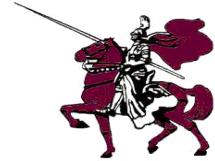


Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2008
RE: *"Highlights"* of the October 15, 2008 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates:

- ◆ **School Board Appreciation Week** – Student Council President, Zac Braunscheidel, presented fruit baskets to the Board of Education from the student council to thank them for all they have done.
- ◆ **Character Awards** – Mrs. Carter presented Character Awards to Kristen Schmitz and Mitchell Fest. Mrs. King presented a Character Award to Georgia Sgroi. Mr. Schaefer presented a Character Award to Dan Hoelscher.
- ◆ **Employees of the Month** – Mr. Schaefer presented Employee of the Month Awards to Nicole Lauer and Vanessa Zoll. Mrs. Carter presented an Employee of the Month Award to Kelly LaRosa.
- ◆ **Pupil Personnel Presentation** – Mrs. Johnson introduced Mrs. Banks, Ms. Finnerty, Mrs. Carriero, and Mr. Hassett, who gave a presentation on the Guidance Department and the Family Support Center at the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Hassett discussed formal assessments and the issues of time management, stress reduction, referrals for colleges, mental health agencies and more. Ms. Finnerty spoke of the resources Social Worker, Kelly Cookfair, would like to bring to our District. She also addressed the social and emotional aspects of students in grades K-6. Mrs. Carriero talked about Special Education services and academic services. Mrs. Banks and Mr. Hassett explained the Guidance Office duties, including orientation, assessments, scheduling, summer school registration, honors, awards, and more. Mr. Hassett also discussed the Family Support Center at the Boys & Girls Club. Over \$30,000 has been raised in six years for the program. The counselors work with families with issues one evening each week. They appreciate all the financial help.

2. Accepted Resignations from:

- ◆ Randall Cornell, Long-term Substitute Laborer

3. Approved Lay-Off of Bus Attendant, Diane Zimmer.

4. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Desiree McAllister, Full-time Bus Driver
- ◆ Dale Blonar, Full-time Bus Driver
- ◆ Christie Waterman, Permanent Appointment – Teacher Aide
- ◆ Randall Cornell, Full-time Laborer
- ◆ Darren Azzarella, Part-time Cleaner and Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Jennifer Haley, Substitute Pre-K – 6 Teacher and Substitute Teacher Aide
- ◆ Erica Aikin, Substitute PK-12 Teacher and Substitute Teacher Aide
- ◆ Janice King, Substitute Clerk Typist, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute Monitor
- ◆ Kara Korhummel, Substitute Pre-K-12 Teacher and Substitute Teacher Aide
- ◆ Peggy Ells, Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Tammy Jo Lorden, Substitute Cleaner
- ◆ Dawn Preischel, Substitute Bus Driver
- ◆ Patricia Szulewski, Substitute Bus Driver
- ◆ Bradley Sessanna, Substitute Bus Driver
- ◆ Marisa Fallacaro, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

- ◆ Paul O'Connor, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- ◆ Charles Hund, Boys Varsity Swim Coach
- ◆ Tom Page, Boys Varsity Wrestling
- ◆ Jennifer Carriero, Girls JV Basketball Coach
- ◆ Larry Millson, Boys JV Swimming Coach
- ◆ Jack Gavin, Boys Varsity Bowling Coach
- ◆ Amber Costanzo, Girls Winter Cheerleading Coach
- ◆ Keith Crombie, Girls Varsity Bowling Coach
- ◆ Marisa Kanick, Girls JV Cheerleading Coach
- ◆ Brett Lyford, Boys Modified Basketball Coach
- ◆ Jaimy Sessanna, Volunteer FBLA Advisor
- ◆ Kristen Jusiak, Freshman Class Advisor
- ◆ Jamie Utley, Grade 7 Class Advisor

5. Approved Policies:

- ◆ 1410 Policy Review Process
- ◆ 2330 Compensation and Expenses
- ◆ 2341 Establishing Yearly Objective
- ◆ 3110 Communications with the Public
- ◆ 3111 Responsibilities of School Personnel
- ◆ 3120 Relations with the Municipal Governments
- ◆ 3130 Senior Citizens
- ◆ 3150 School Volunteers
- ◆ 3160 Charter Schools
- ◆ 3210 Visitors to the School
- ◆ 3230 Public Complaints
- ◆ 3240 Student Participation
- ◆ 3250 Parent-Teacher Association
- ◆ 3271 Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children
- ◆ 3272 Advertising in the Schools
- ◆ 3273 Soliciting Funds from School Personnel
- ◆ 3274 Selling Merchandise to Students
- ◆ 3281 Use of Motor-Owned Materials and Equipment
- ◆ 3290 Use of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property
- ◆ 3411 Unlawful Possession of a Weapon Upon School Grounds
- ◆ 3412 Threats of Violence in School
- ◆ 4110 Administrative Personnel
- ◆ 4210 Administrative Organization and Operation
- ◆ 4211 Line Responsibility
- ◆ 4220 Abolishing an Administrative Position
- ◆ 4230 Administrative Authority during Absence of Superintendent of Schools
- ◆ 4240 Administrative Latitude in Absence of Board Policy
- ◆ 4250 Use of Committees
- ◆ 4310 Superintendent of Schools
- ◆ 4320 Superintendent-Board of Education Relations
- ◆ 4330 Administrative Staff
- ◆ 4410 Professional Development Opportunities
- ◆ 5130 Budget Adoption
- ◆ 5140 Administration of the Budget
- ◆ 5210 Revenues
- ◆ 5230 Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the School District
- ◆ 5240 School Tax Assessment and Collection
- ◆ 5241 Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens
- ◆ 5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property

