

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.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the Minutes minutes of April 5, 2015.  
4/5/15

Averill - Yes	Brewer - Yes	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Absent	VanBrocklin - 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 Chris Averill, seconded by Rick Brewer to accept the Claims Auditor reports dated April 6, 2016, as presented and on file in the business office.  
Claims 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.

RESOLUTION: 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

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Chris Averill to cast one BOCES vote for Roger M. Bennett, 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

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to cast one vote 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

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Rick Brewer, seconded by Chris Averill to cast one vote for 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.

**RESOLUTION:** 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.

**RESOLUTION:** 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 approve EKSEA the MOA between the Edwards-Knox Service Employees Association and the Edwards-Knox MOA 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

**RESOLUTION:** 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 approve the nominating petitions of Robert Tresidder, Penny Allen, Michael White, Jennifer Hotaling 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

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the paper 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 following unused snow days, whereas no other emergency closings are needed prior to the dates of: May 2, 2016, May 27, 2016 and June 23, 2016. Should an emergency occur, give back dates will be used in reverse order.

Unused Snow Days

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 declare 777 library books as obsolete, as presented, and to allow for the removal from the library.

Declare 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.

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

Canton Merger Football

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

