

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, September 8, 2010

The public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Board President Daniel Brunson at 7:30 PM in the Middle School library.

Superintendent James Bodziak commented:

“Our high school chorus teacher, Mr. Paul Blackwell, has informed me that two of our high school students have been selected to participate in the All-State Mixed Chorus. Congratulations are extended to Faith Robinson, a senior at our high school, and Ben Stortz, a junior, for their selection to this prestigious performing group. The All-State Mixed Chorus will perform in Rochester in November. Kudos are also extended to Mr. Blackwell.

The Erie County Department of Health has sent our school district a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of our partnership with them concerning last year’s H1N1 influenza clinic that we conducted at Parkdale Elementary for students in grades K-12.”



Following Mr. Bodziak’s comments, Board members voted to grant tenure to Paul Rakoski, Health and Physical Education Teacher at the High School (in the area of Health Education effective February 12, 2011), and to William Roberts, Assistant Principal at the High School (in the area of Secondary Principal effective November 27, 2010), and a brief reception followed.

(Left to right) Mr. Brunson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rakoski and Mr. Bodziak.

Board President’s and Board Members’ comments and committee reports:

Daniel Brunson attended parts of the orientation sessions for new staff yesterday, noting their enthusiasm. He also commended Brad Gibson for organizing new staff activities, and Mr. Bodziak and other staff for opening day programming. Mr. Brunson also drew members’ attention to a document illustrating decreasing numbers of teachers out of the classroom as it relates to meetings, workshops, conferences, etc.

Steven Zagrobelny initiated new scheduling of policy and visitation committee activities. He also stated that, once the bus routes settle in, he would be interested to learn about the effectiveness of schedules and numbers of students on routes. Mr. Zagrobelny also inquired after the homework policy, especially in earlier grades, and discussion followed. Policy committee members intend to address the topic at an upcoming meeting and follow up at a future meeting of the Board. He also inquired about details of a policy (8410), related to student progress and achievement.

MaryBeth Covert inquired about the next meeting of the transportation committee.

Kathyann Lorca commended District Head Custodian Doug Wicks for the fine condition of the District’s buildings and grounds at the start of school.

Administrator comments:

Colleen Klimchuck reported an “awesome” first day of school today, unveiling the new school mascot, Parkdale Pride.

Mark Mambretti reported a calm, smooth start of the year at Middle School.

Jay Hoagland, with 718 students at the high school, also reported a very good first day.

Reports

- Mr. Paul Blowers reviewed the July, 2010 Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status & Fund Balance Report to date.
- Dr. Brad Gibson presented the 2010 Summer Curriculum and District Professional Activities Report.

- Ms. Kristine Ward presented the 2009-2010 Continuing/Community Education report and an overview of activities planned for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Dr. James Hoagland and Mr. Mark Mambretti presented a report on the National Senior/Junior Honor Society Selection process.

Board Discussion

- The Board of Education discussed the National Senior/Junior Honor Society selection process.
- Mr. Bodziak and the Board of Education discussed the process for providing input on the NYSSBA Proposed By-Law Amendments and Resolutions for Mrs. Covert, the Voting Delegate or in her absence Mrs. Lorka which will be acted on at the New York State School Boards Annual Business Meeting which will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

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

- Increase the appointment of Katherine A. Kubiak, Part-Time 7-12 Social Studies Teacher at the MS and HS, from 0.6 FTE to 0.8 F.T.E. effective September 7, 2010;
- Increase appointment of Tanya M. Flynt, Part-Time 7-12 English Teacher at the MS and HS, from 0.4 FTE to 0.6 F.T.E. effective September 7, 2010;
- Approve the unpaid leave of absence of Carolynn H. Bieler, 1.0 F.T.E Middle School Math Teacher, effective September 7, 2010 through October 29, 2010;
- Appoint Jessica Herraез as 1.0 F.T.E. Probationary LOTE – Spanish Teacher at the HS replacing Dawn Tomaski, effective September 1, 2008;
- Appoint Christine L. Pohle as 0.6 F.T.E. Part-Time Teacher for Keyboard Instruction at the Parkdale Elementary School, effective September 1, 2007;
- Appoint Tammy Furman-Schwab as 1.0 F.T.E. Probationary 7-12 Science Teacher at the Middle and High School;
- Appoint Sarah E. Buttino as 0.8 F.T.E. Part-Time Art Teacher at the High School, replacing Amanda Buscemi, effective September 1, 2010.
- Appoint Shelaine Ress as 0.6 F.T.E. Part-Time 7-12 Science Teacher at the High School replacing T. Furman-Schwab, effective September 1, 2009;
- Appoint David A. Nojaim as 0.6 FTE Part-Time LOTE-Spanish Teacher at the HS replacing Mary Kate Dvorak, is effective September 7, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- Approve the probationary appointment of Dennis Maciag as a Custodian, working 2nd shift at the High School, effective September 7, 2010;
- Approve Peer Mentor appointments as detailed below effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011:

