

THE CHALLENGER

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Spring 2010

The Capital Facilities Project 2007 - 2010 is complete!



SAFETY



On January 30, 2007, district voters approved a \$24 million Capital Facilities Project that placed an addition onto Parkdale Elementary School, converting it from a K-2 to a K-4 elementary school, renovated portions of the High School (9-12), and changed the Main Street Middle School from grades 6-8 to grades 5-8.

The project provides improved learning environments, increased greenspace, and other improvements related to the safety and health of our students that will impact the lives of our students for many years to come. Administrators, District staff, parents and representatives from the community began working on this facilities project in 2002, and the final portions of the work were complete in March 2010.

The project received NYS aid amounting to about 71% of the cost of the total project, leaving the local taxpayers with a balance of \$7 million.

L.P. Ciminelli was the project management company, which also supervised the efforts of several students from the BOCES 2 Building Trades class at the Ormsby Center as they assisted in the building of the athletic storage/maintenance facility at the High School and sidewalks at Parkdale Elementary. The student work was funded in part by a grant from the East Aurora Educational Foundation.

Ground broke on April 7 and April 10, 2008 at the High School and Parkdale respectively, and the project goals--safety, education and preservation of District assets were met over the next two years.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Mr. James Bodziak

As we enter into the month of April, we can all take great pleasure in saying goodbye to the Winter of 2009 and in its place welcome Spring 2010. As is the case every spring, construction projects begin to sprout throughout Western New York in all shapes and sizes. Here in our school district, we are able to say goodbye to one construction project and continue on with another form of "construction."

Our School District Facilities Construction Project has been completed now that our Middle School faculty, staff and students have moved into bright, cheerful learning spaces. This electronic version of the Challenger will provide you with a tour of the renovated classrooms, science laboratory, pool area and cafeteria, as well as the renovated exterior area behind the school. The entire East Aurora community can take great pride in the changes made not only at the Middle School, but also at our High School and Parkdale over the course of the facilities project. When we began our project, our objectives included health and safety improvements, educational improvements and preservation of our assets. All of these objectives were successfully met, on budget and on time.

While we have completed one construction project, another one remains a "work in progress." The construction of the 2010-2011 school district budget continues to move forward. The State budget crisis has caused all school districts to develop their budgets with anticipated reductions in state aid. For our school district, the loss equates to \$611,814. The Board of Education, administration and faculty and staff of our district are working collaboratively in an effort to reduce costs and yet maintain high quality educational programs which serve our students and yet have the community's best interest in mind. The Board of Education anticipates adopting the 2010-2011 school budget on April 14, 2010. The school district budget and board member election will be voted on by the community on May 18th.

I encourage you to read the contents of this latest version of the Challenger. Information related to the upcoming High School drama production of "Our Town," along with news and honors related to academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities can be found in this edition.

"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work."

-Emile Zola, French Writer

Mission Statement

The East Aurora School District will provide environments, experiences, materials and professional talents to help each student prepare to live in society as a contributing, self-fulfilling and caring citizen. The school will endeavor to develop, in each student, a lifelong desire for knowledge and the skills to acquire it. The school will promote learning in the context of common sense, hope for a better future and a deep respect for humanity.

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The project addressed safety and health issues by easing bus, auto and pedestrian congestion, improving ventilation of classrooms and handicapped accessibility, removing asbestos and adding campus green space.

The district's educational program was improved with larger classroom sizes at Middle School, building proper spaces for OT/PT, speech, BOOST, academic intervention services, special education and high school art, technology and science.

To preserve District assets, outdated and inefficient mechanical and electrical systems were replaced, and a major pool renovation was completed at Middle School. In addition, single glazed windows, roofs and outdated flooring were replaced.

With the completion of work in March 2010, the results not only meet the project goals, but are a reflection of the pride our community takes in its schools.

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EAST AURORA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

High School Fitness Monitors

Ms. Haight's EAHS physical education classes completed the curriculum's fitness unit in February. An important part of the unit includes learning about heart rates through the use of Polar heart rate monitors, obtained with a grant from the East Aurora Educational Foundation.

At the beginning of the unit, students learned to determine their Target Heart Rate Zone (THRZ) and use the monitors to benefit their body and health by improving fitness and burning calories.

To begin, students wore the monitors for three days while doing cardiovascular circuit training. They were encouraged to look at the monitors as they moved from station to station to see how fast their heart was pumping. The students were then told to think about how their body felt. Were they feeling warmer? Could they carry on a conversation? Were their chests getting tight?

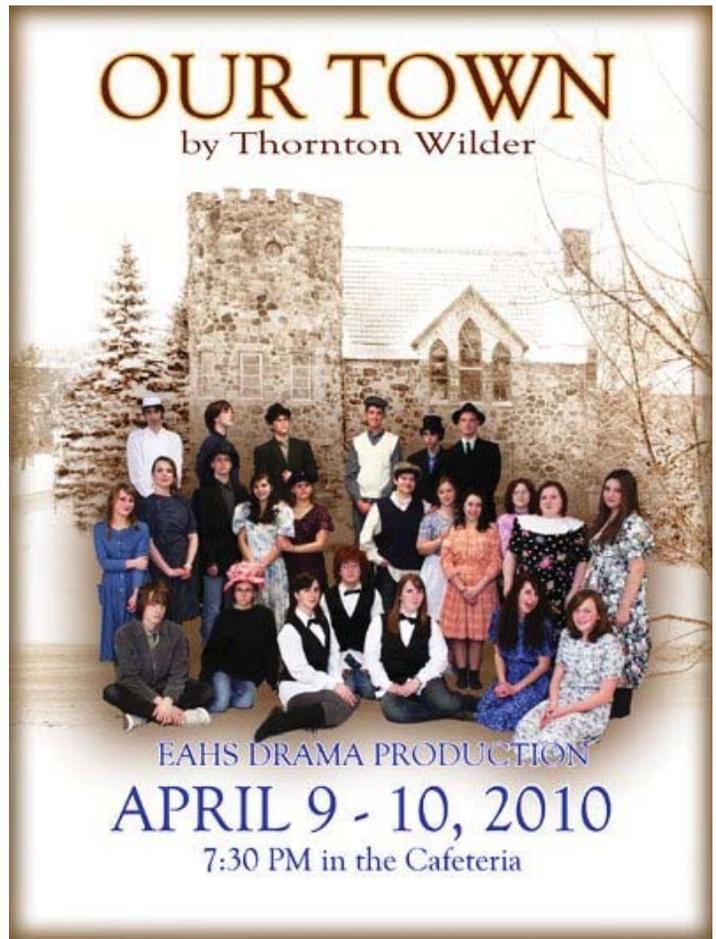
"I know that many students will not purchase a heart rate monitor, so it is important that they know how their body feels when they are working in their target heart rate zone," said Ms. Haight. The students also wore the monitors during weight training, Pilates and Yoga. They then compared and contrasted their average heart rate, the time spent within, above or below the THRZ.

The students will continue to wear the monitors once or twice each activity unit to compare how different activities affect their heart rates.

The East Aurora Educational Foundation is a 501c3 not for profit organization that exists through the generosity of donors, with a mission to enhance students' educational experiences by funding grants for programs within the East Aurora School District. Since January 2009, the Foundation has awarded \$33,278.94 in grants for projects in the East Aurora schools. For additional information, or to donate online, please visit the Foundation website link above.

Mirari Brass visits Middle School

On March 11, the Middle School Band hosted the Mirari Brass Quintet from Indiana University, beginning with a school-wide performance in the West Gym. Later, music students had the opportunity to practice and perform with the quintet.



The EAHS Drama class presented "Our Town," a three-act play by Thornton Wilder, on Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 in the school cafeteria.

The play, a dramatic slice of small town in the early 20th century, was directed by Mrs. Chris Burke, with wardrobe assistance by Ms. Krisanne Hailey.

"Much like East Aurora, "Our Town" presents a picture of the poignant sweetness of life among ordinary people living lives in an ordinary place, and realizing just how extraordinary that life can be," noted Mrs. Burke. "Paige Nicoloff, Charlie Border, Maren Johnson are playing the parts of the Stage Manager, made famous by Paul Newman, among other noted actors. Tess DeFlyer plays the part of Emily, the girl from a small town who realizes that life goes very fast. Dan Leman plays the part of the young man who has dreams of growing up and staying in his hometown and building a future for himself and his bride."



March 5 "Hockey for Haiti" raises \$6627 at EAHS

EAHS Senior Class Executive Board floor hockey tournament organizers raised \$6,627.16 for Haitian earthquake relief as rival faculty and alumni teams met at the EAHS gym at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 5. All event proceeds, including concessions and souvenirs, benefited the American Red Cross-Haiti Fund.

Each of the district's three schools sponsored a faculty team, with an alumni team joining the mix. The games were fifteen minutes in length (three five-minute periods). Adding to the excitement, students whose grade level raised the most funds prior to the game had the opportunity to shoot on their school's goalie. The winning grade level was determined on the morning of the game, as each grade's "Change for Haiti" collection jar was counted.

Parkdale Spaghetti Dinner February 1 raises \$2600 for Haiti

The SMILE Club at Parkdale sold approximately 400 dinners, baked goods and beverages to raise \$2600 for the children of Haiti!

The Community Spaghetti Dinner was held at the school on February 1, and there was also a donation bin at the event for further contributions.

The SMILE Club at Parkdale strives to inspire and promote service, compassion and leadership among our youth. In response to the Haiti tragedy, the service club declared a SMILE emergency!

Upcoming events:

April 30

Groundbreaking for Parkdale Community Garden at 2:30 PM on the back lawn of the school

May 26

District Art Show and Technology Fair at the High School Library, 6 - 8 PM

Refer to the 2009-10 District Calendar for all District events

WKBW-TV's Mike Randall learns science from fourth graders

Mr. Partisano's fourth grade students shared a science lesson with WKBW Channel 7's Mike Randall for an upcoming "What's Cool at School?" segment, scheduled to air on February 4 in the 5 - 7 AM "Good Morning WNY" program.



Over the past several weeks, Mr. Partisano's students have been experimenting with six mysterious powders and crystals. They performed tests and recorded results, using iodine, BTB, water, vinegar, heat, senses, and pocket scopes. Two of the powders and crystals were then combined, and the students had to work through the experiments to determine which of the six were combined. As a culminating activity, students designed and wrote their own experiments to determine what the mysterious powders and crystals actually were. It was at this point in the unit that Mr. Randall joined the lesson. Students thoroughly enjoyed this fun and exciting problem solving activity.

"Dancing with the Staff" Saturday, January 30 at EAHS

The second season of "Dancing with the Staff" was held Saturday, January 30 in the High School Gym at 7:00 PM. Students, staff and community came out to support staff dancing pairs as they performed the jive, the samba, the rumba and more, competing for the coveted mirror ball trophy. The audience voted by cell phone, assisting judges Mrs. Green, Dr. Hoagland and Mrs. O'Connor, and in a close contest Mrs. Head and Mr. Walton captured the top prize. Admission was \$5.00 and the event raised \$500 for the Food Bank of WNY. The event coordinator was Mary Ann Huber, EAHS School Counselor, assisted by members of her SADD club.

The couples who danced:

Couple # 1: John Hycner/ Kelly Eckler

Couple # 2: Ryan Ellis/ Melissa Piasecki

Couple # 3: Brian Serwicki/ Cheryl DiSarno

Couple # 4: Kevin Weigel/ Tammy Romesser

Couple # 5: Greg Stone/ Jessica Herraез

Couple # 6: Rich Walton/ Tracey Head



Briefly...

Congratulations to seventh grader Shannon Keller, the winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee and to Erin Nason, the second place winner.

Ms. Bell's first grade and Mrs. Girard's fourth grade classes have been working on a joint project to benefit patients on the hematology/oncology floor at Women's and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, collecting prepackaged snacks to donate to the Parent Lounge. Some patients spend weeks at a time in the facility, and their parents face great concerns. The Parkdale students thought it would be a relief for them to not have to worry about something as small as snacks and treats for their kids, and will continue to collect for this Valentine season project through February 3.

Mrs. Marian Whitcomb's Key Club and Mrs. Janiese Green's Foreign Relations Club collected money during homeroom for Haitian relief, raising \$697.74 for the American Red Cross.

Miss Jennifer Kibler's students made Valentines for Veterans at the VA Hospital in Buffalo with "LOVE Writing" attached. They also sent small valentines with mini LOVE Writing to a soldier overseas, and sent small valentines with their LOVE writing attached to residents at Absolut Care in EA.

Congratulations to EAHS's "Mr. EA" winners Will Hessler (first place, senior), Derek West (second place, senior) and Brad Rogers (third place, junior).

The seventh annual badminton tournament was held at the EAHS gym on Saturday, April 3. Over 200 students and adults participated in the event. This year's champions included:

- * Men's A - Jameson Arnold and Matt Metzger
- * Ladies A - Brooke Schutrum and Nicole Mason
- * Mixed A - Will Hessler and Faith Robinson
- * Mixed with Adult - Brooke Schutrum and Gary Schutrum
- * Men's' B - Dan Hayes and Tim Horvatits
- * Ladies B - Alexandra Ellis and Bridget Wolff
- * Mixed B - Tim Converse and Katie Daminiski

Congratulations to the winners and organizer Mrs. Schutrum.

Fifty-three students participated in the American Math competition in February. Christopher Klocke, Class of 2012, repeated as the school winner in the 9/10 division and Tim Holman, Class of 2011, was the winner in the 11/12 division. Chris and Tim will be awarded medals at the Honors Ceremony in June.

Jim Sundquist, EAHS Class of 2010, has met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Approximately 187 EAHS students took the Comprehensive Examination in English this January. Ninety-seven percent passed the exam with 56% earning a mastery score of 85 or higher (35 % scored 90 or above). Last year, 97% passed the exam (178 participants) with 43% earning a mastery score of 85 or higher.

Sarah Hora, Class of 2010, was chosen the "Student of the Month" at the Ormsby Educational Center for December. This honor is presented to a junior or senior based on his/her attendance, grades, class performance, and teacher recommendation. Sarah is enrolled in the Culinary Arts II class.

Mrs. Kim Crowley's class at Parkdale collected socks for the homeless from fellow students during the month of January, gathering 114 pairs of adult men's socks, 78 pairs of children's socks and 87 pairs of women's adult socks for donation to the Cornerstone Manor shelter in Buffalo. Students celebrated the completion of the sock drive with Crazy Sock Day.

The EAHS Recycling Team students have recycled close to thirty tons of waste paper products since they began two years ago. Congratulations to Mr. Frank D'Avanzato and his students.

Mrs. Whitcomb's EAHS Key Club sponsored "Goin' Bald for Bucks" in March, raising \$534 in pledges for Roswell Park's programs for cancer research and patient care.

Congratulations to Jaycen Watts, Class of 2011. Jaycen performance at the recent regional Skills USA competition was recognized by the Ormsby Staff as "outstanding."

Sara Hora, Class of 2010, has been selected to join the National Technical Honor Society. Students selected for membership exhibit the qualities of skilled workmanship, honesty, responsibility, leadership, citizenship, and scholastic achievement. Congratulations, Sara!

Mr. Edholm's students were proud to display the results of their Black History Month research in the Parkdale library.

East Aurora Middle School Chorus and Orchestra perform in Albany

As part of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), Music in Our Schools Month, the East Aurora Middle School Chorus and Orchestra performed a lunchtime concert in the concourse at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Mr. Paul Blackwell Directs the Chorus, and Ms. Alissa Nanna directs the Orchestra.



Congratulations to NYS Champion Wrestler Colin Palmer!



Congratulations to Colin Palmer, Class of 2010, New York State's 189 lb. Division II Wrestling Champion!

Colin defeated Ryan Todd, the second seed, in the final match after knocking off the #1 seed Vincent Gallo in the semifinal match of the championships February 27, 2010 in Albany.

Middle School National Geography Bee winners announced

From National Geography Bee advisor Mrs. Pastrick: Congratulations to fifth grader Benjamin Bachman, winner of the Middle School 2010 National Geography Bee, and to runner-up Tanner Reese, an eighth grader.

The Bee included a preliminary competition for all Middle School students. Qualifying students advanced to the final rounds, held January 6-8, where they faced new rounds of challenging questions at the competition.

Benjamin has advanced to the next levels of competition and will compete in Albany in April.

All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 25 and 26, 2010 in Washington, D.C.

Middle School Marching Band heads to Disney World's Magic Music Days

Sixty-five students in the Middle School Marching Band and chaperones are headed to Orlando, Florida for spring break April 19-23 to participate in Disney's Magic Music Days at Walt Disney World.

Students in the band are in grades 6 - 9, and the flag and banner carriers are in grades 2 - 8. On Wednesday, April 21 at 2:30 PM, the group will march down Main Street USA in the Magic Kingdom playing "Friend Like Me" from the 1991 Walt Disney film "Aladdin." The festival (www.disneymagicmusicdays.com) is designed to bring school and community music groups to perform in the Disney parks.

After auditioning via DVD, the Middle School Marching Band was selected to march through the Magic Kingdom, and the group also will have the opportunity to enjoy Disney's parks during their spring recess week.

Winter Scholar/Athletes cited by state organization

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has named the students below "Scholar/Athlete" for the winter sports season. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award.

The following EAHS winter sport teams have earned this award:

Boys' Basketball- 91.330%
Jameson Arnold
Jared Bailey
Joel Bailey
Steven Buzzelli
Steven Smith
Ryan Sweet
John Werbitsky

Boys' Swimming- 94.565%
Larkin Bohanan
Carl Davidson
Patrick Dayton
Michael DeSantis
Eric Franz
Tyler Friess
Timothy Hollman
Joshua Kreeger-Smith
Alexander O'Brien
Steven Stone
James Sundquist
Luke Wolfing
Samuel Zagrobely

Girls' Basketball-93.036%
Hannah Bourque
Ashley Friess
Rachel Hallnan
Margaret Pierce
Brooke Schutrum
Bridget Wolff
Christina Wright

Congratulations to our All-County Musicians!

A record-setting number of East Aurora students were selected to participate in one or more Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) All-County ensembles in March. Students were selected based on scores earned through preparation of a solo performed for an adjudicator, and on teacher recommendation. Each district is not guaranteed representation, so it is an honor to be selected.

The East Aurora Music Department is very proud of the accomplishments of all of these students. (Please note: ECMEA considers "Elementary" as grades 4-6; "Junior High" as grades 7-9; and "Senior High" as grades 10-12).

Event dates and locations: MS/ HS Jazz Ensemble is at Amherst HS on March 5-6; Elementary is March 12-13 at Kleinhans Music Hall; Jr. High All County is March 19-20 at EAHS (MS band teacher Ben Davis hosts this event); and Sr. High All County is at UB March 26-27.

ELEMENTARY BAND

Erika Davidson, horn
Gwen Haffenden, oboe alternate
Caroline Horvatits, clarinet
Anthony Rupp, trombone
Maisy Webster, horn alternate

ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA

Caroline Horvatits, violin

ELEMENTARY CHORUS

Marielle Burt
Miranda Henderson
Bryanna Jagodzinski
Allison Kasprzyk
Kirsten Ljungberg
Lorin Marmion
Melanie Sage
Daryan Schwedt

JUNIOR HIGH BAND

Emily Crow, clarinet
Carl Davidson, trumpet
Grace DeSantis, bass clarinet
Myra Engle, clarinet
Garrett Folger, trumpet
Grant Haffenden, tuba
Bobby Jones, trombone alternate
Madeline Kelchlin, percussion
Jessica McMahon, flute alternate
Heather Tomczyk, piccolo alternate
Jack Zagrobelny, trombone alternate

JUNIOR HIGH ORCHESTRA

Madelyn Atendido, violin
Rosanne Carbone, violin
Alana Danieu, violin
Collin Folger, percussion
Claire Russ, violin
Christopher Stoll, violin
Arlo DiPasquale, violin

JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS

Kathleen Holt, SSA
Hannah Braun, SSA
Nicholas Cahill, SATB
Elisabeth Engle, SSA
Patrick Garvey, SATB
Justin Hewitt, SATB
Brandon Hudson, SATB
Chase Szafnicki, SATB
Margaret Zagrobelny, SSA

SENIOR HIGH BAND

Michael DeSantis, tenor saxophone alternate
Molly Jones, percussion
Hannah Schuetz, oboe

SENIOR HIGH ORCHESTRA

Katie Ebersole, violin
Tim Horvatits, violin
Alex Weberg, cello

SENIOR HIGH CHORUS

Charles Border
James Delventhal
Daniel Egan
Mia Ferraina
Caitlin Hasselback
Margaret Naughton
Samantha West

SENIOR HIGH JAZZ

Michael DeSantis, tenor saxophone
Molly Jones, drum set alternate
Greg Lowe, trumpet alternate

DECA regional competition sent six EAHS students to State

The EAHS DECA Club participated in the Regional Championships on Sunday, January 10 at Lewiston-Porter HS.

Angela Regelin placed in Public Speaking-Extemporaneous, Michael Lorka in Marketing Management, and Sydnie O'Connell in Broadcast Advertising. The team of Kim Mazur and Victoria Cranwell missed state qualification by three points in the Travel and Tourism Decision-Making event.

Qualifiers for state competition in March 10th-12th at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center included:

- * Michael Lorka in Marketing Management Role Play
 - * Brianne Szopinski, Sarah Kamienowski and Angela Regelin in Advertising
 - * Nate West and John Steinwachs in Advertising
- Congratulations to these students and their advisor, Tammy Romesser.



EAHS Bombers win 41st consecutive Division title

East Aurora Bombers won the Small School Championship in February with a score off 555 points a 208-point victory.

The Medley Relay of Ean Tierney, Sam Zagrobelny, Sebastian Bergenzaun and Tyler Friess won first place. Jim Sundquist won the 200 Free. Other top 16 finishers were Mike DeSantis (3rd) Larkin Bohanan (4th) Greg Murnock (7th) and Pat Dayton (10th).

Sebastian Bergenzaun won the 200 IM. Other top 16 finishers were Jon Kethcam (8th) Carl Davidson (9th) Matt Sampson (12th). Sam Zagrobelny placed 2nd in the 50 free, Tyler Friess (4th). Alex O'Brien placed 2nd in diving, Jeff Matter (4th) Gene Baritot (5th) and Gavin Griffin (6th). Sebastian Bergenzaun won the 100 Fly. Other top 16 finisher were Ean Tierney (4th) Carl Davidson (9th).

Sam Zagrobelny won the 100 Free. Other top 16 finishers were Tyler Friess (2nd), Mike DeSantis (3rd) and Kyle Warren (15th).

Jim Sundquist won the 500 Free. Other top 16 finishers were Larkin Bohanan (3rd), Greg Murnock (5th) and Pat Dayton (7th).

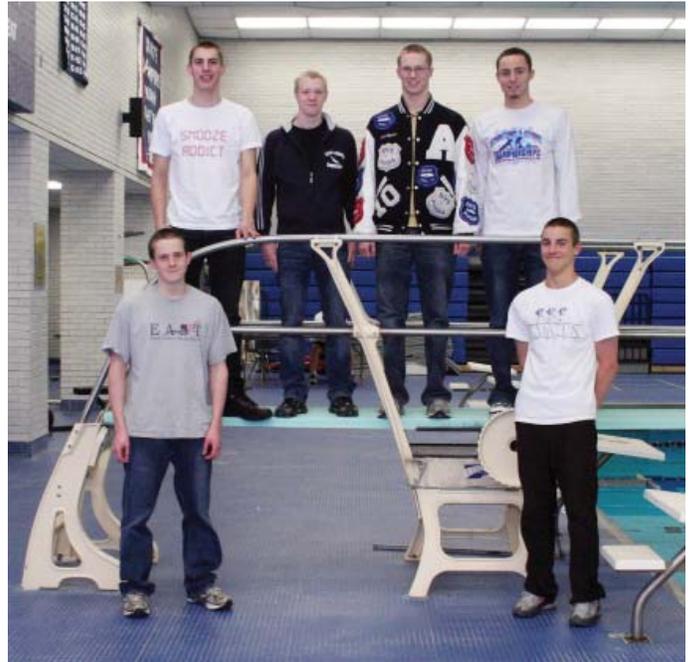
The 200 Free Relay of Sebastian Bergenzaun, Larkin Bohanan, Mike DeSantis, and Jim Sundquist won first place.

Ean Tierney placed 2nd in the 100 Backstroke. Other top 16 finishers were Nicholas Hoeh (5th), Matt Sampson (6th) Peter Lyons (7th) and Patrick Lafferty (10th).

Top 16 finishers in the 100 Breast stroke were Jon Ketcham (5th), Eric Franz (14th), Ian Ronan (15th) and Deniz Guven (16th)

The 400 free relay of Mike DeSantis, Tyler Friess, Sam Zagrobelny and Jim Sundquist won first place. Jim Sundquist has won the 200 and 500 free two years straight and the 200 and 400 free relay 3 straight years. Sebastian Bergenzaun was voted most outstanding swimmer in the meet and qualified for the New York State championship for the 100 fly and 200 IM.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at this meet in which the Bombers took their 41st straight Division championship!



Middle School Talent Show winners announced

Drama Club advisors Mr. Terhune and Mr. Davis have announced the winners of the Middle School Talent Show 2010.

Seventeen acts, including twenty-six students, competed in the event on Thursday, March 25, with winners announced as follows:

- Grand Prize: Garret Folger (8th Grade) - Playing guitar accompanied by himself on keyboard and drums
- First Prize: Marielle (Mary) Burt (5th Grade) - Singing "Castle on a Cloud"
- Second Prize: Lexi Freeland and Erin O'Brien (7th Graders) - Dancing
- Third Prize: Claire Leggett (8th Grade) and her fantastic illuminated hula hoop.
- The Terhune/Davis Award was given to Sam Hirsch singing Taylor Swift's "Best Day."

The show also included Anna Dubinsky, Erica Kreutzer, Emily Tierney, Jessica Youngman, Katie Maraszek, Hunter Grad, Anthony Potenza, Jordan Hartig, Adam Dunbar, Jacob Modrzyński, Mary Beavers, Carrie Goodison, Hanna Turnbull, Rosanne Carbone, Kate Ryan, Penn Watson, Clay Hakes, Conor Jackson, Kally Kennedy, Lauren Kenworth, Tori Klimowicz, Nathaniel Stoll, and Kim Long.

The Stage Crew was Emma Shanahan and Allegra Freier, with Lexi Mucci and Ciera Knolle on spot lights.

Mr. Terhune and Mr. Davis noted that the judging was very close, and expressed their thanks to the staff who helped with the show and to audience members for their support.

District Notices

At the March 10 meeting of the Board of Education, District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer announced that petitions for school board seats currently occupied by Kathyann Lorca and Eric Sweet are available in her office at 430 Main Street, East Aurora (687-2302), to be returned no later than Monday, April 19 at 5:00 PM.

The Public Hearing for the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year will be held May 5 in the Middle School library.

The Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will be held in the Middle School cafeteria from 7 AM - 9 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Meeting Reports January - March, 2010

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, January 13, 2010

The regular public Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Middle School library by Board President Daniel Brunson.

Superintendent Bodziak commented:

"Congratulations go out to Parkdale teacher, Christie Edholm, who was recognized in the February/March, 2010 edition of *The Mailbox*, an idea magazine for teachers. Christie's entry entitled, "Ready to Read" was included in the Time Management Tip and Timesavers section.

Congratulations go out to the entire Parkdale School Community for coming together to help those in need. The school's Giving Tree raised \$1,267 for Roswell Park Alliance for Childhood Cancer Research and Cure. Also, the faculty and staff raised over \$300 and bought several wrapped toys and gift cards for two needy Parkdale families during the holiday season.

More than 300 individuals were able to get the H1N1 vaccination prior to the holiday break during the school clinic held at Parkdale Elementary prior to the holiday break. Special thanks to Fred Thornley who worked diligently with an Erie County Health Department representative to ensure that students in our schools, as well as Immaculate, Waldorf and Montessori were able to be vaccinated.

In its quest for up to \$700 million in Federal "Race to the Top" funds, New York State sought support from school districts in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding. These memoranda are school district statements that indicate how "Race to the Top" funds would be used to improve education. I am happy to inform you that last Friday, we submitted such a MOU to the State. This document was signed by Teachers Association President, Todd Hathaway, School Board President Dan Brunson and myself. We will now wait to see if New York State is awarded funding which in turn would bring additional funding to our school district.

Former tennis great Billie Jean King once stated, "A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning." We have with us this evening eight young ladies who certainly were afraid of losing, certainly worked very hard to make sure they would not lose, and as a result, can certainly proclaim that they are the New York State Class B Championship Cross Country Team for 2009. It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce each member of our championship team: Catherine Phillips, Megan Hulton, Paige Anderson, Marta McLaughlin, Sarah Anstett, Sarah Mars, Allyssa McLaughlin, Amanda Westfall, and coaches Walt McLaughlin, Marty McLaughlin."



The 2009 East Aurora Girls' Cross Country State Champions were honored by the Board of Education in a brief reception.

Following the reception, Capital Facilities Project Manager John Watkins gave the Board an update on the project status, recommending plans to relocate servers for increased security and upgrade to the fire alarm panel.

Board President's and Board Member's Comments & Committee Reports

President Brunson asked Mr. Bodziak to schedule a tour of the recently completed project work at Middle School and discussed budget suggestions briefly. He also reported on a budget conference on Saturday, January 9 at a meeting sponsored by the Erie County School Boards Association, also attended by Mrs. Lorka, Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Bodziak and Ms. Ward. The meeting included information for districts about methods for cost cutting, use of reserve funds, spending analysis, budget communications, and a status report on NYS funding for education.

Eric Sweet thanked the many High School students present for attending and recognized another EAHS present, Kurt Knolle, who was listed with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All Region (East) and All State lists.

Jim Whitcomb, Dennis Holbrook and Kathyann Lorka also spoke about the seriousness of the budget process this year, with Mrs. Lorka encouraging fellow Board members to attend the February 9 Legislative Breakfast at the Millennium Hotel.

Stephen Zagrobelny suggested that a preliminary budget be prepared before the customary March meeting presentation, and encouraged earlier agenda items to aid the acceleration of the process, with Mr. Bodziak concurring.

MaryBeth Covert reported on a recent policy committee meeting.

Administrator's Comments

Susan DiNatale remarked that the data from the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse survey will be presented to the community on January 26 at 6 PM in the middle School library.

Mark Mambretti said that the move into renovated classrooms will take place over the February break, and also directed Board members' attention to Mrs. Seibold's student work displayed in the library with representations of American landmarks.

Reports

Mr. Blowers reviewed the November, 2009 Treasurer's Report and the November 2009 Budget Status and Revenue Reports to date.

Dr. Gibson, Dr. Hoagland, Miss Jessica Lyons and Mr. Roberts presented the 2009 Regents Exams Report.

Items for Board Discussion

Mr. Bodziak and the Board of Education discussed information provided by our financial consultants, Capital Markets Advisors, Michael Neumeister and Rick Ganci, regarding next steps when our current District Facilities Construction Project BANs come due.

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

- Re-appoint Tammy R. Romesser to the positions of Long Term Substitute Business Teacher at the High School and DECA Advisor for the 2nd Semester of the 2009-2010 school year;
- Appoint Susan M. DiVirgilio to the position of Middle School Flag Corp Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year;
- Approve unpaid leave of absence forCarolynn H. Bieler effective January 11, 2010 to February 5, 2010;
- Approve the appointment of Jamie Swiniuch as a Teacher Aide at the Middle School;
- Accept the resignation of Edward Miller, Laborer at the High School, effective January 2, 2010;
- Accept the resignation of Cheerleading Coach Heather Golembiewski, effective November 16, 2009;
- Approve the appointment of Cheerleading Coach Kelsey Hollenbeck;

- Approve the unpaid leave of absence due to a non-work related injury for Paul Gacek, Cleaner at Parkdale Elementary;
- Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of December 9, 2009 and the recommendations of the committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education;
- Approve the rate for health and welfare services for East Aurora students attending private and parochial schools in the Williamsville, Alden, Orchard Park and Lancaster school districts for the 2009-2010 school year;
- Approve of the 2009-2010 Third Trimester Continuing Community Education Program and Salary Schedule;
- Enter into a one-year contract with S.A.S. – State Aid Specialists for the purpose of reviewing and maximizing state aid to our School District at a cost not to exceed 12% of the proceeds recovered;
- Approve a change in the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar, specifically that the Second Semester will begin on Monday, February 1, 2010;
- Amend Thomas Kegler’s sabbatical leave to be effective through January 29, 2010, Amanda Buscemi’s Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher appointment to be effective through January 29, 2010, and Justine Langiewicz’s Part-Time Art Teacher appointment to be effective through January 29, 2010;
- Approve a construction change order over \$10,000 pertaining to fiber optic installation.

Next scheduled Board meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2010

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Tuesday, February 9, 2010

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, with Board President Daniel Brunson leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board entered Executive Session to discuss items related to the evaluation of the Superintendent, matters pertaining to a specific employee and litigation with Fisher-Price.

Superintendent Bodziak commented:

“On January 10th, nineteen members of the EAHS DECA Club participated in the DECA Regional Competition held at Lewiston Porter HS. I am pleased to announce that our students were very successful in this competition. Angela Regelin placed in Public Speaking – Extemporaneous, while Michael Lorca placed in Marketing Management and Sydnie O’Connel placed in Broadcast Advertising.

Michael Lorca will move on to State competition in the Marketing Management Role Play Event, while two of our teams consisting of Brianne Szopinski, Sarah Kamienowski, and Angie Regelin, as well as Nate West and John Steinwachs will compete with their respective Advertising Campaigns. The State DECA Career Competition will be held on March 10, 11 and 12 in Rochester. Congratulations and best wishes to our DECA State finalists, along with their advisor, Mrs. Tammy Romesser.

Congratulations are extended to nineteen of our Middle School students who were selected to participate in the ECMEA Junior High All-County Band, Orchestra and Chorus:

Orchestra	Band
Alana Danieu – Violin	Carl Davidson – Trumpet
Christopher Stoll – Violin	Myra Engle – Clarinet
Rosanne Carbone – Violin	Grant Haffenden – Tuba
Claire Russ – Violin	Maddy Kelchin – Xylophone
	Alternates – Jack Zagrobelny and Bobby Jones – Trombone
Chorus	
Bryanna Jagodzinski	Melanie Sage
Bryna Kelly	Allie Kasprzyk
Lorin Marmion	Eva Tapani
Miranda Henderson	Kirsten Ljungberg

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has announced the Section VI Scholar/Athlete Team Award Winner for the fall of 2009. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for this award. Congratulations go out to the following East Aurora Sports Teams:

Girls Cross Country	97.0%
Boys Cross Country	95.967%
Girls Soccer	95.110%
Girls Tennis	94.533%
Girls Swimming	94.497%
Boys Soccer	93.495%

Girls Volleyball	93.438%
Boys Volleyball	92.974%
Field Hockey	92.843%
Boys Golf	92.436%
Football	92.110%

Congratulations are also extended to one of our boys varsity soccer players, Tyler Friess, who was named as an All WNY Individual for Outstanding Sportsmanship during the Fall 2009 season.

Congratulations to the Parkdale S.M.I.L.E. Club which sponsored a spaghetti dinner to benefit the children of Haiti. The students of the S.M.I.L.E. Club, along with many adult volunteers, raised \$2,600. A very praiseworthy effort and accomplishment!

I have been informed that Sue DiNatale has been selected by the Council of New York Special Education Administrators to become a member of this organization's Board of Directors. The mission of this organization is to seek out appropriate, cost-effective, and efficient services to students with disabilities. Congratulations to Ms. DiNatale for her selection to the Board.

Congratulations go out to the cast and crew of the Parkdale production of *Aristocats* and the High School production of *Annie*. Both productions were magnificent. Kudos to the productions' directors, Ms. Dietsch at Parkdale and Mr. Cummins at the High School!

This past Friday and Saturday, East Aurora High School played host to the Division AA Wrestling Tournament. Congratulations go out to Mr. Thornley and the East Aurora Wrestling Boosters Organization for the fine effort and work in seeing to it that this tournament went on without a hitch.

Our District was made aware that retired District Custodian, John Conn, passed away on January 16th. Our collective condolences go out to the members of John's family."

Board President's and Board Member's Comments & Committee Reports

- President Dan Brunson reported on his attendance at a law conference and several committee meetings, and also reported on the ECSBA's Legislative Breakfast Saturday, February 6. Mr. Brunson also noted that he had signed bond anticipation notes this afternoon continuing our borrowing at a rate of 0.48%.
- He also reported that the comptroller sent a letter recently with a few minor corrections to the action plan. He also shared a communication regarding mental health for students.
- Kathyann Lorka reported that the Legislative Breakfast was a positive event and shared information regarding a video presented at the event, found at www.bethechange.org, advocating the retraction of a number of unfunded state mandates.
- Stephen Zagrobelny commended the cast, crew and producers of *Annie*, and MaryBeth Covert agreed, adding her commendations to the staff and students who produced the Parkdale musical, *The Aristocats*.

Administrator's Comments

- Susan DiNatale reported on good attendance at a January 26 meeting as she presented the findings of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse survey.
- Mark Mambretti commended the buildings and grounds staff on the preparations for the move to the third floor next week.

Reports

- Mr. Blowers reviewed the December, 2009 Treasurer's Report, 2009 Budget Status and Revenue Reports to date. Mr. Blowers also presented the District Recycling Program Report.
- Dr. Hoagland and Mr. Roberts presented a report on new courses added to the High School Course Offering Catalog and gave an overview of a proposed High School Math/Science/Technology Academy Program.
- Dr. Gibson presented the State-mandated Biennial Review of the District's Shared Decision Making Plan.

Items for Board Discussion

Mr. Bodziak and the Board of Education discussed a proposed retirement incentive for the East Aurora Faculty Association and East Aurora Civil Service Personnel Association Members.

Mr. Bodziak, Mr. Blowers and members of the Board of Education continued discussion related to the Preliminary Budget, specifically questions of clarification, additional requests for information and next steps in the process.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Lindsay Balikowski as Peer Mentor for the 2nd semester of the 2009-2010 school year;
- Accepted the resignation of Albert Raab as HS Mock Trial Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year;
- Appoint Katherine Kubiak as HS Mock Trial Advisor for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year;
- Appoint the following individuals to the High School 2009-2010 Musical staff: Choreographer, Michael Lambert; Costume Director, Krisanne Hailey; Orchestra Director, Paula O'Connor; Chorus Director, Paul Blackwell; Ticket Chairperson, Kelly Eckler; Art/Set Director, Nicholas Campoli, Technical Director, Nicholas Campoli;
- Approve the following interscholastic appointments, effective January 20, 2010:

Steven Potter	Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
Steve Sokolski	Varsity Baseball Coach
Jesse Hamms	Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse Coach
Tim Wade	Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach

Kim Hanavan	Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse Coach
Christine Schutrum	Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach
Cathy Haight	Junior Varsity Softball Coach
Daniel Edholm	Varsity Softball Coach
John Hycner	Boys Tennis Coach
Walter McLaughlin	Boys Varsity Track Coach
Nicholas Campoli	Boys Junior Varsity Track Coach
Marty McLaughlin	Girls Varsity Track Coach
Christopher Cummins	Girls Junior Varsity Track Coach
Paul Rakoski	Modified Head Track Coach
Christopher Koselny	Modified Assistant Track Coach

- Approved minutes of the regular Board of Education Meeting of January 13, 2010 and recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education of January 20, 2010;
- Approved the rate for health and welfare services for East Aurora students attending private and parochial schools in the Iroquois, West Seneca and Alden school districts; and,
- Approved the formation of an East Aurora Cheerleading Booster Club, pursuant to Board Policy #3240, "Parent Associations/Booster Clubs."

Next scheduled Board meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2010

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, March 10, 2010

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order and Board President Daniel Brunson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following a 6:00 PM executive session, a tour of Middle School reconstruction began at 6:30 PM.

At 7:15 PM, the public business meeting began with **Superintendent Bodziak's comments:**

"This past Friday, the faculty and staff of our school district took part in a fundraising event called "Hockey for Haiti." Teams from our three schools, along with a team made up of alumni competed against each other. The East Aurora version of the Stanley Cup was raised approximately \$6000.00 for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund. Special thanks go out to Alathia Yuhnke and Erin Jamesson for organizing this event, as well as to building organizers Ann Marie Evans (Parkdale) and Brian Hill (Middle School) for organizing the respective teams and fundraising in the respective schools.

Our district has received word that high school physical education teacher, Cathy Haight, has been named the 2010 Western Zone Secondary Teacher of the Year by the NYS Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Western Zone. Cathy will be honored at a ceremony on March 26 at Robert Wesleyan College and her name will be submitted to the State Committee for consideration as the NYS AHPERD Teacher of the Year. Congratulations go out to Cathy for this wonderful recognition of her teaching abilities and contributions to our school district and the professional organization.

Also, congratulations are in order to Parkdale Teacher Kimberly McAtee for her recent grant approval from the East Aurora Educational Foundation, benefiting the Parkdale Community Garden."

Superintendent Bodziak concluded his remarks by asking Mr. Fred Thornley to announce the details of another State Championship. Mr. Thornley announced that EAHS senior Colin Palmer was named NYS Wrestling Champ at the 186 lb. class in Albany on February 27.

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer announced that petitions for school board seats currently occupied by Kathyann Lorka and Eric Sweet are available in her office starting tomorrow morning, to be returned no later than Monday, April 19th by 5:00 PM.

Board President's and Board Member's Comments & Committee Reports

Daniel Brunson announced progress on the management of the Marie Keller Scholarship through the East Aurora Educational Foundation. The scholarship steering committee has decided that in the interim period, the interest on money earned to date will be distributed in scholarships to the class of 2010. He also reported on a meeting of the regional task force, attended with Superintendent Bodziak, about ways that school districts may budget more efficiently.

James Whitcomb congratulated Cathy Haight on her recent honor. He also remarked that he recently visited the U.S. cemetery at Normandy and reflected on the cost of freedom.

Kathyann Lorka reported that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) asked her to participate in their ad hoc dues committee, but she is unable to serve at this time.

Reports

Mr. Blowers reviewed the January, 2010 Treasurer's Report and the January, 2010 Budget Status, Revenue and Fund Balance Reports.

Mr. Bodziak outlined the various aspects of the 2010-2011 school year calendar.

Items for Board Discussion

Mr. Bodziak and Mr. Blowers presented the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget, and members of the Board of Education, along with District Administrators, discussed the details of the presentation.

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

- Appoint Pamela Joksimovic to the position of 1.0 F.T.E. Long Term Substitute Middle School Math Teacher (replacingCarolynn Bieler);
- Accept the resignation of Kristin Sturm as 4th Grade Team Leader for the 2009-2010 school year and appoint Kristi Davis to the position of 4th Grade Team Leader for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year;
- Accept the resignations for the purpose of retirement of Physical Education Teacher Joanne Poppenberg and Foreign Language Teacher Dawn Tomaski, effective July 1, 2010;
- Approve the probationary appointments of Marc Rosenberg as a Custodian at Parkdale Elementary and Anthony Scolese as a Custodian at the High School;
- Approve the following interscholastic appointment, effective March 3, 2010: Peter Odrobina, Volunteer Baseball Coach; Robert Erickson, Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach; John Hulslander, Volunteer Softball Coach;
- Approve minutes of the regular Board of Education Meeting of February 9, 2010;
- Approve recommendations of the Committees on Special and Preschool Special Education of February 5, 10 & 24, 2010;
- Approve the rate for health and welfare services for East Aurora students attending private and parochial schools in the Amherst Central School District of \$456.71 per student for the 2009-2010 school year;
- Approve of the 2010-2011 School District Calendar;
- Nominate Jerome W. Brown, Ed.D., 3884 Park Way, Ashville, NY 14710, Anita C. Ray, 274 East Berry Road, Fredonia, NY 14063, Linda Hoffman, 11805 Snyder Road, Springville, NY 14141 and Joanne T. Martin, 2534 Chapin Road, Silver Creek, NY 14136 to be included on the ballot as a Board Member Candidates to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties in an Election to be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. There are five three-year terms to expire June 30, 2013;
- Accept donations from the East Aurora Moose Lodge #370, East Aurora Women of the Moose and the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora of Student Scrapbooking/Memory Book Project materials to be used for the East Aurora High School Lifeskills Program in the amount of \$200 each, and a donation from the Mighty Taco of East Aurora of food coupons to be used as positive reinforcement for students in the East Aurora High School Lifeskills Program in the amount of \$90;
- Approve course, payroll and contractual additions to the Continuing/Community Education Spring 2010 Trimester.

Next scheduled Board meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2010

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Following an Executive Session at 6:00 PM to discuss items related to specific personnel matters related to tenure, litigation and collective bargaining, President Daniel Brunson called the meeting to order in public session at 7:00 PM in the Middle School library.

Superintendent Bodziak commented:

"We have received word that a former member of our school family passed away on March 1st. Mr. Bernie Petrusky taught science here at the Middle School for 28 years. He was buried in Pennsylvania. A memorial service for Mr. Petrusky will be held on April 17th at 10:00 AM in St. George's Church in West Falls. Our collective condolences go out to Bernie's family and relatives.

We have with us this evening East Aurora High School Senior Mr. Colin Palmer, the New York State Public School Wrestling Champion in the Division II, 186 pound category. George Patten, Jr. once said, "Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory." Colin certainly accepted all the challenges on the road to becoming a State champion and now he is experiencing the exhilaration of victory. This evening, we share his exhilaration and honor him for his achievement. I would like Colin's coach, Mr. Paul Rakoski and East Aurora Athletic Director, Mr. Fred Thornley to come up to the front of the room, with Colin so that we may make a presentation.



Colin accepted a certificate noting his achievement from Mr. Brunson, Mr. Bodziak, Coach Rakoski and Mr. Thornley.

Dr. Hoagland has received notice from the editor of *Buffalo Business First* that two of our seniors have been chosen for their 2010 All Western New York Academic Team. I would like Dr. Hoagland to announce the names of our students and give you a short description of the process used by *Buffalo Business First* to select students for recognition."

Dr. Hoagland announced that two EAHS seniors, James Sundquist and Jordan Bischof, have been chosen for *Buffalo Business First*'s 2010 All-Western New York Academic Team. *Business First* annually identifies 100 outstanding high-school seniors across Western New York. The Academic Team program is designed to spotlight students who pursue excellence both in and out of the classroom, and the nine-member selection committee selects the winners based on their records of academic achievement, school leadership and community involvement. The top 25 were named to the First Team, 25 runners-up to the Second Team and another 50 to the Special Mention list. James was named to the First Team and Jordan was named to the Special Mention team.

James and Jordan represent the top 1/2 of one percent of the seniors in Western New York High Schools (public and private) this year.

Board President's and Board Member's Comments & Committee Reports

Daniel Brunson commented on the passing of Mr. Petrusky, and related some memories of the former science teacher. Mr. Brunson also announced that the Board would meet on March 31 to adopt the budget.

James Whitcomb, MaryBeth Covert and Stephen Zagrobelny added their recollections of Mr. Petrusky.

Administrator Comments

Dr. Hoagland noted that of the 38 districts in Erie County, EAHS was tied for second place for graduation rates.

Visitor Comments

Lynn Engle, a District parent, expressed concern about cuts in the music program. Mrs. Engle's daughters echoed her comments in support of the music department.

Kevin Kot, curriculum coordinator for Career Development and Occupational Studies, commented on the proposed cuts in that department, gave a description of the curriculum by grade level, and proposed alternatives to the plan for a staff cut in that department.

Kristine Klein spoke to the Board regarding hiring procedure for a substitute position in elementary Speech/Language.

Becky Bailey, vice-president for the District's civil service union, spoke about the proposed cuts in teacher aide staffing, and announced that her union had voted positively on a measure to preserve jobs while cutting expenses.

Reports

Mr. Bodziak and Mr. Blowers presented the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget.

Items for Board Discussion

Members of the Board of Education and District Administrators discussed the 2010-2011 Preliminary School District Budget.

Members of the Board discussed the New York State Supreme Court's Stipulation and Settlement Order.

In business matters, the Board of Education voted to approve Superintendent Bodziak's recommendations to:

- Grant unpaid childcare leave of absence for Mary Kate Dvorak, effective March 15, 2010 through June 30, 2010;
- Appoint Nicole Santoro as 0.6 F.T.E. High School Foreign Language Long Term Substitute Teacher and Jessica Herraes as 0.4 F.T.E. High School Foreign Language Long Term Substitute Teachers (replacing Mary Kate Dvorak), effective January 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010;
- Approve the probationary appointment of Paul Zywiczynski as a Cleaner at Parkdale Elementary, 2nd shift;
- Approve the appointments of Sally Davis, Patricia Petrie, Margaret Reidy, Justina Semenza, Norma Weber, Paul Weber, Mary Cope, Harriett Woodworth, Margaret Zagrobelny and Catherine O'Brien as Election Clerks for the May 18, 2010 Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members;

- Approve minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of March 10, 2010;
- Approve recommendations of the Committees on Special Education of and Preschool Special Education;
- Nominate R. Thomas Hawk, 3495 Stone Quarry Road, Fredonia, NY 14063 to be included on the Ballot as a Board Member Candidate to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties in an Election to be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. There are five three-year terms to expire June 30, 2013.
- Approve the following resolutions:

- The Board of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District, pursuant to a Stipulation of Settlement and Order of the Supreme Court of Erie County, which Order settled the eminent domain litigation between the East Aurora Union free School District and Fisher Price involving the acquisition of land to permit the Parkdale expansion, hereby directs the payment to Fisher Price of the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) from the District's Liability Reserve Account, in full and final satisfaction of any and all claims arising out of the eminent domain litigation.

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District to approve the propositions to be put before the voters, as given in the following legal notice,
GIVEN, that it has been determined that the date of the Annual Vote shall be on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Main Street School, and
GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:15 PM in the Main Street School, and
GIVEN, that voting on the 2010-2011 Budget and authorizing a levy of taxes shall be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Main Street Cafeteria from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM and,

GIVEN, that election of Board of Education members shall also be conducted on May 18, 2010 at the same time and place as the above and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the following notice in the East Aurora Advertiser and East Aurora BEE on April 1, 2010, April 15, 2010, April 22, 2010 and May 4, 2010, said newspapers having general circulation in this District:

Annual Vote and Election
East Aurora Union Free School District
Towns of Aurora, Elma, Colden and Wales

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vote of the inhabitants of the East Aurora Union Free School District, Towns of Aurora, Elma, Colden, and Wales, Erie County, New York, qualified to vote in said District, will be held in the Main Street School, 430 Main Street, East Aurora, New York, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that the vote on the Annual School Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011 and the Election of Members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. D.S.T. in the cafeteria of the Main Street School, 430 Main Street, East Aurora, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting machines and absentee ballots will be used to record the vote on the budget and on the election of members of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk on each of the five business days prior to the election and that such list will also be posted at the polling place.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting on the budget shall consist of voting on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
BUDGET

Shall the following be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the East Aurora Union Free School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds are hereby appropriated, and the necessary real property taxes required shall be levied on the taxable property in said District to be collected as required by law?

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the School District Clerk, 430 Main Street, East Aurora, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010.

The following vacancies on the Board of Education are to be filled:

Term 3 years to 6/30/2013 - Last incumbent – Kathyann Lorka

Term 3 years to 6/30/2013 – Last incumbent – Eric Sweet

Each nominating petition must be directed to the District Clerk and must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) residents of the District, and must state the name and residence of each candidate. Nominating petitions may be obtained in the District Clerk's office, 430 Main Street, East Aurora, New York.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed budget may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District Business Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day, other than Saturday, Sunday or holidays beginning April 27, 2010.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that absentee ballots shall be made available in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-a of the Education Law and that applications for such absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Annual District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, or the day before such Annual District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the applicant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid Proposition No. 1 will appear on the ballot to be used at such Annual District Meeting in the following forms:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BUDGET

Shall the following be adopted to wit:

Shall the budget for the East Aurora Union Free School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$_____ be hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds be hereby appropriated, and the required real property taxes be levied on the taxable property in said District to be collected as required by law?

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: East Aurora, New York, March 24, 2009

Next scheduled Board meeting – Wednesday, March 31, 2010

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, March 31, 2010

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

Superintendent Bodziak's comments:

Mr. Bodziak requested that Middle School Principal Mark Mambretti announce a special event. Mr. Mambretti commented that the 22nd annual "Seniors in our School Day" will take place April 7 in the Middle School cafeteria, beginning at 9 AM with a breakfast, followed by student entertainment, including talent show winners.

Mr. Bodziak asked Business Manager Paul Blowers to address yesterday's news that Gov Paterson is going to delay school aid payments. Mr. Blowers said that East Aurora will be delayed in receiving about a million dollars until June. Mr. Blowers reported that the March 31 will be delayed and that there is no legal requirement for the state to pay the end-of-the state year payment. He also said that the district's cash flow will not be affected, but that he estimated that the district would lose about \$1000 in interest.

Board President's and Board Member's Comments & Committee Reports

- Stephen Zagrobelny reported on a policy committee meeting last week and some upcoming topics that the committee will address.
- MaryBeth Covert commented that the most significant upcoming piece would be a policy on the board policy manual.
- Jim Whitcomb participated in the Senior Prom at the Senior Citizens Center, hosted by EAHS Key Club. More than 100 seniors and over 30 students enjoyed the evening.

Visitor Comments

Todd Hathaway, president of the East Aurora Faculty Association: "Last Thursday, the Association ratified Contractual adjustments that help in solving the difficult economic times we are currently facing. This vote provides a fair arrangement to the students, teachers, and the community, while continuing to allow for the high quality of education we deliver in the District.

Our members are parents and taxpayers in the community too, and we wanted to be part of the solution, not the problem. This was by no means an easy vote for the teachers, and no teacher enjoys making such difficult choices, but the membership decided that these changes were the best way for the East Aurora Faculty Association to assist the community in traversing these troubled economic waters. Together we intend on continuing to maintain our high quality education, of which the quality and dedication of East Aurora teachers is a major component.

We thank the Superintendent for his willingness to bargain with us, and the School Board for its continued investment in education.”

Several visitors spoke in support of the music program, keyboarding and teacher aides, including Ryan Fiscus, Karen O'Connell, Erin Haffenden, Kaitlin and Emily Gelsinger, Greg, Anna and Claire Engle, Andy Hakes, Renee Ronan, Zoe Spindelman, Trish and Emma Bateman, Nathaniel Stoll, Susan, Holly, and Eva Tapani, Gwen Haffenden, Ana and Erica Davidson, Joseph, Katherine, Elizabeth, Grace and Mary Del Vecchio, Ernie and Heather Scheer, Karen DeSantis, Colin O'Connor, Emily Crowe, Christie O'Connell, Sue Coulter, Nina Arendt, Mary Cotton and Ben Davis.

Reports

Mr. Bodziak and Mr. Blowers presented the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget.

Items for Board Discussion

Members of the Board of Education and district administrators discussed the 2010-2011 Preliminary School District Budget.

In business matters, the Board of Education voted to approve Superintendent Bodziak's recommendation to:

- accept the resignation of Special Education Teacher Judith A. Malys for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2010.

Next scheduled Board meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2010

District Clerk Jacquelyn Wopperer



Board Of Education

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School Board meetings are generally held the second and/or fourth Wednesdays of the month at Middle School, 430 Main Street, East Aurora, at 7:00 PM. You are encouraged to verify this information by calling 687-2302.

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With the exception of the official budget notice issue that will be mailed to District residents, we have moved to website publication of *The Challenger*. Website publication saves up to \$1500.00 each issue, very important savings in these tough financial times.

It's easy to keep on top of district news. If you are registered for news alerts via email or text at our homepage (above), you will receive notice as each issue is published online. Or, you can send a request to kward@eastauroraschools.org, or simply check in at the site above to look for our fall, winter, spring and summer editions. If you lack internet access, you may request a printed copy of the website publication, and it will be mailed to your home.

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