

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 6, 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 February 6, 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 (6:52pm), Stacia Kroniser (6:31pm.), Derek LaPoint (6:31pm.), Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien (6:31pm), Michael White and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: Ron Burke, Glenda Morales-Hanley, Lura Hughes, Dr. Jack Zeh, Carol Zeh, Mercedes Mackin, Trevor Stott and Brandi Graham.

Public Participation: Dr. Jack Zeh spoke of his experience serving on various school boards and of his interest in running for another term on the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board. Mercedes Mackin discussed her interest as a School Psychologist Intern for the district.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the BOCES nomination of Dr. Jack Zeh of Heuvelton, New York, to fill a vacant seat on the BOE St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.
Nomination

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Michael White to approve the Minutes minutes of January 23, 2018.
1/23/18

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Absent	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Yes	R. LaPoint -Yes	O'Brien -Yes	White -Yes
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 Auditor reports dated January 24, 2018, as presented and on file in the business Auditor office.
Reports

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Treasurer's Treasurer's report of December 31, 2017, as presented and on file in the business Report office:
12/31/17

- General Fund: \$250,822.13
- General Fund Class: \$1,019,107.64
- School Lunch Checking: \$6,722.64
- Federal Fund Checking: \$326.38
- Trust & Agency Checking: \$62,953.50
- Payroll Checking: \$1,704.82
- Class Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund: \$1,185,671.53
- Class Workers Comp Reserve Fund: \$398,263.59
- Class Debt Service Fund: \$321,892.88
- Class Insurance Reserve Fund: \$37,613.63
- Class Employees Benefit Reserve Fund: \$590,841.03
- Class Unemployment Reserve Fund: \$287,722.12

Class Capital Fund: \$4,970.10
 Class Expendable Fund: \$81,204.91
 Class Non-expendable Fund: \$119,563.45
 Class Capital Money Market Fund: \$57,558.38
 Scholarship Fund NBT: \$1,228.80

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Derek LaPoint to accept the Trial Balance Report, Revenue Status Report, Budget Status Report and the Budgetary Rev. Stat. Transfer Reports dated December 31, 2017, as presented and on file in the business Budg. Stat. office.

Budg. Transfer Rpts.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Penny Allen to award the general construction contract alternates to Continental Construction, LLC, Gouverneur, New York as follows:

Contract

Alternate #1	\$7,438.00
Alternate #2	\$1,923.00
Alternate #3	\$1,129.00
Total	\$10,490.00

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

Mrs. Hotaling entered at 6:52pm.

Board Discussion: Leonard Bus Quotes

Mr. Burke discussed two different options for the 3 bus purchases and a van purchase for the 2018-2019 school budget. Concerns were noted regarding the transportation cap of 2%. Mr. Burke recommended paying cash for the van from the 2017-2018 budget avoiding the possibility of losing aid in the 2019-2020 school year if the 2% cap remains. Mrs. Morales-Hanley had two propositions prepared for board consideration, one for bonding only 3 busses and another proposition for the 3 busses and the bonding of a van.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to adopt the following resolution:
 Bus Bond

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The Edwards-Knox Central School District, as a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), having reviewed the impact of the acquisition of replacement school buses upon the environment, hereby determines that such action constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The Annual District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, will be held at the gymnasium of the District's K-12 school building, Hermon, New York on May 15, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the Notice of Annual District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in newspapers having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each in such newspapers within the seven (7)

weeks next preceding such Annual District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Annual District Meeting.

Section 4. Said Annual District Meeting shall be called by giving substantially the following notice thereof:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL VOTING,
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER AND PROPOSITION OF
EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on February 6, 2018, the annual meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at the gymnasium of the District's K-12 school building, Hermon, New York, on May 15, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance three (3) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$365,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed \$365,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such buses by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted in the amount of \$365,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$365,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Proposition will be by voting machine and will take place on May 15, 2018 gymnasium of the District's K-12 school building, Hermon, New York from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2018, and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through May 14, 2018, except on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposition set forth on the voting machine label shall appear as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase and finance three (3) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$365,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and pay for such buses by the levy of a tax in the amount of \$365,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$365,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

DATED: February 6, 2018

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Brandi Graham, District Clerk

Section 5. The vote upon the proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 6. The law firm of Trespasz & Marquardt LLP is appointed bond counsel for the obligations authorized herein.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Derek LaPoint to approve Cancel the cancellation of the second meeting in February scheduled for February 20, Second 2018. Mtg. Feb.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Michael White to approve the 2018-19 2018-2019 draft calendar, as presented. Calendar

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

Board Discussion: BOE Self Evaluation

Evaluation packets were handed out and are to be returned to the District Clerk at the March 6, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 7:08 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 -Yes
Whitmarsh -Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 7:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Michael White to approve and Resign accept the resignation of Kimberly Kernehan, with regret, from the position of Kernehan Elementary Art Teacher, effective at the close of school on February 28, 2018. Elem Art

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve a Maternity maternity leave of absence for Brittany Martin commencing on February 6, 2018 and Leave with an estimated return in April 2018.

Martin

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve Appoint long term substitute, certified teacher, Jim Buckley at a the Step 1 salary daily Buckley base rate of \$215.19 effective on the 6th day from commencement on or around Long February 14, 2018 and through mid April 2018 or as determined.

Term Sub

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve CSE approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #2537, #2535, #2606, #1571, #1803, #2540, #2267 and #2525.

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk