

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Board President Daniel Brunson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other members present included Kathyann Lorca, Steven Zagrobelny, James Whitcomb and MaryBeth Covert.

Superintendent James Bodziak commented:

“Last Thursday evening, approximately 50 participants heard a panel made up of physicians, a dentist, a psychologist, a parent and two young ladies, discuss the topic concerning eating disorders. The presentations made by these individuals were both informative as well as eye opening. I want to commend Mrs. Sue DiNatale and Mr. Fred Thornley, who worked with the parent of a child with an eating disorder, to organize this presentation and bring this discussion to the forefront of awareness.

Congratulations are in order for the Parkdale students, parents and staff for conducting their annual Parkdale Has a Big Heart Fundraiser for the Variety Club. In just four days, \$350 was raised for Variety Club of Western New York. Special thanks to faculty member, Jennifer Kibler who coordinated this special activity.

At last month's Board of Education meeting, I announced that six of our music students had been selected to participate in the All County Band or Orchestra. Since our last meeting, the District has been notified that 44 more of our students have been selected for All County performing ensembles. Congratulations to the following students:

Elementary Ensembles:

Orchestra: (Ms. Nanna, Mr. Davis)

French Horns: Marguerite Webster (gr. 6), Mary Zagrobelny (gr.6)

Violins: Brynna Kelly (gr. 6), Tara Porter (gr. 6)

Elementary Chorus: (Mr. Blackwell)

Sopranos: Allison Kasprzyk (gr. 6), Helena Schmitt (gr. 5), Anna Engle (gr. 5)

Altos: Anna Cashmore (gr. 5), Riley Jeffe (gr. 5)

Orchestra Alternates: (Ms. Nanna)

Janna Smith (gr. 9) – Cello

SSA Ensemble: (Mr. Blackwell)

Sopranos: gr. 9-- Lillian Naughton, Kari Ruhl, Leah Middagh, Christina Gemerek

SATB Ensemble: (Mr. Blackwell)

Sopranos: Maria Seeber, (gr. 7), Gabrielle Kandefer (gr. 7)
Alto: Amanda Anstett, (gr. 8)

Jr. High Jazz Ensemble:

John Hasselback (gr. 9) trumpet

Jr. High Ensembles:

Band: (Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Davis)

Flute: Shelley Grostefon (gr. 9)

Oboe: Gwendolyn Haffenden (gr. 7)

Clarinets: Caroline Horvatits (gr. 7), Emma Bateman (gr. 9)

Bass Clarinet: Anne Conron (gr. 9)

Trumpets: Carl Davidson (gr. 9), Garrett Folger (gr. 9), John Hasselback (gr. 9)

Band Alternates: (Mr. Davis)

Bass Clarinet: Samantha Hirsch (gr. 8)

Percussion: Aaron King (gr. 7), Grant Vignaux (gr. 7)

Orchestra: (Ms. Nanna, Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Davis)

Clarinet: Myra Engle (gr. 9)

French Horn: Erika Davidson (gr. 7)

Violins: Lindsay Baase (gr. 7), Claire Russ (gr. 8), Christopher Stoll (gr. 9), Alana Danieau (gr. 9)

Viola: Zach Felder (gr. 9)

High School Ensembles:

HS Band:(Mrs. O'Connor)

Flute: gr. 10---Heather Tomczyk, Alternate (Jessica McMahon---gr. 10)

Oboe: gr. 12---Hannah Schuetz

Bass Clarinet: gr. 10---Grace DeSantis

Tenor Saxophone Alternate: gr. 12---Mike DeSantis

HS Orchestra:(Ms. Nanna)

Violin: gr. 12---Katie Ebersole, gr. 12---Tim Horvatits

Cello: gr. 12---Alex Weberg

HS Chorus: (Mr. Blackwell)

Soprano: Maggie Naughton (gr. 12), Caitlin Hasselback(gr. 11)

Alto: Mia Ferraina (gr. 12)

Tenor: Justin Hewitt (gr. 10)

Bass: Nicholas Cahill (gr. 10), Dan Egan (gr. 12), Charles Border (gr. 12)

Congratulations to all of these musically talented students and to their teachers, Mrs. Nanna, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. O'Connor and Mr. Davis.