- ◆ 5330 Budget Transfers
- ◆ 5340 Borrowing of Funds
- ◆ 5420 Contracts for Services and Materials
- ◆ 5510 Accounting of Funds
- ◆ 5520 Classroom Activities Account
- ◆ 5530 Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings
- ◆ 5550 Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (Title I Programs)
- ◆ 5560 Carryover of Title I Funds
- ◆ 5570 Use of Federal Funds for Political Expenditures
- ◆ 5610 Insurance
- ◆ 5620 Inventories
- ◆ 5621 Accounting of Fixed Assets
- ◆ 5631 Hazardous Waste and Handling of Toxic Substances by Employees
- ◆ 5650 Exposure Control Program
- ◆ 5652 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses
- ◆ 5670 Records Management
- ◆ 5680 Safety and Security
- ◆ 5710 Transportation Program
- ◆ 5721 Transportation for Non-Resident Students
- ◆ 5730 Use of Buses by Community Groups
- ◆ 5751 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees
- ◆ 7132 Education of Homeless Children – Required – Revised
- ◆ 7513 Administration of Medication – Revised
- ◆ 8320 Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials – Revised

6. Approved Change in Transportation Hours/Routes.

7. Approved Varsity Cheerleading Trip to Orlando Florida March 20-24, 2009.

8. Approved FBLA Fall Conference to Washington, DC November 14-15, 2008.

9. Approved Re-assignment of Maintenance Mechanic, Mark Gage to Maintenance Crew Chief effective November 9, 2008 through on or about February 16, 2009 or upon the return of Mr. Walters.

10. Increased the 2008-2009 Budget by \$5,231.85 to \$24,888,938.81 to account for increased revenues –
The District received \$265.16 from Target for Eden Elementary; \$149.19 from Target for GLP; \$150 from Evenhouse Printing for GLP; \$225 MAC Grant for GLP (Patterson); \$252 MAC Grant for GLP (Chailifoux); \$228 from Embers for a printer/scanner; and \$3,982.50 from Volleyball Club for Tournament Officials.

11. Comments:

- ◆ Mrs. Schenk reported that she received some flyers in her mailbox.
- ◆ Mrs. Bianchi commented on the varsity football team and the fact that several parents met with Mr. Beetow about the program. She was concerned that this year's juniors would not want to play next year.

12. Business Report:

- ◆ The budgeting process has begun. Administrators and department heads have been given the budget timeline, and all budgetary information must be entered prior to January 5th so we can begin our review. We would like to have the budget adopted by the Board of Education no later than April 8, 2009.
- ◆ Budget work sessions are scheduled for March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2009.

- ◆ The District received a \$10,000 check from the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to purchase playground equipment at Eden Elementary through a grant written and applied for by Mr. Schaefer.

13. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs thanked the members of the Board of Education for their time and effort on behalf of the student council.
- ◆ Community Involvement Awards nominations are due in mid-November.
- ◆ AP results are in. The District had a 96.5% rate of students scoring 3 or above, compared to 48% globally. The rate for Calculus for Eden was 100%, compared to 61% globally. Scores are on a scale of 1-5. A score of 3 or higher earns college credit.
- ◆ The District also offers several NU-Step courses through Niagara University for a minimal fee. These courses can also earn college credit hours. A transcript is sent from Niagara University.
- ◆ Thank you to Niagara National Insurance Company and the Blue Cross group for character award donations.
- ◆ The budgeting process has begun. The expectations for the next year are low for the State Budget. Governor Patterson has put many things on the chopping block. Mr. Buggs showed different scenarios with regard to tax cap, mid year budget cut or aid cut for next year. Nothing is definite yet. Former Governor Spitzer put a foundation formula into place for school aid. It is important to share with the legislators the importance of maintaining the promise of foundation aid. The School Boards Association has asked that people contact their legislators to do that. The legislature will meet in special session in mid November to discuss the state budget. Mr. Buggs asked everyone to stay aware of the situation in Albany.

14. Board President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Gannon thanked Zac Braunscheidel and the Student Council for the fruit baskets on behalf of the Board of Education.
- ◆ The Board of Education visited all three schools on October 8th. He was very impressed with the order of the high school and the GLP and Elementary Schools. He commended the Superintendent and staff on how well the District does.

15. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, **November 19, 2008** at 7:30 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.

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