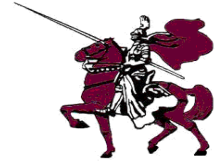


EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL



TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: AUGUST 25, 2008

RE: "Highlights" of the August 20, 2008 Board of Education Meeting

1. From Administration and Staff:

- ♦ Mr. Preischel presented Employee of the Month Awards to David Genco, Mark Clark and Rick Mosher.
- ♦ Mrs. Carter presented the Hiring Practices Handbook, a handbook created by a committee to standardize hiring procedures throughout the district.
- ♦ Mrs. Carter presented the 2006-2007 Report Card for GLP. Programs such as DIBELS, Open Court Reading, Everyday Math and the Kindergarten Literacy Lab have all helped in increasing student achievement levels at the GLP.
- ♦ Mr. Schaefer presented the 2006-2007 Report Card for Eden Elementary School. All subjects were identified as meeting adequate yearly progress. There were significant gains in Math.
- ♦ Mr. Graff presented the 2006-2007 Report Card for the Junior/Senior High School. The district is a school in good standing. We showed outstanding performance in ELA, Math and Science. Eden's graduation rate is 91%, which is #5 in Erie County.

2. Accepted Resignations from:

- ♦ Susan Schnauffer, Teaching Assistant
- ♦ Kristen Skalski, Bus Driver

3. Approved Leaves of Absence:

- ♦ Darlene Noecker, Special Education Teacher, Extended through January 30, 2009
- ♦ Donald Preischel, Maintenance Mechanic, Extended through November 28, 2008

4. Appointed the following:

- ♦ Chad Quain, Substitute K-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide
- ♦ Kathy Ann Teti, Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide
- ♦ Jennifer Casnellie, Substitute PK-6 Teacher, Teacher Aide
- ♦ Diane Tripi, Substitute Registered Professional Nurse
- ♦ Amy Damasiewicz, Substitute PK-6 Teacher
- ♦ Patricia Menkiena, Educational Officer
- ♦ David Martin, School Pesticide Representative
- ♦ Shawn Johnson, Reviewing and Verification Official
- ♦ Ronald Buggs, Hearing Official
- ♦ Shawn Johnson, Temporary Surrogate Parent
- ♦ Nicole Lauer, Elementary Teacher
- ♦ Christine Durringer, Elementary Teacher
- ♦ Donald Preischel, Interim Transportation Supervisor Position Extended through November 28, 2008
- ♦ Randall Cornell, Long-term Substitute Laborer Position Extended through November 28, 2008
- ♦ Christina Haag, Teacher Aide
- ♦ Judith Rizzzone, Teacher Aide
- ♦ Paul O'Connor, Physical Education & Health Teacher
- ♦ Susan Schnauffer, Elementary Computer Teacher
- ♦ Kelli Cookfair, .5 FTE Social Worker
- ♦ Kerri Wilson, Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher
- ♦ Erin Busch, Long-term Substitute Art Teacher

- ◆ Molly Borowicz, AIS Teaching Assistant (Elementary)
- ◆ Emily Krezmien, Volunteer Psychology Intern

5. Authorized Superintendent to Apply for Grants in Aid

6. Approved Excessing of Obsolete Switch Gear and Computers

7. Approved Excessing of Books:

- ◆ Judicial Decisions of the Commissioner of Education and Formal Opinions 23 copies
- ◆ New York Red Books 1987-1996 4 copies
- ◆ Houghton-Mifflin Reading, Flights 30 copies
- ◆ Silver Burdett Ginn Mathematics, Exploring Your World 49 copies
- ◆ MacMillan-McGraw-Hill, Mathematics in Action 50 copies
- ◆ Silver Burdett Ginn, Literature Works 30 copies

8. Approved Girls Volleyball Trips to Burnt Hills, NY September 27th and Horseheads, NY October 17th-18th

9. Approved A la Carte Price List and Lunch Prices

10. Extended Food Service Contract

11. Transferred Funds to Capital Reserve

12. Approved Tax Warrant for the 2008-2009 School Year in the Amount of \$11,050,289

13. Approved Resolution for Cooperative Bidding with Other Districts in Erie 2 BOCES

14. Increased 2008-2009 Budget by \$287.64 to \$24,880,934.64

15. Comments:

- ◆ Mrs. Gibbins thanked Mr. Howard and Mrs. Schenk for appointing her as a coach in the past. She commented on the elimination of the 5 pm bus run, which she feels is a safety issue for the students.
- ◆ Bettina Jakubiec, student, inquired about the elimination of the late bus run for sports, but not for detention.
- ◆ Mrs. Violanti also expressed concern about the elimination of the late bus run, as did Stacey Gibbins, former student, Matt VanKoughnett and Mr. Carlacci.
- ◆ Mrs. Krouse also felt the lack of a 5 pm bus was a safety issue. In addition, she was concerned with the new state mandate, requiring a student's BMI (Body Mass Index) data to be collected.

16. Business Report

- ◆ The District is using an additional \$76,067 to reduce the tax rate. This amount came from fund balance. A total of \$1,176,067 will be used to offset the amount of property taxes to be raised. You approved the tax warrant in the amount of \$11,050,289.
- ◆ The equalization rate for Concord has decreased, which will have an adverse impact on the tax rate. The equalization for Evans has increased to 100%, which in turn reduced their tax rate.
- ◆ The final tax rates are:
 - o Boston, Evans & North Collins \$17.34 per \$1,000
 - o Concord \$34.68 per \$1,000
 - o Eden Central School District \$24.77 per \$1,000
- ◆ The transfer of funds to the Capital Reserve will allow us to plan for funding future capital projects, bringing the total in this reserve account to \$125,238.
- ◆ Trautman Associates submitted the plans and specifications for the EXCEL project to the State Education Department for their review. At this time, the average review time is about 22 weeks.
- ◆ The cost of full priced lunches for 2008-2009 will increase \$0.15. Lunches for grades K-6 will cost \$1.60 and grades 7-12 will cost \$1.75.

Superintendent's Report

- ◆ First reading of thirty-four policies for approval in September - these policies have minor changes, if any at all. If you have questions, please call.
- ◆ State Education Department announced that the graduation rate for Eden is 91% - this puts Eden in the top five school districts in Erie County.
- ◆ Gas well upgrades – We are working with the gas well tender to upgrade equipment to ensure we are maximizing gas production of the three gas wells.
- ◆ BOCES has invited the Board to attend one of their meetings. The Board should consider going to one at the Ormsby or Carrier Centers.
- ◆ The district will take a look at the late bus transportation throughout the first semester, based on needs, not just fuel/delivery costs.

17. Future Dates

- ◆ The Next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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