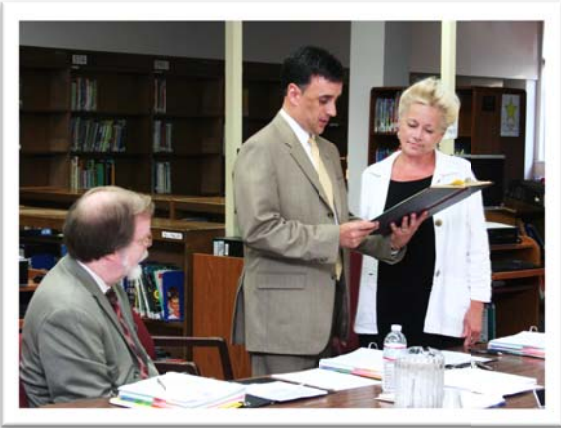


EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, June 8, 2011

The public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Board President Daniel Brunson at 7:10 PM. Other members in attendance included Eric Sweet, Kathyann Lorca, MaryBeth Covert, S. Dennis Holbrook, Stephen Zagrobelny and James Whitcomb.



President Brunson announced the appointment of Brian Russ as Superintendent of Schools, and the following motion was passed by members:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 1711, Brian Russ shall be employed to serve as the District's Superintendent of Schools of this School District commencing July 1, 2011, pursuant to certain terms and conditions of employment, which have been incorporated into a Contract of Employment that the President of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District's Board of Education.

Following the action, District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer administered the oath of office to Mr. Russ.



Superintendent Russ commended the top ten scholastic seniors of the Class of 2011; Mia Ferraina, Rachel Hallnan, Timothy Hollman, Maren Johnson, Nicole Mason, Hannah Schetz, Wesley Stubenbord, Elizabeth Vail, Luke Wolfing and Mary Zittel.

Dr. Hoagland introduced the students to the Board and audience, and certificates were presented by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Russ also noted a number of staff members who will be retiring at the end of this school year, including Mrs. Lynne Birkman, Mrs. Marilyn Folaron, Mrs. Donna Gagliardo, Mrs. Claudia Giallella, Mrs. Lynn Pastrick, and Mrs. Joe Ann Willson. Mr. Brunson also recognized Mr. James Whitcomb for his service to the School District as a Board Member.

(Left) Retirees present included (front row, left to right) Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Folaron and Mrs. Pastrick.

A brief reception took place to honor the seniors, the retirees and Mr. Whitcomb.



Board members' comments and committee reports:

Daniel Brunson reported that he and other Board members attended the training for new school board members. He also attended a meeting of the textbook committee with Mr. Whitcomb, and Mr. Whitcomb commented on the nature of the books they reviewed.

Steven Zagrobelny requested that a discussion item on Foreign Language be added to the agenda for the June 20 meeting.

Eric Sweet reported on the updated safety plan and some additional safety issues that the town will address. He also inquired after the progress of the study of all-day kindergarten. The group decided to address the topic at the August Board meeting.

Jim Whitcomb thanked the Board for its support throughout his six years on the Board. He commended his successor, Jessica Armbrust, on the skills she will bring to the Board, and offered his continuing services if needed. He added that education is the most important thing a community can do for its children.

Dennis Holbrook acknowledged Mr. Whitcomb's efforts, saying that he will be missed. He also reported on recent accomplishments of the high school track teams.

Kathyann Lorka commented on upcoming seminars at ECSBA regarding APPR updates.

Administrators' comments:

Colleen Klimchuck thanked Mr. Russ and Mr. Brunson for helping with the fourth grade fair, which raised \$2654.20 for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Mrs. Klimchuck commended Mr. Strum and the other fourth grade teachers and the students who made the success possible.

Dr. Gibson commended his scoring leaders and teachers for their work last week.

Dr. Hoagland reported that the Washington Post has noted EAHS as number 775 of the top 1900 high schools in the United States, and the school ranks number five in WNY among the ten on the WP list.

Reports:

- Mr. Blowers reviewed the April, 2011 Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Report, Revenue and Fund Balance Report.
- Members of the English/Language Arts Department will present the Curriculum Review for English and Language Arts.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Education:

- Approve the unpaid child care leave of absence for Parkdale Elementary teacher Amy Girard, effective September 1, 2011 through January 30, 2012;
- Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Claudia Giallella, Senior Clerk Typist and Treasurer for the District Office, effective July 16, 2011;
- Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Lynne Birkman, Copy Machine Operator in the District Office, effective July 30, 2011;
- Accept the resignation of Patricia Saban, Teacher Aide at Parkdale Elementary, effective June 3, 2011;
- Appoint Lisa Rankin to a probationary appointment as a Cleaner, working twenty hours per week at Parkdale Elementary effective May 19, 2011;
- Approve minutes of the Board of Education meeting of May 17, 2011;

- Approve recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education;
- Approve of Continuing/Community Education Summer 2011 Trimester course additions, payroll and contractual additions;
- Abolish the positions of seven Teacher Aides effective July 1, 2011;
- Approve a resolution regarding abolishment/reduction in positions:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency, including the restructuring of classes and the decrease in student enrollment, that it is necessary to abolish certain positions and reduce certain positions within the District.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes the following positions effective July 1, 2011:

<i>Tenure Area</i>	<i>F.T.E.(s)</i>
<i>Elementary (Pre K-6)</i>	<i>1.5</i>
<i>Special Education (K-12)</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>School Counseling and Guidance (K-12)</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Art (K-12)</i>	<i>0.8</i>

As a result of the abolishment of the positions, the individuals affected, as determined through seniority and applicable contract language will be excessed and placed on the Preferred Eligibility List.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to implement these abolishments in force in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby reduces the following positions effective July 1, 2011:

<i>Tenure Area</i>	<i>F.T.E.(s)</i>
<i>Physical Education (K-12)</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>LOTE (French 7-12)</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Social Studies (7-12)</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>ELA (7-12)</i>	<i>0.4</i>

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to implement these reductions in force in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

**NOTE: The above resolution is not all-inclusive. Administrative and civil service abolition and reduction of positions will appear as an action item at the next Board of Education meeting.*

Next (special) Board of Education meeting, Monday, June 20, 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