

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wheeler Maynard, Jr. on April 18, 2011 at the Edwards-Knox Central School cafeteria.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Rick Brewer, Lynn Coller, Amanda Fuller, Malissa Hale, Teresa Hogle, Wheeler Maynard, Jr., Tom O'Brien, and Andrea Webb. Also present were: Sue Kelly, Kay Amo, Rodger Williams, Ron Burke, Michelle Varian, and approximately 48 community members.

The Audit Committee examined the warrants reviewed and recommended for payment by the Claims Auditor.

Public Participation: Mrs. Stacia Soper read the Open Meeting law information and the executive session regulations. She questioned if the Board was discussing things in executive session that belonged in open session. Mr. Maynard responded that the Board Members are well aware of these laws and follow them diligently. Mrs. Soper noted that she had propositions to submit to the voters and discussed the error in the legal advertisement from the Gouverneur Tribune Press of the submission date being April 20th. Mrs. Tammy Mackin asked about budget items. Mr. Maynard responded that the Board voted on the proposed 2011-12 budget at our last meeting which many of the same individuals attended and it would be presented at a hearing on May 10 and put before the voters on May 17. Ms. Peggy Harper inquired about the cut of a technology teacher and how that mandated course would be taught. Ms. Kelly and Mrs. Varian indicated that the curriculum had not yet been written, but would be incorporated within other courses. Mr. Matt VanBrocklin stated that administrative raises were too high and there needed to be less administrators on staff. Tammy Mackin made comparisons between E-K staffing and Lisbon Central staffing, which is a similar size school. Mr. Maynard noted that this Board has tried very hard to keep the tax rate low in this district while providing the best academic education possible. Mrs. Connie Bessette stated how disappointed and hurt she was that Mr. Bessette's position was targeted to be cut. She noted his long-term dedication to the district. Mrs. Rulffes noted that she had a child graduate from E-K and attend an Ivy League school because of the well-rounded education she received, including extra-curricular opportunities. Discussion took place on closing the pool for half the year and losing the staff from that area, as well as the possible deficits to the pool's condition from being closed. Mrs. Webb discussed the current consolidation study with the people present. She discussed shared services and the level of service given, but that the State is pushing for those consolidations. Mrs. Mary Jo Rulffes inquired what will happen if this budget is voted down. Discussion then centered on the closing of the pool for a semester. Still more discussion took place on eliminating administrative positions. Mrs. Webb again discussed the consolidation efforts of New York State and how there will be many shared services. Mrs. Rulffes inquired again about a contingency budget. Mr. Burke listed many of the restrictions involved in a contingent budget. Mrs. Penny Allen asked what items stay in a contingent budget and Mr. Burke again listed some of those components. Ms. Kelly noted that programs like summer recreation doesn't stay. Mr. Matt VanBrocklin asked if the Watch group was going to be allowed to submit their propositions and it was noted that the deadline for submitting propositions was today at 3:00 P.M. Mr. Tom Robinson discussed that it was time to tighten belts and cut a principal.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Teresa Hogle to approve the Minutes minutes of April 4, 2011.

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Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Teresa Hogle to accept the Pay. of following warrant on file in the business office, as reviewed and recommended for pay-Warrant ment by the Claims Auditor:

General Fund - \$182,027.41
School Lunch Fund - \$5,132.65

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Lynn Coller to accept the Claims Auditor Report of April 14, 2011 as presented and on file in the business office.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Teresa Hogle to cast one vote for the adoption of the 2011-2012 Administrative Budget for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Andrea Webb to cast one vote for Dana Smith as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Teresa Hogle to cast one vote for Nancy Cappellino as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Amanda Fuller to cast one vote for Marjorie McCullough as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Teresa Hogle, seconded by Amanda Fuller to approve the transportation requests for the 2011-2012 school year, as detailed below:

2011-12 St. Mary's School: Esther White, Morgan Hopper, and Grace Sawyko
 Little River Community School: Iris Ratosk, Makenzie Gollinger

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Lynn Coller to enter into executive session for discussion of individual participants and CSE at 8:23 p.m.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:56 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rick Brewer seconded by Teresa Hogle to approve the following additions to the 2010-2011 substitute lists:

Teacher: Krystal Turtschanow

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the CSE programs recommended by the CSE for students 0049, #1111, #0300, #1972, #1677, #1555, & #1639.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Andrea Webb, seconded by Lynn Coller to accept the Resign. resignation of James Whitmarsh, with regret, effective May 20, 2011, from his position Whitmarsh as a sub driver.

Bus Dr.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

Mr. Burke discussed a program whereby E-K will receive 100 free bike helmets and that he needs volunteers to help fit the students. The distribution will be based on need.

Mrs. Varish discussed the Community Service Day for grades 9-12 last Friday and the different tasks performed by each grade including making signs for a cancer walk, working on the athletic field, making cookies for Meals on Wheels, performing yard work at various locations, picking up trash along the sidewalks, and working on the village ball field. She also noted an education Ultimate Scavenger Hunt for the 7th * 8th grade students.

Ms. Kelly discussed the After School Program where outside groups will begin their participation, namely 4H and the Drug & Alcohol Substance Abuse Council. She noted summer activities will include a theater group at SUNY Potsdam, and programs at Cooperative Extension, and Clarkson University. We will have slots for 50 students.

Mrs. Webb noted the May 3, 2011 Rural Schools Summit and her participation with the Constitutional Convention Task Force.

Mr. Coller asked about a 2% reduction in the STAR program. It is troubling when a 1% tax increase here equals \$17,500.

Ms. Kelly inquired if the Board was available to hear a BOE Level Grievance at the May 10, 2011 meeting.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Teresa Hogle, seconded by Andrea Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Fuller - Yes	Hogle - Yes
Hale - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Maynard - Yes	Webb - Yes
Wood - Absent			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay C. Amo
Board Clerk