

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017

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 March 21, 2017 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 (6:48 p.m), Reggie LaPoint, Tom O’Brien, and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: Ron Burke, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Glenda Morales-Hanley, Brandi Graham, Charla Whitmarsh and Austin Whitmarsh.

Public Participation: Charla Whitmarsh spoke regarding athletic mergers and looking for other organizations to help sponsor mergers between schools requiring fees. Mr. Burke stated Gouverneur Central School is willing to host a football merger at no cost. Further discussion will occur in May as fall merger contracts will need to be completed by then.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O’Brien to approve the Minutes minutes of March 7, 2017.
3/7/17

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Absent
Kroniser - Absent	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 Penny Allen, seconded by Lynn Coller to accept the Claims Auditor reports dated March 8, 2017, as presented and on file in the business office.
Reports

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Absent
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Mrs. Hotaling entered at 6:48 p.m.

Board Discussion: 2017-2018 Draft Budget

Mrs. Morales-Hanley reported there will be a slight increase regarding special education numbers for the April meeting. The importance of having an annual tax levy was discussed by Mr. Burke. It was also stated that Fiscal Advisors were here last week noting areas that will produce additional aid from the State Education Department.

Board Discussion: After Grad

After discussion among present board members, it was decided that decisions regarding the After Grad Committee will be decided among the After Grad Committee members.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Penny Allen to award the Award general construction contract to Continental Construction, LLC, Gouverneur, New York Contracts as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$71,016.00 and the plumbing contract to Norwood Plumbing, Inc., Norwood, New York as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$101,550.00, as recommended by King & King Architects and as on file in the business office.

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION REGARDING
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the
SEQR State Environmental Quality Review as required for the 2017-2018 Capital Outlay
2017-18 Project, as presented and on file in the business office.
Capital
Outlay

WHEREAS, the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the “District”) Board of Education has considered the impacts to the environment of following Scope of Work to be completed as part of a capital outlay project:

Upgrades to the District’s domestic water system, a continuation of the gymnasium window replacement, and installation of built-in casework

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR part 617.5(c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

- 1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
- 2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
- 3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
- 4. The capital outlay project at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 is approved, subject to voter authorization to be paid by budgetary appropriation.
- 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O’Brien, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve
Credit Glenda Morales-Hanley and Angela Gollinger as authorized contacts for the
Card Edwards-Knox Central School small business credit card through Bank of America.
Contact
Auth.

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the
1st Read first reading of Policy #5683 - Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus
Policy Emergency Drills, as presented.
#5683

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O’Brien, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the
1st Read the first reading of Policy #7270 - Rights of Non-Custodial Parents, as presented.
Policy
#7270

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: BOCES BOE Candidate

Mr. Burke stated that the Board of Education from the Gouverneur Central School District has nominated Mrs. Nancy Cappellino as a candidate for re-election for her seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.

Board Discussion: BOCES Annual Meeting

Mr. Burke noted the BOCES Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Board Discussion: Commissioner MaryEllen Elia Dinner

Mr. Burke discussed the dinner held in Watertown on April 10, 2017 with Commissioner MaryEllen Elia and invited interested board members and administrative staff.

The Superintendent, Principals, and Business Manager gave their reports.

Ms. Hughes discussed the need for rescheduling due to the last two snow days. Ms. Hughes also discussed the upcoming TWEETER presentation, the Pre-K Grandparent’s breakfast scheduled for the early dismissal day in April, an upcoming OCP performance and the annual petting zoo scheduled in Mr. Gault’s room. NYS ELA testing beginning next week was also discussed.

Mr. Burke commented on the state tests discussing changes including shorter tests, the allowance for more time and noted that the questions were written by teacher’s.

Mrs. Sykes discussed this month as being Youth Art Month and the plan to have a color wheel photo in the gym including all students and any faculty and staff that want to participate. Mrs. Sykes also discussed the upcoming musical, the Model OAS and Speech and Debate trips. Also discussed was a change with the incoming 7th grade students whereas additional support will be provided in both the ELA and Math classrooms, placing two teacher’s in each classroom. Another change planned for the upcoming school year will be to keep 7th and 8th grade students within the same math class and wait until the completion of 9th grade for determination of accelerated math classes. Also planned for next school year is a change for the 12:1:1 classroom, students will be moving from class to class versus remaining in one classroom.

Ms. Hughes noted an elementary teacher opening due to the 4th grade retirement resignation.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O’Brien to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 8:37 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
- ☐ h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.
- ☐ j. to discuss matters made exempt under federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:56 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to appoint Appoint tenure to Lura Hughes as Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent of Tenure Schools, effective September 1, 2017.

Hughes

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O’Brien, seconded by Penny Allen to approve the Substitutes following additions to the 2016-2017 substitute lists:

Support Staff: Kerry Pearl

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Allen - Yes	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Hotaling - Yes
Kroniser - Absent	LaPoint - Yes	O’Brien - Yes	White - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk