

EAST AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Digest for Tuesday, January 25, 2011

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

Superintendent James Bodziak commented:

“Thirty-three East Aurora Middle School Band students recently participated in the Erie County Music Educators Association Solo Festivals, held at Depew High School and Orchard Park High School. The following students were selected to participate in the All County Band or Orchestra, both of which will perform this coming March: Erika Davidson – Horn, Gwendolyn Haffenden – Oboe, Samantha Hirsch – Bass Clarinet, Caroline Horvatits – Clarinet, Marguerite Webster – Horn and Mary Zagrobelny – Horn.

Bravo to these six students for their wonderful accomplishments, as well as to the other 27 East Aurora Middle School students who took part in the solo festival.

Our school district has been notified by the 100 Club of Buffalo that Middle School physical education teacher Chris Koselny and East Aurora Police Officer/School Resource Officer Joe Ferrara have been selected as recipients of the Club’s 2010 Hero Award. This award is presented to First Responders and civilians who have demonstrated an act of service that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Both Mr. Koselny and Officer Ferrara will be recognized at the 100 Club of Buffalo’s annual Hero Awards Dinner, scheduled for February 25th.”

Board members’ comments and committee reports:

- Daniel Brunson attended the ECASB Legislative Committee and delegate assembly and Hodgson Russ annual law conference. He also attended a meeting of the Curriculum and Textbook Committee about changes to the High School Language Arts program concerning grammar and literature generated by changes in the NYS’s core curriculum. The books are in the High School conference room for Board member review. He also reported on a meeting of the Audit Committee he attended with Kathyann Lorcka.

Administrator comments:

- Susan DiNatale reminded Board members of the rescheduled Eating Disorders Information Night at Parkdale Elementary School to be held in the auditorium on Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 PM.
- Dr. Gibson remarked that the ELA Common Core standard will be a topic for teachers on Superintendent’s Conference Day on January 31.
- Bill Roberts reminded Board members to buy tickets for *Seussical the Musical* at EAHS February 11-13.

Reports:

- EAHS art teacher Mr. Thomas Kegler provided a presentation on work he completed during his sabbatical leave.
- Mr. Blowers, Mrs. DiNatale, Mr. Russ, Dr. Gibson and Dr. Hoagland described various items that are requested by our District in the BOCES budget.
- Mr. Bodziak presented the proposed 2011-2012 School District Calendar.

Board Discussion

- Mr. Bodziak, Mr. Blowers and members of the Board of Education discussed Bond Anticipation Notes for 2011-2012.
- Mr. Bodziak and members of the Board of Education discussed the 2011-2012 BOCES Budget.
- The Board discussed the timeline for the superintendent search process.

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

- Approve minutes of the Special Board of Education meetings of December 22, 2010, January 5, 2011 and January 12, 2011;
- Approve the for the 2010-2011 school year rates for health and welfare services for East Aurora students attending private and parochial schools in the West Seneca Central School District of \$544.46 per student, and in the Lancaster Central School District of \$307.46 per student;
- Approve retirement Incentive/separation payments for Cheri Mincel and Lawrence Zilliox;
- Approve the following resolution:
 - *Resolved, that the Board of Education accept Brian Russ's leave of absence from his current position as the District's Director of Instructional Technology/Chief Information Officer for the period of time from February 19, 2011 until June 30, 2011, thereby extending his probationary period as the Director of Instructional Technology/Chief Information Officer from June 30, 2012 until November 11, 2012, at which time his probationary period with the District will end.*
- Approve the proposed 2011-2012 School District Calendar;
- Accept the results of the January 25, 2011 vote - High School Roof Reconstruction Project: YES – 236; NO - 18

Next regularly scheduled regular Board meeting, February 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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