

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Digest for Tuesday, August 16, 2011

The public meeting was called to order by President Daniel Brunson at 7:00 PM.

Superintendent Russ commented:

"The District wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of EAHS Social Studies Teacher, Albert Raab. Please join us in a moment of silence for our friend and colleague.

Thank you from Linda Hoffman, who expressed her gratitude for your nomination for New York State School Boards Area 1 Director. Mrs. Hoffman is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention.

We held an Administrative Retreat last Wednesday, August 10th. All administrators were in attendance and we reviewed District Goals, a timeline for 2012-2013 budget preparation, the new APPR process, a review of our recent curriculum conference and finally, possible topics for a Board/Administrative retreat.

New Staff Orientation will take place over three days: on Wednesday, August 24th, Dr. Gibson will be reviewing District Goals, the Teacher Evaluation Process, etc.; on Thursday, August 25th, new staff members will be introduced to various technology items, such as email, our website, software, etc.; and on Friday, August 26th the very popular bus tour of the District for new staff will take place.

When visiting the Main Street building this summer you may have noticed that the Middle School Main Office has been relocated to the first floor. The Buildings and Grounds Department will also be relocating to the former Business Office at the corner of the building prior to school reopening."

Board members' comments and committee reports:

- Mr. Brunson distributed a thank you note which he received from representatives from the "Lose the Training Wheels" organization. The group recently held a camp at the East Aurora High School which allowed thirty-three individuals the opportunity to learn to ride a two wheel bike using adaptive equipment. They thanked the East Aurora Schools for the opportunity to use the facility, and expressed appreciation to our staff members for assistance. Mr. Brunson also commended Ms. Ward and her staff for producing another fine calendar. Finally, Mr. Brunson commented on his recent attendance, along with Mrs. Lorka and several district administrators, at the Western New York Education Law Conference which took place on Wednesday, August 3rd. He commended Mr. Blowers, School Business Manager and Mr. Schiavonne of Lumsdem and McCormick for their excellent presentation.
- Mr. Sweet requested an update regarding a recent request to update "speed limit" signage on Blakeley Road. Mr. Wicks will follow-up. Mr. Sweet also requested an update on the administration of the Stewart Scholarship. Dr. Hoagland will be asked to present on this topic at an October Board of Education meeting.
- Mr. Zagrobelny had questions regarding the opening of school, i.e., scheduling, roof project. Mr. Roberts noted that counselors at the HS will be back in on August 26th to complete scheduling. Mr. Wicks provided an overview of the roofing project, noting that the weather has had an impact though he projected the roof will be complete prior to the opening of school. Finally, Mr. Zagrobelny requested the budget process begin as early as fall. A budget calendar will be prepared and will be presented at the September Board of Education meeting. Mr. Russ noted that the 2012-2013 budget process was discussed at the recent Administrative Retreat.

Reports:

Mr. Blowers reviewed the June, 2011 Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Report, end-of-year 2010-2011 Fund Balance Report and 2011-2012 Revenue Adjustment Report. He also provided a Full Day Kindergarten potential cost report.

Board discussion:

- The Board of Education discussed next steps with regard to their self-evaluation.
- Mr. Russ and Dr. Gibson provided an overview of the draft Annual Professional Performance Review Plan. Following this discussion item, an opportunity was provided for input from visitors:
- The Board of Education and Mr. Russ discussed the job description of the Director of Pupil Services.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Education:

- Accept resignation of Susan DiNatale as Director of Pupil Services for the purpose of relocating and continuing the family business effective September 30, 2011;
- Approve unpaid childcare leave of absence for Middle School Teachers Amber L. Baker and Robin L. Johnson, effective September 1, 2011 through January 30, 2012;
- Appoint Jennifer M. Desiderio to the position of 1.0 F.T.E. Probationary Business K-12 Teacher at the High School and at Parkdale Elementary School; Carrie A. Jenner to the position of 0.5 F.T.E. Probationary Elementary Education (Kindergarten) Teacher at the Parkdale Elementary School; Amy Rogers as 1.0 F.T.E. Long-Term Substitute Elementary Education (Grade 2) Teacher at the Parkdale Elementary; Christine L. Pohle as 1.0 F.T.E. Long Term Substitute Elementary Education (Grade 6) Teacher at the Middle School (replacing R. Johnson); Kristin Sturm as 1.0 F.T.E. Long-Term Substitute Elementary Education (Grade 4) Teacher at the Parkdale Elementary School (replacing A. Baker; Katherine A. Dechert as 0.4 F.T.E. Part-time Speech Pathologist at the High School; Melissa K. Denny as 0.6 F.T.E. Part-time General Music K-12 Teacher at Parkdale Elementary School; Anthony J. Ambrose as 0.4 F.T.E. Part-time 7-12 Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School; Lynn A. Pastrick as 0.4 F.T.E. Part-time LOTE – French Teacher at the Middle School; Tanya M. Flynt as 0.2 F.T.E. Part-time English 7-12 Teacher at the High School; David Nojaim as 0.6 F.T.E. Part-time LOTE – Spanish 7-12 Teacher at the High School; Catherine K. Reimers as 0.6 F.T.E. Part-time LOTE - German 7-12 Teacher at the High School; Sarah E. Buttino as 0.2 F.T.E. Part-time Yearbook (Art) Teacher at the High School; Andrea M. Panczykowski to the position of 1.0 F.T.E. Probationary Science 7-12: Biology and Chemistry Teacher at the High School, Kathryn Hannon to the position of 0.6 F.T.E. Part-Time LOTE – Latin Teacher at the High School;
- Accept resignations of following Grade Level/Team Coordinators: Colleen Kaminski as Parkdale Specials Team Coordinator; Julie Rizzo as Middle School Specials/Support XA1 Team Coordinator;
- Appoint Leslie Jones and Lisa Brown as (shared) District Wellness Coordinators for the 2011-2012 school year;
- Appoint Grade Level/Team Coordinators for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Grade Level/Team</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year of 3 Yr. Cycle</u>
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Parkdale

Kindergarten	Kimberly McAtee	3rd
1st Grade	Matthew Brown	1st
2nd Grade	Jennifer Kibler	3rd
3rd Grade	Joanne Buccieri	3rd
4th Grade	Melanie Cooper	2nd
Support	Jill Sengbusch	1st
Specials	Michelle White	1st

Middle School

5th Grade	Bridget Converse	2nd
6th Grade	Heidi Arts	2nd
7th Grade	TBA	
8th Grade	Karen Dusel	3rd
Specials/Support XA1*	TBA	
Specials/Support XA2*	Natalie Dutton	3rd

High School

Specials/Support*** (A)	Ron VanOstrand	2nd
Specials/Support*** (B)	Walter McLaughlin	3rd
Specials/Support*** (C)	Cynthia Marinaccio	3rd

XA1* Art, Music, PE and Foreign Language

XA2** Health, H&C, Tech, Business, Library and Mental Health Staff

*** Art, Business/CDOS, Library, LOTE, Music, Physical Education, Support and Technology

- Appoint Curriculum Coordinators for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year of 5 Yr. Cycle</u>
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Grades K – 4

Math	Jennifer Kibler	5th
Science	Adam Partisano/Matthew Brown	3rd
Social Studies	Margaret Gerstung	4th
ELA	Christina Edholm	1st
Spec. Ed./ Support K-8	Jacqueline Hanavan	3rd

Grades 5 - 8

Math	Lisa Barron	5th
Science	Aneal Padmanabha	3rd
Social Studies	Bridget Converse	4th
ELA	TBA	

Grades 9 – 12

Spec. Ed. / Support 9-12	Cynthia Marinaccio	3rd
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Grades K – 12

Library	Kim Kruse	3rd
Art	Thomas Kegler	2nd
LOTE	TBA	
Tech	David Schmidt	3rd
Music	Paula O'Connor	2nd
Business/Career Dev.	Kevin Kot	5th
Phys. Ed./ Home & Careers	Catharine Haight	2nd

Grades 9 – 12 Dept. Chairs

Math	Mary Beth Richey	5th
Science	John Swiniuch	3rd
Social Studies	James Stonebraker	4th
ELA	TBA	

- Appoint High School Co-Curricular appointments for the 2011-2012 school year:

Club	Advisor
Adventure Club	Christina Schutrum
AFS Club Advisor	Jessica Herraes
Auroran Advisor	Sarah Buttino
Band	Paula O'Connor
Chorus	Paul Blackwell
DECA Advisor	Jennifer Desiderio
Drama Director	Christopher Cummins
Equipment Manager	Frank D'Avanzato
Future Educators	Kelly Werdein
Grade 12 Advisor	Cheryl DiSarno
Grade 11 Advisor	Janiese Green
Grade 11 Advisor	Cindy Marinaccio
Grade 10	Alathia Yuhnke
Grade 9	Krisanne Hailey
Key Club Advisor	Marian Whitcomb
Literary Magazine	Christopher Cummins
Masterminds	Christine Stanley
Model UN Club	Todd Hathaway
Musical Director	Christopher Cummins
NHS Advisor	Linda Girvin
Orchestra	Alissa Nanna
SADD Advisor	Mary Ann Huber
Science Club Adv.	Lawrence Grisanti
Spirit Club Advisor	Joanne Ryan
Student Activity Tr.	Cheryl DiSarno
Student Gov. Adv.	John Hycner
Student Mentor Program	Julie Duffett
Ticket Manager	Christine Burke

- Appoint the following Peer Mentors for the 2011-2012 school year: Kimberly Crowley for Colleen Kaminski (Grade 4); Amy Bilson for Katherine Dechert (Speech);
- Approve the probationary appointment of Chris Budziszewski, Custodian at the High School, replacing Rick Natalzia;
- Approve the promotion of Joyce Zdrojewski, Copy Machine Operator at the District Office, replacing Lynne Birkman;
- Accept the resignations of Sandra Colling, Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective August 8, 2011, Lisa Rankin, Cleaner at Parkdale Elementary, effective July 8, 2011, and Debrah Scott, Teacher Aide at the High School, effective July 28, 2011;
- Approve the probationary appointments of Teacher Aides Jamie Swiniuch, Meaghan Tent and Tamara Wier at Parkdale Elementary; Kristie Hoerner and Amy Christie at the Middle School;
- Approve the promotion of Craig Cummings, Computer Support Assistant, from a ten-month appointment to a twelve-month appointment effective August 16, 2011;
- Approve the following interscholastic appointment(s) effective for the fall season of the 2011-2012 school year: Justin Howell Boys, Modified Soccer Coach, Michael Schermerhorn, Junior Varsity Boys Soccer Coach;

- Approve minutes of the Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting of July 6, 2011 and recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education of August 19, 2011;
- Set the 2011-2012 school tax rates as follows: Town of Aurora, \$34.782811; Town of Colden, \$31.755825; and Elma, \$301.209333;
- Approve the Draft Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan;
- Approve the Retirement Incentive/Separation Payment for Claudia Giallella, Lynne Birkman and Debrah Scott;
- Approve salary/benefits for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel/CIO Dr. Brad Gibson for the 2011-2012 school year;
- Approve salary/benefits for Business Manager Paul Blowers for the 2011-2012 school year;
- Approve salaries and benefits for confidential/managerial staff (Jacquelyn Wopperer, Joette Cappello, Richard Clements, Mary Gruin, Barbra Mann, Susan Hardy, Lisa Pokornowski, Jane Roesser and Paula Schmidt) for the 2011-2012 school year.

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting – September 7, 2011

Members of the Board of Education:

President Daniel Brunson, Vice-president Kathyann Lorca, Jessica Armbrust, MaryBeth Covert,
S. Dennis Holbrook, Eric Sweet, Stephen Zagrobelny,