Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education Regular Meeting April 9, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Reggie LaPoint on April 9, 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, Derek LaPoint, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien, Bobbie Trudeau and Michael White_. Also present were: Erin Woods, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Chris Harris, Glenda Morales-Hanley and Brandi Graham.

King & King Design Presentation:

Phil Squadrito from King & King Architects presented the plans for the Capital Project. A submission to the State Education Department is planned for the end of May with bidding to begin in late fall to early winter.

Good News Report:

Ms. Woods announced a successful first day of the NYS computer based testing in grades 5-8 today. Students and staff adjusted very well to the rescheduled tests due to last weeks programmatic faults. Ms. Woods noted that she anticipates the district will meet the required participation rate for the NYS testing. Other good news included a fantastic Musical performance, a very successful swim benefit for a local family which raised \$646.00, the annual FFA petting zoo on Thursday and another successful blood drive hosted by our National Honor Society.

Board Member Discussion Items:

Brief conversations were had regarding teacher contact information through the school website and insurance requirements for outside groups.

Custom Board Retreat Brochure:

Ms. Woods noted a request through a comment on a board self evaluation document looking for board team building opportunities and additional support for new members.

Online Training:

Ms. Woods discussed various online training options.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Michael White to approve the Minutes minutes of March 12, 2019, as corrected. 3/12/19

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

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 Tom O'Brien to accept the Claims Auditor reports dated March 14, 2019 and March 27, 2019, as presented and on Auditor file in the Business Office.

Reports

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Penny Allen, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve the Treasurer's Treasurer's report of February 28, 2019, as presented and on file in the Business Report Office:

Report 2/28/19

General Fund: \$345,123.94

General Fund Class: \$3,123,449.38 School Lunch Checking: \$12,489.23 Federal Fund Checking: \$65,879.62 Trust & Agency Checking: \$107,934.17

Payroll Checking: \$5,704.82

Class Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund: \$1,210,758.85

Class Workers Comp Reserve Fund: \$406,690.36

Class Debt Service Fund: \$328,703.72 Class Insurance Reserve Fund: \$38,409.47

Class Employees Benefit Reserve Fund: \$603,342.38 Class Unemployment Reserve Fund: \$293,809.90

Class Capital Fund: \$686.20

Class Expendable Fund: \$83,004.23 Class Non-expendable Fund: \$122,012.19 Class Capital Money Market Fund: \$2,496.22

Scholarship Fund NBT: \$261.93

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to accept the Trial Bal Trial Balance Report, Revenue Status Report, Budget Status Report and the Budgetary Rev. Stat. Transfer Reports dated February 28, 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 - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Motion Carried

The Board reviewed the extracurricular quarterly report on file in the district office and asked clarification questions regarding payments.

Discussion: 2019-2020 Final Budget

Mrs. Morales-Hanley discussed the proposed 2019-2020 final budget noting that the cash purchase of one (1) bus will be saving the district \$3,000 for the required bond counsel. Also noted was the proposed 1.5% tax increase and the 2.54% tax cap. Mrs. Kroniser thanked Mrs. Morales-Hanley for her work on the budget and noted the efforts of all staff keeping expenses low where possible. Also noted was the forward thinking of building maintenance and the Zonar equipment in the bus garage that helps with the upkeep of the buses.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Derek LaPoint to adopt the Adopt 2019-2020 school district budget in the amount of \$16,111,022.00, as presented. 2019-20

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Hotaling, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Property 2019-2020 property tax report card, as presented.

Tax Rpt.

Card

Budget

Mrs. Morales-Hanley stated that the district is financially in good shape. The report card will be submitted to the state as required and a news release will be sent to the Watertown Times, also as required.

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

Discussion: Plow Truck Contract

Mrs. Morales-Hanley discussed the four bids with the lowest coming in at just over \$37k from Van Bortel Ford, Inc. Mr. Harris noted that Van Bortel also had the shortest time-line for completion of the truck build, stating the truck should be done by August 2, 2019. Mr. Harris discussed his plan for keeping straight salt in the new truck while maintaining sand in the current truck, increased icy winters were noted.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Tom O'Brien to award the plow Award truck contract to Van Bortel Ford, Inc., as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of Contract \$37,085.01 for a 2019 Ford F-350, as on file in the Business Office. Plow Truck

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

Discussion: Substitute Pay Rates

Ms. Woods discussed the current substitute rates and noted the value of retired certified teacher substitutes. It was discussed that rates will be reviewed and proposals will be brought to the annual reorganization meeting.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Penny Allen to approve the SEQR State Environmental Quality Review as required for the 2019-2020 Capital Outlay Project, as presented and on file in the business office.

Capital Outlay

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed work consisting of the following Scope of Work to be completed:

Replacement of carpet in the library and study, as well as upgrades to the auditorium flooring and finishes.

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. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Michael White to award the Award following fuel bids for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of schools:

Bids

Diesel Fuel to Adirondack Energy Products at a fixed price of \$2.349/gal. Fuel Oil to MX Petroleum at a fixed price of \$2.348/gal.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Penny Allen to approve
Unused the following unused snow days, whereas no other emergency closings are needed
Snow prior to the dates of: May 24, 2019 and June 26, 2019. Should an emergency
Days occur, give back dates will be used in reverse order.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the following certified election inspectors as required by the Board of Elections for the Election May 21, 2019 annual meeting: Marjorie Davis, Dawn Mullaney and Shammie Inspect. Robinson. Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes O'Brien - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes Trudeau - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried** RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the transportation of students to Little River Community School for the 2019-2020 Student Transp. school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Little River Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes Trudeau - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried** RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve 2nd Read the second reading and the adoption of Policy #7133 - Education of Students in & Adopt Foster Care, as presented. Policy #7133 Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Trudeau - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried** RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve 2nd Read the second reading and the adoption of Policy #6551 - Family and Medical Leave & Adopt Act, as presented. **Policy** #6551 Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Trudeau - Yes **Motion Carried** White - Yes RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the Drivers Education salary of \$7,850.00 for the 2018-2019 school year, as Drivers Ed Salary recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. 2018-19 Kroniser - Yes Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Trudeau - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried Board Discussion: Conversations & Connections Dinner** Ms. Woods discussed the Conversations and Connections dinner event being held at Clarkson. RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Penny Allen to accept the highest sealed bid from Cheryl LaPlant for fifty (50) folding metal chairs, as Sealed advertised and at an amount of \$30.00. Bid Chairs Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Trudeau - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried** Mr. Harris stated he received a fuel tank quote of \$12k for a 1,000 gallon tank, as requested by the board. RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Derek LaPoint to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 8:02 p.m. for discussion of:

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

Session

g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and

i. CSE/CPSE

i. to discuss matters made exempt under federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

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

The Board reentered regular session at 8:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve Lori

Brewer and Patty Taylor as Co-Coaches for Varsity Softball for the 2018-2019 Varsity Softball school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Co-Coach

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Michael White to approve and accept the resignation of Dorna Hathaway, with regret, from the position of Resign

Hathaway Part Time Bus Monitor, effective at the close of business on March 20, 2019. **Bus Monitor**

> Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Trudeau - Yes

Motion Carried White - Yes

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve

the appointment of Rebeca Butler, upon the recommendation of the Appoint

Butler Superintendent of Schools, to the probationary permanent part time position of

Bus School Bus Monitor, at a rate of \$15.16/hr, effective March 25, 2019.

Monitor

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to approve

Appoint Buckley Long

long term substitute, certified teacher, James Buckley at a the Step 1 salary daily base rate of \$218.69 effective on the 6th day from commencement on March 20,

2019 and through April 2, 2019, or as determined.

Term Sub

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Michael White to approve the following additions to the 2018-2019 substitute lists: Substitute

Teacher/Support Staff: Courtney Trudeau

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Derek LaPoint to approve Appoint the appointment of Milton Bessette, as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the

Bessette 2018-2019 school year, pending coaching certification and upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Vol.

Coach

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hotaling - Yes Kroniser - Yes R. LaPoint - Yes D. LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - No Trudeau - Yes White - Yes **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #1487, #1751, #1583, #1672, CSE #1579, #2034, #2415, #2231, #1896, #2226, #2001, #1756, #1957, #2071, #1404,

#1582, #1951, #1714, #2525, #2383 and #2823.

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

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve CPSE the programs recommended by the CPSE for student #2749.

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

<u>ADJOURN</u>: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Penny Allen to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham Board Clerk