

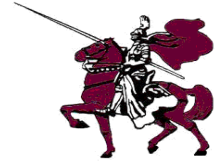
## Eden Central School

**TO:** ALL STAFF

**FROM:** RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT

**DATE:** MARCH 24, 2008

**RE:** *"Highlights"* of the March 12<sup>th</sup> Special Board of Education Meeting and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Board of Education Meeting



### 1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

#### ♦ Character Education Awards:

- o Mrs. Carter presented Character Awards to Corbin Maggs (K); Robbie Goodrich (1); Thomas Hynes (2); and Mikayla Bushey (2).
- o Mr. Schaefer presented Character Awards to Sarah Filkorn (6); Laura Harms (6); and Joseph Cuddihy (6).
- o Mr. Graff presented Character Awards to Joshua Tripi (9) and Katie Daley (11).

#### ♦ Employee of the Month Awards:

- o Mr. Graff presented an Employee of the Month Award to Nicole Janowsky.
- o Mr. Schaefer presented an Employee of the Month Award to Laura Wincenciak.
- o Mrs. Carter presented an Employee of the Month Award to Sharon Baur.

#### ♦ Mrs. Chalifoux and Mrs. Bossert presented their slide show, "A Christmas Tree Story".

- o Mrs. Chalifoux's first graders read the book, The After-Christmas Tree, by Linda Wagner Tyler in class and brought the story to life outside their classroom window. The class found a discarded tree, and as a team, pulled it to its new home outside their 1st grade window. Mr. Buziak helped the class stake it upright, and the class created treats for the winter animals. Mrs. Bossert opened up her art studio for the occasion. Each child created a peanut butter covered pinecone and heart shaped piece of bread dipped in birdseed. They all went outside and hung their creations on the After-Christmas tree for all to enjoy!

#### ♦ Mr. Schaefer presented Before & After School Programming at Eden Elementary.

- o Monday – Friday mornings from 7:30 – 8:25 a.m. the following programs are available: Morning Remediation; Morning Homework Club with Mrs. Harris; Basketball with Ms. Fallacaro; Cup Stacking with Mr. Witman; Frisbee with Mr. Naughton; NYS ELA Assessment Preparation; NYS Math Assessment Preparation; Be Fit Kids with BWI; Informal Tutoring; and Unit Test Review.
- o Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 – 4:15 the following programs are available: National Honor Society Tutoring with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Hamlett; Detention and Mandatory Work Sessions with Mrs. Maynard; Musical with Mr. Vona, Mrs. Kindley, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Maynard; PTA After School Programs; Boys & Girls Club Programming; Cheerleading with Mrs. Texter; Beading with Amy McConeghy; Informal School Art Projects and Displays with Mrs. McConeghy; Math Olympiad with Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. DeGroat and Mrs. Harris; Informal Tutoring; All County Solo and Performance Preparation; and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Club with Mrs. Kindley and Mrs. O'Brien.

### 2. Approved Policies:

- ♦ #6550 Leaves of Absence
- ♦ #7121 Diagnostic Screening of Students
- ♦ #7313 Suspension of Students
- ♦ #7611 Children with Disabilities
- ♦ #7612 Grouping by Similarity of Needs
- ♦ #7614 Preschool Special Education Program
- ♦ #7615 Least Restrictive Environment
- ♦ #7620 Students with Disabilities Participating in School District Programs
- ♦ #7640 Student Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- ♦ #7660 Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities

- ◆ #7670 Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers– Revised
- ◆ #8280 Instruction for English Language Learners or Students with Limited English Proficiency

**3. Accepted Resignations from:**

- ◆ Patricia Covert, Elementary Teacher
- ◆ Ronald Bernys, Secondary Social Studies Teacher

**4. Created Special Education Teacher Aide Position.**

**5. Appointed the following:**

- ◆ Joel Bus, Substitute Lifeguard, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Jamie Lynn Valenti, Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Ashley Hewson, Substitute Math Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Teresa Gonser, Substitute PK-2 Teacher
- ◆ Angela Yingling, Substitute PK-12 Teacher, Teacher Aide and Monitor
- ◆ Christina Haag, Girls JV Lacrosse Coach
- ◆ Christie Waterman, Special Education Teacher Aide
- ◆ Tebra Howard, Permanent Appointment as Microcomputer Repair Technician
- ◆ Brett Lyford, Long-term Substitute Social Studies Teacher

