

Edwards-Knox Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
January 23, 2018

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Reggie LaPoint on January 23, 2018 at the Edwards-Knox Central School Library.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Penny Allen, Lynn Coller, Jennifer Hotaling, Stacia Kroniser, Derek LaPoint, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: Ron Burke, Vern Impey, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Glenda Morales-Hanley and Brandi Graham.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the Minutes minutes of January 9, 2018.  
1/9/18

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**The Board reviewed the warrants on file in the business office, recommended for payment by the Claims Auditor and asked clarification questions regarding the payments.**

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Penny Allen to accept the Claims Claims Auditor reports dated January 10, 2018, as presented and on file in the business Auditor office.  
Reports

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the sand Russell Russell contract with the Town of Russell in the amount of \$1.00 for the 2017-2018 school year, Sand as presented and as on file in the business office.  
Contract

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Penny Allen to declare one Declare old Exergen Temporal Thermometer and 5,500 Exergen Temporal Thermometer probes Temporal as obsolete.  
Therm. &  
Probes  
Obsolete

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve a merger H-D with Hermon-DeKalb for the 2017-18 school year, for the purpose of Varsity Baseball, Merger at no expense to the district.  
Varsity  
Baseball

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to award the Award general construction contract to Continental Construction, LLC, Gouverneur, New York Contracts as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$7,275.00 and the plumbing contract to Lawman Heating & Cooling, Inc., Sackets Harbor, New York as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$61,400.00, as recommended by King & King Architects and as on file in the business office.

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**Board Discussion: Cafeteria DRAFT Budget**

Mrs. Morales-Hanley reported few changes from last years budget with a note regarding a decrease in salary expenses as the Cafeteria Manager is now a BOCES employee.

**Board Discussion: Athletic DRAFT Budget**

Mrs. Morales-Hanley also reported few changes regarding the athletic budget. It was noted that the supply expenses decreased from last year due to the new soccer goals that were purchased.

**Administrative Reports**

Ms. Hughes noted the upcoming end of the marking period and the delivery of report cards.

Mrs. Sykes commented on the current regents exams and some rescheduling needs due to the snow day.

Mrs. Morales-Hanley stated she continues to work on the budget.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 6:49 p.m. for discussion of:  
Session

- c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;
- f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
- i. CSE/CPSE
- j. to discuss matters made exempt under federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:06 p.m.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Section 75 following resolution regarding disciplinary charges:

Custodial  
Worker

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has preferred disciplinary charges against a custodial worker employed by the District, and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that disciplinary action against said employee may be warranted, and

**WHEREAS**, such employee has the right to a hearing and other rights under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law pursuant to Article XXII of the collective bargaining agreement between the Edwards-Knox Central School District and the Edwards-Knox Central School Service Employees Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby appoints Alfred T. Riccio as the hearing officer to expeditiously conduct the hearing and to prepare findings of fact and recommendations as to penalty, and to report such findings and recommendations to the Board of Education at the conclusion of the hearing, in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.
2. The Board of Education hereby suspends employee from his position pending the conclusion of the hearing. For the first thirty (30) days, or such additional period as may be authorized by law, the suspension shall be without pay.
3. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and school attorneys to make all other necessary arrangements for a hearing on the charges that were discussed in Executive Session by this Board, to be conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.
4. It is hereby directed that this hearing should move forward as expeditiously as possible.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve the Substitutes following additions to the 2017-2018 substitute lists:

Support Staff: Jacob Fenlong, Danielle McCormick  
Cafeteria and Custodial Staff: Rachel Miller

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the CSE programs recommended by the CSE for student #2403.

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the CPSE programs recommended by the CPSE for student #2647.

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

There was discussion regarding the three 72 passenger bus purchase and the 66 passenger wheelchair accessible bus purchase. The need for a new mini van was also discussed. Mr. Burke and the members of the board agreed to have two separate propositions for the May vote, one for bus purchases and one for a mini van purchase. Mrs. Morales-Hanley will begin the bonding process with Fiscal Advisors and have the propositions prepared for board vote.

Mr. Burke reported he has had contact with the Department of Health and Shirley Denesha regarding the use of the pool for swimming lessons/open swim. Upon confirmation from both DOH and Mrs. Denesha, Mr. Burke will be in contact with the requesting parties and communicate the process for the use of the building and the requirements needed for additional insurance.

Mr. Burke discussed his wish list items from Senator Patty Ritchie and Assemblywomen Addie Jenne including funding for auditorium sound system upgrades, a new plow truck, fitness stations around the walking path and library upgrades.

Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Burke if he had seen any equipment for the plow advertised through Fort Drum, it was noted that nothing had been recently advertised.

Mrs. Sykes discussed the need for a driver's education instructor, confirming that the former instructor is not currently available. Mrs. Sykes noted an interested instructor looking for a flat rate of \$8,500 regardless of the number of students participating in the class. Mrs. Sykes will be submitting the necessary paperwork to the State Education Department.

Mr. LaPoint thanked Mrs. Morales-Hanley for her work on the budget.

Ms. Hughes noted the changes occurring next week in the Pre-K and Kindergarten rooms due to the most recent maternity leaves.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the appointment of Renee Besaw as a long term substitute teacher for Angela Frisbee Besaw effective January 29, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Long-Term  
Sub

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the appointment of Teacher Assistant Kim Forsythe to a long term substitute position for Amanda Oemcke effective January 29, 2018 at the rate of pay at 80% of the current long term substitute teacher pay, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Long  
Term Sub

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Derek LaPoint to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham  
Board Clerk