

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Teresa Hogle on December 5, 2011 at the Edwards-Knox Central School Library.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Christopher Averill, Rick Brewer, Lynn Coller, Amanda Fuller, Malissa Hale, Teresa Hogle, Tom O'Brien, Joseph Thomas, and Randy VanBrocklin. Also present were: Sue Kelly, Kay Amo, Carol LaSala, Michelle Varian, Ron Burke, Kristin Tulip, Patty Taylor, Stacia Kroniser, Scott Kroniser, Jack White, Matt VanBrocklin, Shirley Denesha, Donna Soper, Connie Bessette, Peggy Harper, Tammy Mackin, and Mrs. Rice.

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

Public Participation: Kristin Tulip and Patty Taylor, 8th grade class advisors, were in attendance to present possible itineraries for the 8th grade trip. They discussed the students wanting to travel to Hershey, PA and that they had raised enough money for this trip. There would be approximately 35 students and they presented a list of proposed chaperones. Mrs. Hogle noted that she was glad to see the hotel security.

Mrs. Hogle then reminded the audience that public comments should not contain derogatory statements about individuals in open session.

Mrs. Connie Bessette stated she felt misled with comments at the last meeting regarding the possible contracted services being a rumor. She indicated she had a video clip from the meeting that substantiated that this discussion was not a rumor. Mr. Coller indicated that it was his opinion that this discussion was very short and has since been taken out of context by the public and widespread rumors. Other board members indicated that the topic of contract services was discussed. Mrs. Bessette stated that she felt like those comments from board members were made to squelch the questions from the community member. Mrs. Bessette then inquired, are you saying that the bus drivers won't lose their jobs? Mrs. Hogle indicated that remains to be seen. Mr. Coller indicated that all departments are being examined in relation to shared services. Mrs. Bessette restated her position that she felt the board members were misleading by stating those comments were rumors. Mrs. Fuller indicated that if people had questions, they should feel free to contact her. Mrs. Bessette stated that she would bring her concerns to a public meeting instead and Mrs. Rice noted that she felt the school attorney advised against the practice of contacting individual board members regarding issues. Peggy Harper stated that Mrs. Kroniser's video is put out to the public, which was what Steve Sullivan's questions referred to. Mr. Coller stated he felt someone indicated that the discussion never took place and he reiterated that the discussion was short in nature and all departments were considered for evaluation. He also indicated that these discussions are very preliminary, as individuals would have to present actual numbers for cost savings. Ms. Kelly indicated that the process of gathering quotes for outside contracting takes weeks and cannot be entered into without negotiating with the union.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Randy VanBrocklin to approve Minutes the minutes of November 21, 2011.
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Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Rick Brewer to accept the Pay. of following warrant on file in the business office, as reviewed and recommended for Warrant payment by the Claims Auditor:

General Fund - \$295,427.44
School Lunch Fund - \$6,934.06
Special Aids Fund - \$22,213.00

Trust & Agency Fund - \$845.00

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Chris Averill to accept the Claims' Auditor reports dated December 1, 2011, as presented and on file in the business office.

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Chris Averill to approve the 8th Grade 8th Grade Trip to Hershey, PA, as presented, for June 2012.

Mr. Brewer inquired when we will know the exact dates of the trip and Ms. Kelly responded as soon as the June Regents' Examination schedule is posted. Mrs. Hale inquired about the chaperones and it was noted that those individuals are proposed chaperones at this point.

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

Mr. Burke discussed the very successful holiday program for the elementary students last week, where 1,100 tickets were distributed for viewing the performance. He thanked Mrs. Christine Fuller for her work on this production, along with the staff and students. He noted the upcoming winter concert on December 14th and the upcoming PTA meeting this Thursday. He reported that he and Samantha Deleel will be attending the McKinney Vento Homeless Act training in Syracuse. He also noted the upcoming Supplemental Services Fair next week and all providers look like they will be providing online tutoring. He indicated his concern that these providers comply with the NYS Fingerprinting requirement.

Mrs. Varian noted the visit by Regent Dawson at the area Principals' meeting. She conveyed his message that this economic down-turn for schools is projected to be for five years. She noted that he will be visiting Edwards-Knox for the afternoon to look at our various classroom programs. He also visited the Bio-Mass facility. Mrs. Varian also noted the upcoming 7-12 holiday concert.

Ms. Kelly discussed a school bus accident whereby our bus going to Rome was rear-ended. The insurance adjustor had totaled the bus and they will be refunding us \$14,883. She noted that we cannot pay for a new bus with that refund. She explained that in a contingent budget you have to have the Commissioner of Education's permission to purchase a replacement bud. Mr. O'Brien asked about buying the bus back and fixing it and Ms. Kelly noted that the insurance company will not insure that bus again as they feel the frame is bent. Mr. Thomas asked what we are doing in the meantime and it was noted that we are using a large, spare bus. Mrs. Fuller asked if in a contingent budget situation, could you put a proposition before the voters and Mrs. LaSala indicated that you could not. It was noted that even if we purchased a new bus, it would not be out of production and available until April of next year. Discussion took place about the handicap accessible bus we are borrowing from Hermon-DeKalb and Mr. Averill asked if they would let us keep it until April and Ms. Kelly indicated that yes. Our handicapped accessible bus is still needed. Ms. Kelly also indicated that the bus garage would have a 19A inspection from the DMV for all the files related to the 19A regulations. This review will be conducted on December 9th and will be done onsite. Ms. Kelly reported on the number of district that equip their busses with dual handrails. This concept varied widely throughout the county. Mr. Coller asked if the second handrail is standard equipment, or if it was required equipment and Ms. Kelly indicated no to both questions. Ms. Kelly noted that she had signed a MOA with the union regarding drivers who drive for the after school program being guaranteed two hours pay and it is retroactive to the summer drivers who drove under this grant.

Ms. LaSala discussed the proposed legislation for a gap elimination adjustment in state aid. If this

were to pass, E-K could possibly receive an additional \$93,000, however with foundation aid being capped, the state would probably just take it back. Mrs. Hogle inquired if Ms. LaSala had a general idea how spending was for this budget year and Ms. LaSala indicated maybe by next month.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Rick Brewer to enter into executive session for discussion of CPSE reports, individual employees' health concerns, and appointment of substitute applications at 7:30 p.m.

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Mrs. Fuller left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rick Brewer, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Substitutes following additions to the 2011-2012 substitute lists:

Teacher: Ashley Simser

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - absent
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

Ms. Kelly indicated that Mr. Albern's student teacher was continuing on as a substitute in his health related absence.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Randy VanBrocklin to terminate Joan Hewlett from her position as part-time cleaner, effective November 28, 2011.

Cleaner	Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - absent
Hewlett	Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
	VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

Mrs. Fuller re-entered the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Joe Thomas to accept the CPSE programs recommended by the CPSE for students B & C.

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Amanda Fuller, seconded by Randy VanBrocklin to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Averill - yes	Brewer - yes	Coller - yes	Fuller - yes
Hogle - yes	Hale - yes	O'Brien - yes	Thomas - yes
VanBrocklin - yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay C. Amo
Board Clerk