**6. Accepted Report of Examination by the Office of State Comptroller (OSC Audit Report).**

**7. Approved Contract for GASB 45 Service with the OMNI Group through Erie 1 BOCES.**

**8. Approved FBLA Overnight Field Trip to State Leadership Conference in Ellenville, NY April 7-9, 2008.**

**9. Approved Creation of Part-time Occupational Therapist Position.**

**10. Approved Legal Fees as Presented Through January 31, 2008 in the Amount of \$43,052.**

**11. Approved Excessing of Old Chairs.**

**12. Approved Legal Notice.**

**13. Approved Nomination of Dr. Lyle Jensen and Mrs. Lorie Sabo for Annual BOCES Election.**

**14. Approved Model UN Overnight Field Trip to Hanover, NH April 24 – 26, 2008.**

**15. Approved World of Technology Trip to St. Paul, MN March 27 – March 31, 2008.**

**16. Approved Resolution Regarding Report of Examination (see attachment).**

**17. Increased the 2007-2008 Budget by \$106.12 to \$23,806,319.27 to account for increased revenues – The District received \$106.12 from Target for GLP.**

**18. Comments:**

- ◆ Mr. Drumm inquired about the Senior magazine sales and the prom. He wondered if a student decided not to go to the prom, would they receive any money back from the fundraisers.
- ◆ Mrs. Bradt inquired when she would receive a response to a letter she mailed to the High School.
- ◆ Michael Byrnes asked for the Board's thoughts on the audit.
- ◆ Mr. Szal expressed concern about the proposed location (near the Elementary School) of Tim Horton's and the welfare of the children.

**19. Business Report:**

- ◆ On February 22, 2008, the district disposed of three cases of recalled beef. On March 8, 2008, twelve additional cases of recalled beef were disposed of. Mr. Howard was present on both occasions and verified

that these cases were destroyed by emptying the contents of each box into the dumpster and pouring bleach on the contents.

- ◆ The current draft of the 2008-09 budget shows a 5.23% increase over the current year. We are estimating that this will result in a 4.9% increase in the tax rate. This could change based on changes in assessed valuations and updated state aid projections.
- ◆ The budget needs to be adopted by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- ◆ Nominating Petitions are available for candidates seeking election to the Board of Education. Four at large positions on the Board will be filled. Completed petitions need to be signed by at least 25 qualified voters and are due to the Business Office by April 21, 2008.
- ◆ If anyone has any questions or concerns about the Office of the State Comptroller's audit or the budget, please contact Ms. Almasi, Mr. Buggs or the Audit Committee. They will be happy to meet with you to address your questions and concerns.

## 20. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs reviewed first readings of policies:
  - Duties of the President of the Board of Education.
  - Duties of the School Attorney.
  - Orienting new Board Members.

## 21. Board President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Gannon reported on the opportunity he had to visit GLP's building books project. Comments were made to him by teachers who felt the new automated dialing system really increased the attendance at events.

## 22. Future Dates:

- ◆ Budget Workshop – Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. HS, Room 143.
- ◆ The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- ◆ BOCES Annual Meeting – April 2, 2008
- ◆ BOCES Component Vote Date – April 23, 2008

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## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller is required under the School Accountability (“Five Point”) Plan (Chapter 263 of the Laws of 2005) to audit the fiscal operations of each school district in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller’s office has performed an audit of selected aspects of the Eden Central School District’s fiscal operations for the period July 1, 2005 through May 3, 2007 pursuant to the “Five Point” plan; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has issued his office’s audit findings in the Report of Examination entitled “Internal Controls Over District Operations”; and

WHEREAS, although the District disagrees with certain of the Comptroller’s findings and conclusions (including as outlined in the District’s January 30, 2008 response to the Report of Examination), the District nonetheless appreciates the Comptroller’s assistance in ensuring that the District’s fiscal operations are sound and that the District’s taxpayers’ interests are protected; and

WHEREAS, the District is particularly pleased that during the Comptroller’s extensive review of District financial operations there was not a single demonstrated instance of any financial irregularity; and

WHEREAS, the District has addressed each of the recommendations in the Report of Examination, including in many instances prior to the start of the Comptroller’s audit or the issuance of the Report of Examination; and

WHEREAS, because the Board of Education and the administration are committed to safeguarding taxpayer dollars and continuing the current course of solid fiscal operations, and in accordance with the Five Point plan, the District will prepare a corrective action plan to confirm the District’s actions with regard to the recommendations contained in the Report of

Examination, and will take other appropriate steps to enhance the District's internal financial controls;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The administration shall post a copy of the Report of Examination on the District's website as required by the Five Point Plan.

2. The administration shall prepare, consistent with the Five Year Plan, a draft corrective action plan to confirm the District's response to each of the recommendations contained in the Report of Examination. The draft corrective plan shall be reviewed by the District's audit committee and then forwarded for review and adoption by the Board of Education.

3. The administration and the Board shall continue their collaborative efforts to safeguard taxpayers dollars, to strengthen the fiscal operations of the District and to fully implement the requirements of the Five Point Plan.