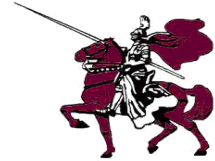


Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2007
RE: “Highlights” of the December 19th, 2007 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ◆ **Employee of the Month Presentations** – Awards were presented by Mrs. Carter to Mrs. Sue-Lynn Wieberg, GLP; Mrs. Lori Patterson, GLP; and by Mrs. Karstedt to Iann Miller, District Microcomputer Repair Technician.
- ◆ **Fall Sports Update** – Mr. Beetow presented the Fall sports update, paying special recognition to the Girls and Boys Varsity Volleyball Teams. Both teams won state championships. More than 50% of our students participated in a fall sport. Two teams received scholar athlete award recognition – Girls Cross Country and Girls Volleyball. Mr. Robert Pierce recapped the girls and boys volleyball seasons. The girls had a perfect season (23-0) and, in addition to state championship, they won the Eden Invitational and the Horseheads Tournament of Champions. The boys had a 22-8 record. In addition to the New York State Class B Intersectional Championship, they also won the Orchard Park Tournament, the ECIC Division III Title and the Class B Sectional Title.
- ◆ **Junior High School** – Mr. Graff presented highlights from happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School. These included sports; National Junior Honor Society; Senior High National Honor Society; Technology for students, some of whom are involved in the Chopper Challenge-the motorcycle assembly program that replaced Battlebots this year. Also highlighted was the Empty Bowls Project to raise money for hunger; Cheerleaders community service; FBLA, including the Sabres Alumni vs. Eden Faculty Basketball game; Volleyball Championships; and Model UN trip to Chicago. Mr. Graff thanked all coaches and advisors for all they do. He also thanked the board for the opportunity and support.
- ◆ **Parent Awareness Program** – Miss Menkiena introduced Karen Smith, Kathy Klopp and John McCarthy, who will be working together in an effort to keep students healthy and free from drug and alcohol abuse. In this effort, three parent workshops will be held at the school. Students who wish to attend dances, must have at least one parent attend one of these sessions. Included in the workshop will be drug education, what the “choice” drugs are, costs, availability, consumption, alcohol and parents who host parties and provide alcohol. The dates for the workshops are February 13th, March 15th and April 15th. Miss Menkiena asked for the Board of Education to support this initiative.
- ◆ **Technology Department** – Mrs. Karstedt gave an overview of our technology department. The District Technology Plan is on the web-site.

2. Created Special Education Teacher Position.

3. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Diane Zimmer, Bus Attendant
- ◆ Carol Toepfer, Special Education Teacher
- ◆ Kim Friedman, Permanent Appointment – Clerk Typist
- ◆ Karie Zugger, Substitute K-12 Teacher
- ◆ Robert Barton, Substitute Bus Driver
- ◆ Kristy Sawicki, Substitute K-12 Teacher
- ◆ Danelle Addison, Substitute K-6 Teacher
- ◆ Karen Braunscheidel, Substitute Teacher Aide

4. Approved Leave of Absence:

- ◆ Darlene Noecker
- ◆ Jennifer Carriero

- ◆ Chris Polek
- ◆ Donald Preischel (Maintenance Mechanic Position)

5. Approved Policies:

- ◆ 7110, Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy
- ◆ 1730, Executive Session

6. Created Two Teacher Aide Positions.

7. Approved Changes in Audit Committee Charter.

8. Approved Excessing of Obsolete Sewing Machines.

9. Approved Attorney Fees for September 2007.

10. Approved Attorney Fees for October 2007.

11. Appointed District Architect.

12. Increased the 2007-2008 Budget by \$98.20 to \$23,803,376.70 to account for increased revenues – The District received \$98.20 from Southern Valley Vending.

13. Comments: There were no comments.

14. Business Report:

- ◆ Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat have completed the testing phase of their Internal Audit. Per the Audit Committee's recommendations, they focused on accounts payable, purchasing and cash disbursements. They should have a report ready for the Audit Committee in mid-January.
- ◆ Ms. Almasi will be discussing the architect contract (Trautman Associates) with Hodgson Russ December 20, which should be finalized shortly.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs and Ms. Almasi attended a State Aid seminar this afternoon. The State's projected deficit is estimated to be between \$3.6 billion and \$4.3 billion. We continue to hear that the picture for school funding is bleak and will continue to be bleak in the near future. We were told not to anticipate any increases in State Aid as it is not yet known how the Foundation Aid will be funded and at what amount it will be funded.
- ◆ We budgeted \$3.00 per gallon for diesel and have recently paid as much as \$3.192 per gallon.
- ◆ Erie County Association of School Boards is sending a reminder that the ticket sales and the bottom half of the ArtScapades tickets need to be returned to the ECASB office. Board Members should get those to Ms. Almasi, and she will send them with the BOCES courier.

15. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ First Reading of Policies:
 - #6212.2 Professional Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development Requirement
 - #7160 School Census, Revised
- ◆ Mr. Buggs introduced Dan Telaak, who will be alternating with Sam DeMarco as Student Representative to the Board.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs wished everyone Happy Holidays.

16. Board Vice President's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Clark responded to a question raised at the November Board Meeting about Open Government Laws.
- ◆ Mr. Clark congratulated the Girls and Boys Varsity Volleyball teams on their outstanding seasons and championships.

17. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.

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