Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education Regular Meeting April 18, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Reggie LaPoint on April 18, 2016 at the Edwards-Knox Central School Library.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Christopher Averill, Rick Brewer, Lynn Coller, Stacia Kroniser, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien, Randy VanBrocklin (8:21 p.m.) and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: George Merritt, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Rebecca Phillips (7:19 p.m.), Brandi Graham and employees of the Edwards-Knox Central School District.

The Board of Education members examined the warrants reviewed and recommended for payment by the Claims Auditor.

Public Participation: Cheryl LaPlant and Sherry White presented information regarding the CSE office.

<u>RESOLUTION</u>: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the Minutes minutes of April 5, 2015.

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Averill - YesBrewer - YesLaPoint - YesO'Brien - YesWhitmarsh - Yes

Coller - Yes Thomas - Absent Kroniser - Yes VanBrocklin - Absent 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.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Chris Averill, seconded by Rick Brewer to accept the Claims Claims Auditor reports dated April 6, 2016, as presented and on file in the business office. Auditor

Reports

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Understanding the BOCES Admin Budget

Mr. Merritt answered clarifying questions regarding the BOCES budget.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to cast one BOCES vote for the adoption of the 2016-2017 Administrative Budget for the Board of Admin. Cooperative Education Services.

Budget

LaPoint - Yes O'Brien - Yes Thomas - Absent VanBrocklin - Absen Whitmarsh - Yes Motion Carried		Brewer - Yes O'Brien - Yes	Coller - Yes Thomas - Absent	Kroniser - Yes VanBrocklin - Absen Motion Carried
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<u>RESOLUTION</u>: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Chris Averill to cast one vote BOCES for Roger M. Bennett, as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Board Seat

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to cast one vote BOCES for Michael J. Davis, as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Board Seat

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Rick Brewer, seconded by Chris Averill to cast one vote for BOCES Shelli Prespare-Weston, as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Board Seat

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Absent
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Budget Increase Explanation

Mr. Merritt clarified many aspects of the budget including salaries, staff increases and staff development. Mr. Merritt also reviewed the need for the one time funding of the capital outlay project of \$100,000 whereas \$94,000 will be recovered through state aid leaving the district responsible for the remaining \$6,000 each year. Other increases include BOCES software due to Smart Schools and training expenses for a new part-time contractual Chief Information Officer previously provided through NERIC. Mr. Merritt also discussed paying for two new school busses out of the reserve account saving on finance costs, this recommendation coming from the State Comptroller's Office regarding the over funding of reserves. Mrs. Phillips noted the need to budget for contingencies.

<u>RESOLUTION</u>: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 7:57 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).

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 9:35 p.m.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to adopt the Adopt 2016-2017 district budget in the amount of \$14,784,496.00. 2016-17

Budget

Averill - Opposed	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom Whitmarsh to approveEKSEAthe MOA between the Edwards-Knox Service Employees Association and the Edwards-MOAKnox Central School District dated April 7, 2016, as presented and on file in the District
Office.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

<u>RESOLUTION</u>: A motion was made by Reggie Lapoint, seconded by Chris Averill to approve the 2016-2017 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Calendar

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to approveNom.the nominating petitions of Robert Tresidder, Penny Allen, Michael White, JenniferPetitionsHotaling and Derek LaPoint for the three available Board of Education Seats. The seats
are for a five year term beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2021.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the paper Absentee absentee ballot for the May 17, 2016 school election, as presented. Ballot

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to approve the Unused following unused snow days, whereas no other emergency closings are needed prior to Snow the dates of: May 2, 2016, May 27, 2016 and June 23, 2016. Should an emergency

Days occur, give back dates will be used in reverse order.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Chris Averill to declare 777 library Declare books as obsolete, as presented, and to allow for the removal from the library. Obsolete

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Tri-County Consortium

Mr. Merritt noted there will be a presentation at the next meeting.

Board Discussion: Wellness Policy

Mr. Merritt discussed the inconsistencies between the board policy and the current wellness policy concerning the vending machine operating times. Staff agreed with the need to change the access time from 2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. The policy will be updated to reflect the change in time concerning the vending machine.

Board Discussion: Biomass Savings Report

Mr. Merritt reported that the boiler was shut down for the season yesterday, April 17, 2016.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Chris Averill to approve a Canton merger with the Canton School District for the 2016-2017 school year, for the purpose Merger of Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity football, at no expense to the District. Football

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom Whitmarsh to approve Canton a merger with the Canton School District for the 2016-2017 school year, for the purpose Merger of Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity winter track, at no expense to the District. Winter Track

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve a Canton merger with the Canton School District for the 2016-2017 school year, for the purpose Merger of Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity spring track, at no expense to the District.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

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

Ms. Hughes reported being involved with the 3-8 testing and stated that due to no time limits for students essays were lengthy and could require additional scorers for future testing. Ms. Hughes also reported that many teachers are taking advantage of after school professional development to increase math skills earning a grant funded stipend. Ms. Hughes noted the following upcoming events: Ogdensburg Command Performance for K-3 students, a petting zoo hosted by Mr. Gault's class, an afternoon elementary awards ceremony and a dental visit from Dr. Day.

Mrs. Sykes noted that the 8th grade visited Southwest Tech and the Junior's recently visited the Ogdensburg Hospital. Mrs. Sykes also stated that May 23rd will be Cougar Day with a late arrival and a planned BBQ. Board of Education members were invited to attend and help serve.

Mr. Merritt discussed a request that was received regarding an out of district student attending E-K. This request will be discussed further after a written request is received.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Substitutes following additions to the 2015-2016 substitutes list:

Teacher/Teacher Assistant: Lindsey McCormick Bus Driver: Frederick Finley

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Chris Averill to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #1582, #1957, #1756, #1951, #1896, #2325, #2383, #1646, #1757, #1784, #2577, #1714 and #1736.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

<u>ADJOURN</u>: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Chris Averill to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,