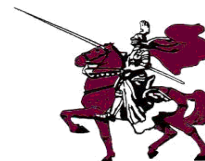


Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2007
RE: “Highlights” of the November 14, 2007 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ♦ **Character Awards** – Mrs. Carter presented GLP Character Awards to Claudia Bauernfeind, Morgan Vullo, Hannah Salisbury and Breanna Rosen. Mrs. Texter presented a character award to A.J. Feldman. Mrs. Harris presented a Character Award to Clinton Robinson. Mr. Graff presented Character Awards to Michelle Hahn, Katy Larson and Lindsey Calderon.
- ♦ **External Audit Presentation** – Mr. Wayne Drescher from Drescher & Malecki, LLP gave a brief presentation on the external financial audit performed by Drescher & Malecki. The District was given a clean opinion. The District’s fund balance was \$2.7 million as on June 30, 2007. New York State allows up to 3% of the annual appropriation in undesignated surplus. At \$641,000, the District is just under that level. It was a very positive outcome and a very successful fiscal year. Mr. Drescher thanked Ms. Almasi and the Business Office staff for their help throughout the auditing process.
- ♦ **Elementary School Presentation** – Mr. Schaefer and student, A.J. Feldman, gave a Powerpoint presentation on “A Day in the Life of an Eden Elementary Student”. The presentation covered a typical day for students, from arrival to dismissal, including their classes, specials and lunch.
- ♦ **Wind Ensemble Presentation** – Joelle Crabtree, Kyle Parsons, Will Pszonak and Maggie Riedel requested that the Board of Education approve the Wind Ensemble Trip for April 5 – April 8, 2008. This year’s tour will be in Cleveland, Ohio. There is no expense to the District. The students raise money for the trip. They have asked Mr. Graff to help chaperone.
- ♦ **MRSA Presentation** – Mrs. Meller presented information from a MRSA workshop she attended with Mr. Buggs, Mr. Howard and Mr Graff. Mrs. Meller reported that the District is following the guidelines set by the New York State Education Department and the Department of Health. The District has no confirmed cases of MRSA. All classrooms have been given antibacterial hand sanitizer for use by the students and teachers. Teachers and parents should encourage their children to wash their hands. Mrs. Schenk asked Mr. Martin what type of soap the District uses. Mr. Martin told her the District uses pink lotion hand soap. Mrs. Schenk asked Mr. Martin if this was approved soap, “green environmental” soap. Mr. Martin said we are buying the pink lotion hand soap in 55 gallon buckets. Mrs. Schenk asked again if it was approved soap. Mr. Martin stated that the soap we use is on the State Health Department list of approved soaps. The name of the soap is Virex, made by Johnson.
- ♦ **CDEP Presentation** – Mrs. Biastre presented the Comprehensive District Education Plan’s Mission and Vision statements. **The Mission** - In collaboration with the community, the Eden Central School District pursues our tradition of excellence in personal and academic achievement. We provide a positive and respectful learning environment that places students at the heart of all activities. Students are afforded the tools and opportunity to realize their potential within our global society, while cultivating the understanding necessary to fully appreciate their journey. **The Vision** - Eden Central School District is a collaborative learning community that **embraces** the individuality of each student, **educating** and **empowering** them to become productive citizens in an ever-changing and diverse society.
- ♦ **Mr. John Christopher, School Attorney** – Mr. Christopher read a letter he prepared following his investigation into the anonymous flyer charging that the District did not follow appropriate legal procedures when appointing a Board Member to fill a vacant seat and complaints from Mrs. Schenk and Mrs. Gibbins that the District did not follow open government laws. Mr. Christopher determined that the District did, indeed, follow proper New York State Education Law procedures in filling the vacancy and that the District does follow open government laws. The Board voted that Mr. Christopher read in public session the results of his investigation and publish this report. Mr. Christopher read the report he prepared for the Board.

2. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Shawn Johnson, Tenure Appointment – Pupil Personnel Services Director
- ◆ Randall Cornell, Long-term Substitute Laborer
- ◆ Donald Preischel, Interim Transportation Supervisor extended through June 30, 2007
- ◆ Maureen Pye, Permanent Appointment – Bus Driver
- ◆ Mary Banko, Permanent Appointment – Bus Driver
- ◆ Teresa Gonser, Permanent Appointment – Cafeteria Monitor
- ◆ Kirsten Henderson, Substitute Sp Ed & K-12 Teacher
- ◆ Ashley Mathis, Substitute Sp Ed & Pre-K-6 Teacher
- ◆ Jean Zydel, Substitute Teacher Aide and Clerk Typist
- ◆ Edward Bugenhagen, Substitute Teacher Aide and Clerk Typist
- ◆ Sara Byttner, Substitute K-6 Teacher
- ◆ Dianne DiPasquale, Substitute K-12 Teacher
- ◆ Marilyn Reardon, Substitute K-6 Teacher
- ◆ Monica Mesi, Substitute K-12 All, Teacher Aide
- ◆ Chris Archabald, JV Boys Basketball Coach
- ◆ Brett Lyford, Modified Boys Basketball Coach
- ◆ Sheila Harris, Morning Homework Club
- ◆ Ashly Cinelli, HS Musical String Advisor

3. Approved Leave of Absence:

- ◆ LauraAnn Felser, approximately December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008

4. Approved Policies:

- ◆ #3320 Confidentiality of Computerized Information

5. Accepted Internal Audit Risk Assessment.

6. Accepted External Audit Report.

7. Adopted CDEP Mission Statement.

8. Adopted CDEP Vision Statement.

9. Approved Resolution to Read Mr. Christopher's Findings to Investigation into the procedures leading to the appointment of a Board Member.

10. Approved Resolution to Publish Mr. Christopher's Letter in the Sun and Pennysaver.

11. Approved Change in Board Committees:

- ◆ **Personnel:** Tom Gannon, Debbie Gardner, DianaRae Walker
- ◆ **Curriculum:** John Armbrust, Patti Schenk, Tom Gannon
- ◆ **Policy:** DianaRae Walker, John Armbrust, Patti Schenk
- ◆ **District SDMC:** John Armbrust, Debbie Gardner
- ◆ **Technology:** John Armbrust, Patti Schenk, Mark Clark
- ◆ **Facilities:** Pat Howard, DianaRae Walker, Mark Clark
- ◆ **Negotiations:** Tom Gannon, Mark Clark, Debbie Gardner, Pat Howard -Alternate
- ◆ **Audit Committee:** Tom Gannon, Pat Howard, Debbie Gardner.

12. Approve FBLA Trip to New York City.

13. Approve Eighth Grade Field Trip to Boston, MA.

14. **Increased the 2007-2008 Budget by \$2339.16, to \$23,803,278.50** to account for increased revenues - \$2,303.40 from Volleyball Club for tournament officials; \$20.54 from Abitibi for recycling – Elementary School; and \$15.22 from Abitibi for recycling – GLP.

15. **Accepted Donation of Ten Pfaff Sewing Machines from Theresa Filipiak.**

16. **Comments:** Mrs. Gibbins inquired why the District paid the attorney to investigate the open rules policy. Mr. Gannon informed her that she would receive a response in writing and at a future Board of Education meeting.

17. **Business Report:**

- ◆ Proposals for Architectural/Engineering services were received today and presented to the Facilities Committee. The Facilities Committee is expected to review proposals next week and determine which firms it will interview. It is anticipated that the successful firm will be approved by the Board in December.
- ◆ Bids for the Sale of Surplus Buses were opened on November 8 and awarded as follows:

Interstate Bus Sales	Buses #150 and #151	\$ 7,799.98
Cheryl & Sons, Inc.	Buses #153 and #154	\$ 8,250.00
Total		\$16,049.98

18. **Superintendent's Report:**

- ◆ Mr. Buggs reviewed the first reading of policy #7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy and #1730 Executive Sessions. Both policies had minor modifications due to changes in the law.
- ◆ The District will be testing the emergency contact system on November 15, 2007. Every number on the list should receive a call shortly after 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Mr. Buggs thanked Mrs. Filipiak on behalf of the Board of Education for the ten new Pfaff sewing machines she donated to the school.
- ◆ Tuesday, November 20th is School Related Professionals Day. Mr. Buggs thanked all school related professionals, mechanics, support staff, etc.

19. **Board President's Report:**

- ◆ Mr. Gannon reported on the NYSSBA Convention that he attended with Mr. Howard. He was impressed with the SMART Board demonstration. He also reported that there is a lobbying push to reform 3020A.

20. **Future Dates:**

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.

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Happy Thanksgiving!