

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

RE: "Highlights" of the September 17, 2008 Board of Education Meeting

1. From Administration and Staff:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs introduced student representative, Zac Braunscheidel to the Board of Education.
- ◆ Mrs. Carter presented Employee of the Month Awards to GLP School Nurse, Mary Lee Roush and Secretary, Brenda Burgstahler.
- ◆ Mr. Graff presented an Employee of the Month Award to Technology Teacher, Stevan Jones.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs presented an Employee of the Month Award to Director of Pupil Personnel, Shawn Johnson.
- ◆ Mr. Martin updated the Board of Education on the Buildings and Grounds work from the summer of 2008. Some of the items accomplished were: sealed parking lots, replaced the Elementary School loading dock and flag pole, extensive grounds work, refinished all wood floors at the Elementary School, refinished the gym floors at GLP and the High School, refinished the stage at the High School, replaced the pool cover, painted various areas, inspected and updated kitchen fire suppression systems, completed inspections of fire alarms, elevators and hoist ways, fuel dispensing, pool, structural and fire code compliance, completed 350 work orders, and finalized many project details.
- ◆ Mr. Richard Gehring from Trautman Associates reviewed the EXCEL project. Drawings and specs have been forwarded to the State Education Department for review. Approval is expected in five to six months. There are four major items – the roof, mechanical system (heating and electrical) and enhancement of the building entrance all at GLP, and air conditioning in the main office and the nurse's office at the Elementary School. There are four or five alternates in the project. Construction is expected to begin next summer.

2. Accepted Resignations from Custodian, Donald Wodarczyk.

3. Approved Leaves of Absence:

- ◆ Tara Cooper, Approximately December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

4. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Sandra Pintabona, ISS Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Cathy Franklin, 1:1 PT Teacher Aide for Extracurricular Activities September 9 – October 14, 2008
- ◆ Danielle Gabel, Permanent Appointment, Bus Driver
- ◆ Chad Quain, Technology Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Ryan Bishof, Substitute K-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide
- ◆ Kathryn Brown, Substitute Teacher – Science, English, Social Studies
- ◆ Greg Waszak, Substitute Lifeguard
- ◆ William Coston, Substitute Lifeguard, K-12 Teacher
- ◆ Jacob Waszak, Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Jill Utley, Substitute PK-6 Teacher
- ◆ Karen Braunscheidel, Substitute PK-12 Teacher

5. Approved Transportation to and From the Boys & Girls Club

6. Approved Creation of Full-time Laborer Position

7. Approved Creation of Part-time Cleaner Position

8. Increased 2008-2009 Budget by \$2,772.32 to \$24,883,706.96.

9. Comments:

- ◆ Nick Violanti complained about the football program, not winning, and the coaches even though he quit.
- ◆ Zac Braunscheidel expressed his support of the program and the coaches.
- ◆ Roxanne Blake asked for permission from the Board of Education to put an access driveway off the back of her property on Weller for construction vehicles. Part of the area is school property.
- ◆ Mrs. Gibbins questioned the budget, the tax warrant, the transfer of fund balance and the tax rate. Mr. Buggs & Ms. Almasi invited her to meet with Ms. Almasi to discuss it in detail.
- ◆ Mr. Kraska expressed his frustration at the anonymous flyers being stuffed into Pennysaver boxes. He would like the focus to be on students, not on the misleading issues raised by the flyer. He would like to see the financial issues left to the accountants and auditors, and the behind the scenes daggers by the “taxpayers group” to stop. He also stated that he is a taxpayer, and he is not part of this group.
- ◆ Mr. Walker completely agreed with Mr. Kraska.
- ◆ Mrs. Gardner read a public statement about the flyers in the Pennysaver box. She feels she is a target of harassment by the “taxpayers group”, as she was one of only a few people in her neighborhood who received them. Mrs. Gardner will press charges against those responsible for harassment if they are caught. She is tired of defending the district against false and derogatory statements.
- ◆ There was discussion among the Board about writing a response to the false and misleading allegations in the flyer. Mr. Cerne did not wish to start a precedent by responding to it. Mr. Gannon felt it was necessary, as this group continues to harass the District. Zac Braunscheidel stated he did not like the negative energy brought about by this.

10. Approved Motion to Write Response to Flyer and Print in Pennysaver and District Newsletter.

11. Business Report

- ◆ After the Board approved the Tax Warrant last month, Ms. Almasi sent the appropriate paperwork to Erie County and was notified that there were changes in the taxable valuation for Evans and North Collins. The corrected assessed values increased. This caused the True Value Tax Rate decrease to 4.877% (from 4.903%) and the final Tax Rates to change:
from \$17.34 per \$1,000 to \$17.33 per \$1,000 in Boston, Evans & North Collins
from \$34.68 per \$1,000 to \$34.67 per \$1,000 in Concord
from \$24.77 per \$1,000 to \$24.76 per \$1,000 in Eden
- ◆ In their latest edition, Business First has rated Eden sixth in cost effectiveness. The District has been included in the top ten cost effective districts since 2001.

12. Superintendent's Report

- ◆ Second reading of Policies:
 - #1410 Policy Review Process
 - #2330 Compensation and Expenses
 - #2341 Establishing Yearly Objectives
- ◆ First reading of sixty-one policies for approval in October - these policies have minor changes, if any at all. If you have questions, please call.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs explained to Mrs. Gibbins that Miss Menkiena was appointed as the Educational Officer last month, and the District does not employ a Resource Officer. Lieutenant McCarthy is a liaison between the Police Department and the District. This has not changed.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs addressed the late bus issue. The District will reinstate two 5:00 pm late runs and continue to monitor transportation/fuel costs and student usage. There is a minimum of ten riders needed for a late run by Board Policy.

13. Future Dates

- ◆ Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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