

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Reggie LaPoint on March 12, 2019 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, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O’Brien, Bobbie Trudeau and Michael White. Also present were: Erin Woods, Glenda Morales-Hanley, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Chris Harris, Jennifer Impey and Brandi Graham.

Good News Report:

Ms. Woods commented on the spectacular Varsity Girls’ Basketball team making it to the Final Four for the second year in a row. The first give back snow day was scheduled for March 15 to honor the girls’ team and all of the community, student and staff fans that wanted to attend the game. Mrs. Hotaling noted a large donation from Kinney Drugs including pallets of food and drinks, ongoing donations from Kinney’s are planned in the future. Superintendent Woods and both Principals discussed the upcoming state testing whereas some of the donated food and drinks could be utilized. A backpack program was also discussed. Ms. Woods noted a very nice job by the Extended Day Program students along with Nicole LaPlante for painting the bulletin boards by the elementary gym, additional items will also be posted to each of the boards as they continue to work on them. Mama Mia will be performed by our Musical group students on March 29 and March 30. There is a basketball game planned for March 28 between the NYS Troopers and our Staff, proceeds will benefit cancer and our Wellness Committee. Both elementary and high school students are participating in a S.W.A.G Program (Students With Attitude Goals), both Principals noted that the program has been well received by students. Ms. Woods also noted a Feed the Children grant that was received whereas filled backpacks were distributed to our homeless students.

Board Member Discussion:

Board members noted very good sports seasons for all athletes and coaches.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O’Brien to approve the Minutes minutes of February 18, 2019.
2/18/19

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
D. LaPoint - Absent	R. LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes
White - 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 Michael White, seconded by Penny Allen to accept the Claims Claims Auditor reports dated February 27, 2019, as presented and on file in the Auditor Business Office.
Reports

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve Treasurer’s the Treasurer’s report of January 31, 2019, as presented and on file in the Business Report Office:
1/31/19

- General Fund: \$330,571.71
- General Fund Class: \$3,709,584.97
- School Lunch Checking: \$11,869.48
- Federal Fund Checking: \$67,894.84
- Trust & Agency Checking: \$89,751.59
- Payroll Checking: \$5,704.82
- Class Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund: \$1,208,649.21
- Class Workers Comp Reserve Fund: \$405,981.73
- Class Debt Service Fund: \$328,130.96
- Class Insurance Reserve Fund: \$38,342.57

Class Employees Benefit Reserve Fund: \$602,291.11
Class Unemployment Reserve Fund: \$293,297.96
Class Capital Fund: \$686.06
Class Expendable Fund: \$82,859.62
Class Non-expendable Fund: \$121,799.58
Class Capital Money Market Fund: \$2,491.84
Scholarship Fund NBT: \$261.93

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to accept the Trial Balance Report, Revenue Status Report, Budget Status Report and the Budgetary Rev. Stat. Transfer Reports dated January 31, 2019, as presented and on file in the Business Budg. Stat. Office.
Budg. Transfer Rpts.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Penny Allen to approve the first 1st Read reading of Policy #7133 - Education of Students in Foster Care, as presented.
Policy #7133

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the first 1st Read reading of Policy #6551 - Family and Medical Leave Act, as presented.
Policy #6551

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Penny Allen to approve the 2nd Read second reading and the adoption of Policy #5741 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School & Adopt Bus Drivers, as presented.
Policy #5741

There were discussions among the board members regarding the random drug and alcohol testing.

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

Board Discussion: Bus Purchases

Mrs. Morales-Hanley discussed two options for bus purchases. The first option being the bonding of two buses and paying cash for the third smaller bus or a second option with the bonding of all three buses. Mrs. Morales-Hanley explained the savings from only bonding two buses, including savings in interest paid and the cost of bond counsel.

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

WHEREAS, the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "District"), is 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"), and

WHEREAS, the District is considering undertaking the acquisition of two (2) student transportation vehicles with all ancillary equipment at an estimated cost not to exceed \$240,000 (the "Vehicles"); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Education reviewed the impact of the Vehicles upon the environment, as required by the Regulations and concluded that the Vehicles is a Type II Action as defined in SEQRA, which requires no further review or action; and

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. 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 21, 2019 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 2. 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 3. 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 March 12, 2019, 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 21, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION I

Shall the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$240,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed \$240,000, 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 \$240,000, 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 \$240,000, 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 21, 2019 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 20, 2019, and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2019 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2019 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 20, 2019, 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 I

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase and finance two (2)

school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$240,000, 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 \$240,000, 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 \$240,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

DATED: March 12, 2019

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 - Absent	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes
White - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Plow Truck

Mrs. Morales-Hanley and Mr. Harris discussed the bidding process for a plow truck. More information and the award of the contract should be available for the April meeting.

Board Discussion: 2019/2020 Budget Draft 2

Mrs. Morales-Hanley discussed the notable changes in the 2019/2020 budget, a bullet list was distributed to the board. A final budget is anticipated for the next meeting in April. Mrs. Morales-Hanley also noted that a decision should be made at the April meeting regarding the tax cap.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Lynn Coller to adopt the BOCES following resolution:
Copier
Equip. Lease

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District desires to enter into a contract with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the purchase, acquisition and lease of copier equipment.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that such agreement is in the best financial interest of the District because it is the cost effective means for instructional copying, scanning and printing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that such agreement is an ordinary contingent expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District approves the lease of two (2) photocopier/scanner/printer machines with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES and authorizes the Superintendent to sign said contract.

Mrs. Morales-Hanley noted the new regulation stating the need for local school board approval that is required prior to the approval of the BOCES board for leasing copier equipment.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O’Brien to approve Board of the use of optic scanning machines provided by the Board of Elections for the annual Elections budget vote and board member election on May 21, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O’Brien to declare Declare approximately 50 folding chairs as obsolete and to advertise accordingly as Obsolete recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Chairs

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve Cancel the cancellation of the second Board of Education meeting in March, scheduled for 2nd March 26, 2019. Meeting

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Sub Pay following substitute pay rates to accurately reflect the minimum wage increase Rate effective January 1, 2019 and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Certified Teacher for Teacher Assistant: \$84/day
Uncertified Teacher: \$84/day

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Hotaling, seconded by Michael White to approve Dispatch the Dispatch rate of \$11.68/hour, effective January 1, 2019, as recommended by the Pay Rate Superintendent of Schools.

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

Board Discussion: BOCES Annual Meeting Registration Form
Ms. Woods noted the upcoming BOCES annual meeting and invited board members.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 7:58 p.m. for discussion of: Session

- ☐ 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 - Absent	R. LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes
White - Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to Appoint approve the appointment of Jonathan Davison, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to the probationary position of Modified Baseball Coach for the 2018/2019 school year.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to appoint Appoint Stephanie Cummings tenure by estoppel, in the area of 7-12 English, as Tenure recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective March 24, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Penny Allen to appoint Appoint Angela Fredericks tenure in the area of Elementary, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 3, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve and Resign accept the retirement resignation of Kathleen Hance, with regret, from the position of Hance Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Hotaling, seconded by Michael White to approve Extracurr. an annual extracurricular stipend to the Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk Stipend in the amount of \$2,000.00, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the CSE programs recommended by the CSE for students #2809, #2403, #2028, #2606, #1491, #1666, #2216, #2544, #1634, #1554, #1831, #2429, #1803, #2267, #2540 and #1808.

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Michael white to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk