

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Monday, June 20, 2011

Following an Executive Session at 6:01 PM to discuss items related to negotiations with the East Aurora Civil Service Personnel Association, confidential/managerial staff members' salaries, Board appointees and matters related to particular employees, the public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Daniel Brunson at 7:00 PM. Other members present included Eric Sweet, Kathyann Lorka, MaryBeth Covert, and Stephen Zagrobelny.

Superintendent comments:

Brian Russ thanked the Board for giving him opportunity to serve as superintendent of schools, and noted his appreciation for his last seven years serving in the District. He also thanked the administrators, teachers and support staff for their support during the very difficult recent budget process. Finally, he thanked Ms. Wopperer for her assistance during the last four months, helping him to transition successfully into his current position.

Board members' comments and committee reports:

Mr. Brunson referred to a letter received from Tony Hoffman. Ms. Wopperer will distribute copies to Board Members.

Mrs. Lorka commented on her recent attendance at an Audit Committee Meeting with Mr. Blowers, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Brunson and representatives of Lumsden and McCormick. As the auditors begin their fieldwork, they noted that they are changing their audit process to mirror that of the East Aurora School District. Mrs. Lorka commended Mr. Blowers and his Business Office staff for the fine work that became a model for Lumsden and McCormick auditors.

Administrator comments:

Dr. Hoagland referred to a SED release dated June 13th that ranked East Aurora #5 among Western New York schools by attaining a 97.1% graduation rate. East Aurora also is listed as having one of the lowest dropout rates – 0.6%– in Western New York. Dr. Hoagland thanked the counselors, psychologists and social worker for their efforts in assisting at-risk students. Finally, Dr. Hoagland noted that the 125th graduation ceremony will be taking place this coming Sunday.

Visitor comments:

District resident Judith Malys thanked the Board for her recent opportunity to run for the school board, and spoke on the importance of the Foreign Language program.

Reports:

Mr. Blowers provided an update on the current status of the Roofing Project.

Board discussion:

- Mr. Russ led discussions related to the 1.0 FTE elimination of the Director of Instructional Technology/CIO position, and the reduction of the .4 FTE of the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics.
- Dr. Gibson and Mr. Russ led a discussion on the structure of the Foreign Language Program.
- The Board of Education discussed an offer from the East Aurora Wrestling Boosters to Fund Modified Wrestling for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Education:

- Approve minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of June 6, 2011 and the regular Board of Education meeting of June 8, 2011;
- Approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education of June 2, 3, 6 & 8, 2011;

- Declare a list of library books as surplus and obsolete;
- Approve the following textbooks and supplementary materials:

Course	Title	Copyright	Publisher
French	Bien dit!	2008	Holt
AP French	Allons au dela	2011	Pearson
Course	Title	Copyright	Publisher
German 1, 2 & 3	Komm Mit	2006	Holt
Japanese	Japanese Kanji Power	2010	Tuttle Publishing
Spanish 1, 2 & 3	Avancemos	2010	Holt
Spanish IV	Imagina	2011	Vista
AP Spanish	Preparing for the Language Exam	2007	Prentice Hall

- Abolish the position of Maintenance Mechanic Helper effective July 1, 2011;
- Approve project for Xerox networked printers – 48-month installment purchase (MPN-#166-03-12A) with the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Aurora School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a four – year period commencing on June 22, 2011 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$15,901.44 and authorizes 48 monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$331.28. A final payment of \$53.00 and/or \$584.00 will be made by a service adjustment letter at the end of 48 months for these machines if the district decides to keep them in service.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Aurora School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

- Accept LunchByte Systems, Inc. as the low bidder for the School Lunch POS Accountability System at a first year cost of \$28,855 and that the Board of Education authorize the Business Manager to enter into an agreement between the East Aurora Union Free School District and LunchByte Systems, Inc.
- Accept the resignation of Director of Instructional Technology/Chief Information Officer:
Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Brian D. Russ, 1.0 FTE Probationary Director of Instructional Technology/Chief Information Officer effective July 1, 2011 due to his appointment as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2011.
- Reduce an administrative position:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency, it is necessary to restructure certain administrative positions and responsibilities within the District.
On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby: Reduces the position of Frederick Thornley, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics/Administrative Dean, from 1.0 F.T.E. to 0.6 F.T.E. effective July 1, 2011.
- Eliminate an administrative position:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency, it is necessary to restructure certain administrative positions and responsibilities within the District.
On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby: Eliminate the position of Director of Instructional Technology/CIO effective July 1, 2011.

The Board of Education entered a second Executive Session to continue to discuss items related to discuss negotiations with the East Aurora Civil Service Personnel Association, confidential/managerial staff members' salaries, and Board appointees and matters related to particular employees.

Next regularly scheduled regular Board meeting, July 6, 2011.



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