Peer Mentor	New Teacher	Grade/Area
Kimberly Bosela	Carol Hayes	Grade 1
Catherine Caligiuri	Amy Rogers	Grade 1
Thomas Kegler	Sarah Buttino	Art

- Approve the Co-Curricular appointments of Alathia Yuhnke, HS Grade 9 Advisor; Sarah Buttino and Alka Moudgil, HS Yearbook Advisors (shared);
- Accept the Co-Curricular resignation of Christine Burke, Drama Director;
- Approve the Curriculum Coordinator Appointment of John Swinuch, Grade 9 -12 Science Department Chairman;
- Approve the Grade Level/Team Coordinator Appointment of Ronald VanOstrand, HS Special/Support (A);
- Approve the following MS Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2010-2011 school year:

Club	Advisor(s)
Arts & Crafts Club	Joe Ann Willson

Builders Club	Karen Dusel
DECA	TBD
Destination Imagination	TBD
Drama Club	Gary Terhune, Co-Advisor, Benjamin Davis, Co-Advisor
Explorers Club	TBD – Co-Advisor, Amber Baker, Co-Advisor
Flag Corps	TBD
Homework Club	Suppressed for 2010-2011
Club	Advisor(s)
Honor Society	Lynn Pastrick
International Club	Lynn Pastrick, Co-Advisor, Suppressed for 2010-2011, Co-Advisor
Latin Club	Brian Serwicki
Marching Band	Benjamin Davis
Marching Band Assistant	Melissa Denny
Music Club	Benjamin Davis
Peer Mediation	Suppressed for 2010-2011
Publication	Bridget Converse
SADD	Leslie Jones/Brian Hill Shared
SAT Treasurer	Donna Almeter
Science Club	Aneal Padmanabha (1/2 Stipend for 2010-2011)
Technology Club	Natalie Dutton
Spirit Club	TBD
Student Council	Brian Hill, Co-Advisor, David Walleshauser, Co-Advisor

- Approve the probationary appointment of Julie Stebbins as a Cleaner, working 20 hrs./week on 2nd shift at the Middle School, effective August 30, 2010;
- Approve the probationary appointment of Kristine Hoerner as a Teacher Aide, working 10 hrs./week at the Middle School, effective September 7, 2010;
- Approve the probationary appointment of Edward Zurek as a Teacher Aide, working 10 hrs./week at the Middle School, effective September 7, 2010;
- Approve the promotional probationary appointment of Mary Ptak as a Senior Clerk Typist, working 35 hrs./week at the High School, effective September 7, 2010;
- Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of August 18, 2010;
- Approve recommendations in the minutes of Committee on Special Education of August 19, 2010 and Committee of Preschool Special Education of September 2, 2010;
- Approve of the 2010-2011 Fall Trimester Continuing Community Education Program and related Faculty and Salary Schedule;
- Approve of the following textbooks and supplementary materials:

Course	Title	Copyright	Author/Publisher
Japanese	Japanese: The Spoken Language Part I	1987	Yale University Press
Japanese	Kodansha's Katakana Workbook	2008	Anne Matsumoto Stewart
Japanese	Kodansha's Hiragana Workbook	2008	Anne Matsumoto Stewart

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is
Wednesday, October 6, 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

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