

# EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, October 6, 2010

---

The public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Daniel Brunson.

### Superintendent James Bodziak commented:

"Congratulations are in order for Parkdale teachers, Lisa Brown and Sharon Fien, for being awarded a grant from NYSCATE (New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education) for their proposal entitled, "Transforming Homework from Dreaded Chore to Exciting Interactive Play." Both teachers will receive interactive whiteboards for their respective classrooms.

Congratulations are also in order to the High School DECA program which has been approved to receive a \$2,000 grant award from the WNY Career Pathways Consortium. Our DECA Club, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Moore, will use this grant to fund expenses that will be incurred in their regional and state competitions this year.

A proposed subdivision, called Reed Hill Heights, is being planned off of Jewett-Holmwood Road. The plan calls for 33 single family homes to be built over the next few years. The Town has asked the District to review the plans and ensure that we are okay with the design as it relates to school bus access into the subdivision."

### Board President's and Board Members' comments and committee reports:

- Legal Services Search Committee – MaryBeth Covert reported that the attorney search notice was published, with proposals due back on October 22, and interviews in November to settle on recommended candidates the same month.
- Visitation Committee – Stephen Zagrobelny reported that Eric Sweet and Daniel Brunson joined him in a visitation to Middle School to inspect roofs, pool piping, gym lockers and locker room floors, and also visited classrooms, noting the superior quality of the renovated classrooms. Eric Sweet noted that the aging roofs should be addressed, and praised the efforts of the teaching staff they observed throughout the day. Dan echoed his impressions of the staff professionalism. Mr. Zagrobelny also reported a tour of the High School, noting areas on the roof that may need to be addressed, and also his impressions of technology integrations in classrooms. He also noted that the cafeteria ran smoothly, and that the new maintenance building exhibits sufficient space for protecting district equipment from the elements. A visit at Parkdale showed progress in new classroom use, and also included a tour of the Community Garden and inspection of the roof. Eric remarked on the new whiteboard and projector technology equipment in the classrooms, and Dan noted that, as in the other schools, the students were engaged with teaching staff.
- Safety Committee – Eric Sweet reported that safety drills were complete to date, also noting pedestrian and automobile traffic congestion on North Grove Street during the start and end of the school day. Mr. Bodziak said that the "one way" sign would be replaced on North Grove. Mr. Sweet also suggested further measures to address the traffic flow of automobile pickups at Parkdale on dismissal.
- Audit Committee – Kathyann Lorka will report on October 27.
- Textbook and Curriculum Committee – James Whitcomb reported on changes in the science curriculum and textbooks.
- Policy Committee – MaryBeth Covert said that a policy change would be coming to the Board in the next meeting, and that Dr. Hoagland had discussed a specific regulation with the committee.
- Other: Kathyann Lorka inquired after the progress on Parent Portal, due to be activated before the first marking period. James Whitcomb noted that he would miss Gary Schutrum as Boys Basketball coach, but looked forward to Chris Koselny taking the position.

### Administrator comments:

- Susan DiNatale noted that an eating disorder information night will be presented in November, date to be determined.

- Jay Hoagland reminded the Board that the Homecoming Parade will take place this coming Friday at 1:15 PM on Main Street. Retiring High School secretary Carole Beyer will serve as Grand Marshall, and Dr. Hoagland praised Carole her for outstanding dedication and attitude throughout her years of service.

## Reports

- Paul Blowers reviewed the July, 2010 Treasurer's, Budget Status and Fund Balance Reports to date;
- Mark. Mambretti and Brad Gibson reviewed the grade 3-8 test results;
- Jay. Hoagland, William Roberts and Brad Gibson provided an overview of the Regents Exam Results for 2010;
- Mr. Bodziak presented the tentative 2010-2011 District Goals.

## Board Discussion

- The Board of Education discussed the results of their recent self-evaluation.
- Mr. Bodziak and the Board of Education provided input on the NYSSBA Proposed By-Law Amendments and Resolutions for Voting Delegate MaryBeth Covert, or in her absence Mrs. Lorka, which will be acted on at the New York State School Boards Annual Business meeting which on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

## In business matters, Superintendent Bodziak recommended that the Board of Education:

- Appoint Steven J. Potter as 0.2 F.T.E. Part-Time Adaptive Physical Education/Regular Physical Education Teacher. This appointment is effective September 28, 2010 through June 30, 2011;
- Approve the following Middle School Co-Curricular appointments:
  - Kevin Kot                                      DECA Advisor
  - Kathleen Krull                                Explorer's Club (Co-Advisor)
  - Katherine Kubiak                            Spirit Club Advisor
  - Tammy Furman-Schwab                    Destination ImagiNation Advisor
- Approve the following High School Co-Curricular appointments:
  - Christine Stanley                            Masterminds Advisor (shared)
  - Brittany Schu                                 Masterminds Advisor (shared)
  - Michael Lambert                            Choreographer
  - Krisanne Hailey                             Costume Director
  - Paula O'Connor                             Orchestra Director
  - Paul Blackwell                                Chorus Director
  - Kelly Eckler                                  Ticket Chairperson
  - Nicholas Campoli                            Art/Set Director
  - Nicholas Campoli                            Technical Director
- Appoint Bridget Converse as Grade Level/Team Coordinator for 5th Grade;
- Appoint Aneal Padmanabha as Grades 5-8 Science Curriculum Coordinator;
- Appoint Linda Girvin for Shelaine Ress (HS Science);
- Approve unpaid childcare leave of absence for Kristi Davis, 1.0 F.T.E. Elementary Education Teacher (4th grade) effective September 23, 2010 through November 2, 2010;
- Accept the following interscholastic resignations:

- Gary Schutrum                      Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
  - Christopher Koselny Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
  - Thomas Welch                      Bowling Coach
  - Catherine Haight                      Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
- Approve the following interscholastic appointments:
    - Ben Garvey                      Volunteer Football Coach
    - Christopher Koselny Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
    - Catherine Haight                      Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
  - Approve the return from unpaid leave of absence for Paul Gacek, Cleaner at Parkdale Elementary, effective September 20, 2010;
  - Approve the probationary appointment of Jamie Swiniuch, Teacher Aide at Parkdale Elementary, effective October 4, 2010;
  - Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of September 8, 2010;
  - Approve recommendations in the minutes of the Committee on Special Education of September 9, 10, 20, 21 and 23, 2010 and Committee of Preschool Special Education of September 20, 2010;
  - Approve the discarded books detailed on the attachment as surplus and obsolete;
  - Approve the agreement between the East Aurora Union Free School District and the East Aurora Educational Foundation to transfer monies from the estate of Edward C. Keller to the Foundation to be used to establish the “Marie West Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund” of which the Foundation will administer subject to approval by the Surrogate Court;
  - The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve a Retirement Incentive/Separation payment to Carole Beyer.

---

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in the Middle School library at 7:00 PM.**



**Members of the Board of Education:**

Front row, left to right: Eric Sweet, Vice-president Kathyann Lorka,  
President Daniel Brunson, MaryBeth Covert,  
(back row) Dennis Holbrook, Stephen Zagrobelny, James Whitcomb

[www.eastauroraschools.org](http://www.eastauroraschools.org)