ◆ Mr. Buggs discussed a possible school aid reduction of \$553,655, due to cuts in the Governor's proposal. The legislators failed to act on the proposal at a recent session. They will reconvene in January. The Governor's plan punishes fiscally responsible schools, like Eden. Should his plan be approved, the District will have to make cuts next year. The Governor's plan does nothing about unfunded mandates. It puts the burden on the local taxpayers. We asked everyone to write to their legislators and ask them to maintain foundation aid, make changes to the retirement system and reduce unfunded mandates. Steep increases in the Governor's proposal are expected in the future. The District has placed a temporary hold on all spending, other than items which affect the health and safety of students and staff.

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

- ◆ Mr. Gannon enjoyed the tour of the buildings that the Board participated in, and he expressed his thanks to Mrs. Carter, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Graff, Mr. Martin and others for all that they do for the students.

14. **Future Dates:**

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, **December 17, 2008.**

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Happy Thanksgiving!