Presentations:

Dr. Robert Olczak, District Superintendent of Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, provided information to the Board of Education on the District's superintendent search process.

Representatives of Harris Beach (Ms. Traci Lopardi, Mr. Jeffrey Weiss and Ms. Marnie Smith) were present to provide an overview of legal services they will provide to the District.

Following the presentations, Board members granted tenure to Mark D. Mambretti, Middle School Principal, in the area of Middle School Principal effective August 12, 2011, and noted Superintendent Bodziak's last meeting with a brief reception.

Board members' comments and committee reports:

- Daniel Brunson reported that the bond anticipation note related to the roof referendum vote had been signed at a 0.6% rate.
- Kathyann Lorka reported that Internal Auditor Robert Daigler has taken a full-time job, but is interested in retaining a professional relationship with the district on an irregular basis and will submit a proposal.
- Stephen Zagrobelny thanked Mr. Bodziak for his six years of service and praised his dedication and problem-solving abilities. MaryBeth Covert and James Whitcomb also expressed thanks for Mr. Bodziak's leadership.

Mr. Bodziak said that he has been blessed by his relationship with the Board of Education, and commended them for always doing their best for education and supporting him throughout the years.

Administrator comments:

- Dr. Hoagland reminded Board members and members of the audience that there were still tickets available for the high school musical.
- Mark Mambretti thanked the Board for their support on his tenure appointment.

Visitor comments:

- Kimberly McAtee commended Mr. Terhune for his guidance with the Middle School Drama Club
- Middle School Marching Band director Melissa Denny announced that the Band has been accepted into the Pegasus Parade, but are unable to attend due to NYS testing schedule.

Reports:

- Mr. Blowers reviewed the December, 2010 Treasurer's Report and the December, 2010 Budget Status and Revenue Reports to date.
- Dr. Hoagland presented a report on new courses and/or changes to the High School Course Catalog.
- Mr. Bodziak and Mr. Blowers provided an update on a recent meeting with officials from the Iroquois Central School District on a possible partnership with regard to transportation.
- Mr. Blowers presented a report on the 2011-2012 Buildings and Grounds Budget.

Board Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the draft Superintendent Search brochure, and members will review it individually before the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bodziak, Mr. Blowers and members of the Board of Education will continue discussion related to the Preliminary Budget, specifically anticipated 2011-2012 revenues.

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

- Appoint Lindsay B. Messoro to the position of 0.4 F.T.E. Part-Time Speech Pathologist at the High School (replacing Julie Hanavan), effective February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011;
- Appoint Jocelyn Spurduto to the position of 1.0 F.T.E. Long-Term Substitute Grades 1-6 Elementary Education Teacher at the Middle School, Grade 6 (replacing Amber Baker), effective December 7, 2010 through June 30, 2011;

- Appoint Anthony Ambrose as Middle School Drama Club Co-Advisor effective January 12, 2011;
- Approve the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Amber L. Baker, 1.0 FTE Elementary Education Teacher (Grade 6) at the Middle School effective January 31, 2011 through June 30, 2011;
- Accept the resignation of John Gauthier, Custodian at the High School effective February 12, 2011;
- Approve minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 25, 2011;
- Approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education of January 18, 2011;
- Approve the following Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the 2010-2011 school year:

Half Day Kindergarten	\$3,527.00
Full Day Grades 1-6	\$7,721.00
Full Day 7-12	\$9,043.00

- Approve the following textbooks and supplementary materials:
 English 12 AP, Dubliners, 1914, Revision 2011, James Joyce
 Elements of Language, (Editions for grades 9, 10 11 & 12), Elements of Language, 2009, Holt McDougal
 English 12, The Pillars of the Earth, 1989, Ken Follett, New American Library
 English 12, The Hobbit, 1937, J. R. R. Tolkien, Ballantine Books
 English 12, East of Eden, 2002, John Steinbeck, Penguin Putnam, Inc.
 English 10 AP prep, A Prayer for Owen Meany, 1989, John Irving, Ballantine Books
 English 10 AP prep, Oedipus Rex, 1959, Sophocles, Prestwick House, Inc/Washington Square Press
 English 10 AP prep, The Book of Lost Things, 2006, John Connolly, Washington Square Press
 English 10 AP prep, Eragon, 2002, Christopher Paolini, Laurel Leaf/Random House
 English 9, The Glass Castle, 2005, Jeannette Walls, Scribner
 English 9, Lord of the Flies, 1954, 50 Anniversary edition 10/28/03, William Golding, Perigee Trade,
 English 9, The Book Thief, 2006, Markus Zusak, Alfred A. Knopf

- Approve the following resolution:

A bond resolution, dated February 9, 2011, of the Board Of Education of the East Aurora Union Free School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), authorizing the District (i) to undertake a planned District improvement program consisting of the reconstruction of the District's high school roof at a maximum estimated cost of \$900,000, (ii) to transfer \$250,000 of funds on hand in the repair reserve fund established on June 30, 1999 (the "repair reserve fund") to the District's Capital Reserve Fund established on March 25, 2004 (the "Capital Reserve Fund"), (iii) to expend therefor \$250,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund and (iv) to issue serial bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$650,000, and delegating the power to issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the President of the Board Of Education of the District.

WHEREAS, at the special school district meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the East Aurora Union Free School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), held on January 25, 2011, a proposition (the "Proposition") was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of the District to undertake a District improvement program consisting of the reconstruction of the District's High School roof, and the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such building is used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, at a maximum estimated cost of \$900,000, and providing for the transfer of funds on hand in the Repair Reserve Fund of the District to the Capital Reserve Fund of the District in the amount of \$250,000 and providing for the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and for the levy of a tax to finance the balance of the cost of such project, such tax to be collected in annual installments, with obligations of the District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the expenditure of \$900,000 for such purpose and to provide for the financing thereof in accordance with the Proposition;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the District (by a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Board), as follows:

The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the reconstruction of the District's High School roof, substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of Mach Architecture & Engineering, P.C. that is on file with the District Clerk, such work to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required, the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such building is used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof (collectively, the "Project").

The maximum estimated cost of such class of objects or purposes is determined to be \$900,000, which expenditure for the Project is hereby authorized. The plan for the financing of the Project is by the transfer (during the fiscal year of the District ending June 30, 2011) of \$250,000 of funds on hand in the District's Repair Reserve Fund (that was established on June 30, 1999) to the District's Capital Reserve Fund (that was established on May 25, 2004), by the subsequent expenditure of \$250,000 from such Capital Reserve Fund and by the issuance of up to \$650,000 of serial bonds of the District, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is 30 years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to (i) authorizing the issuance of bond anticipation notes and (ii) prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, and any renewals of such notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The District then reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures (to the extent made after the date hereof or within 60 days prior to the date hereof) with the proceeds of the bonds authorized by Section 2 of this resolution (or with the proceeds of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds). This resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 2 hereof with such bond or note proceeds, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and such bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest of such bonds and notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (i) the amortization and redemption of any such bonds or notes to mature in such year and (ii) the payment of interest on any such bonds or notes to be due and payable in such year.

The President of the Board of Education is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

The President of the Board of Education is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds (or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds), containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in

compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

In the absence or unavailability of the President of the Board of Education of the District, the Vice President of the Board of Education is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board of Education in this resolution.

The District Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the District, or if no newspaper(s) have been so designated, then in a newspaper having general circulation in the District, which newspaper shall be designated by the Board of Education in a separate resolution. The validity of the serial bonds authorized hereby, or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such serial bonds, may be contested only if:

- (1) (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) if the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution (or a summary thereof) are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (2) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

This resolution is effective immediately and shall be placed in the official minutes of the Board of Education of the District as an official action of the Board.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:
Ayes, 5 Noes, 0 Absent, 2

- Approve separation payment for James Bodziak in the amount of \$10, 563.94; and,
- Approve retirement incentives as follows:
 - OPTION #1 - With this option, the District will pay 95% of health insurance premiums for a retiring employee for six (6) years or to age 65, whichever is less. This incentive will be a one-time incentive offered to anyone who is at least 50 years of age and has ten (10) years of service in the school district.
 - OPTION #2 - With this option, the District agrees to increase the percentage of unused sick days that a retiring employee may be compensated for to 35%.

Letters of intent to resign for retirement purposes will need to be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent by the end of the workday (4:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, March 1st.

Next regularly scheduled regular Board meeting, March 9, 2011



Members of the Board of Education:

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

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