

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Penny Allen on October 10, 2023 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, Jennifer Benson-Baxter, Jamie Gibson, Malissa Hale, Craig Kirkpatrick, Heidi Stalker, Roger Tresidder and John Zeh. Also present were: Erin Woods, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Shawn DeLorme and Brandi Graham.

Administrative Reports:

Ms. Woods expressed her gratitude to the Edwards and Russell Volunteer Fire Departments and the Town of Edwards for the water supply for their help filling the school swimming pool after recent repairs. Other items of discussion included the evacuation drill last week, meetings scheduled to review federal funds and grants, the November 14th board retreat and the well attended Homecoming event.

Ms. Hughes noted that five week progress reports will be distributed this week.

Mr. DeLorme discussed the continued need for more bus drivers and an upcoming meeting regarding electric buses.

Board Member Discussion Items:

Items discussed included heating and student homework.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Roger Tresidder, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve the Minutes minutes of September 12, 2023.

9/12/23

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - 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 Malissa Hale, seconded by John Zeh to accept the Claims Claims Auditor reports dated September 20, 2023 and October 4, 2023, as presented Auditor and on file in the Business Office.

Reports

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to accept the Rev. Stat. Revenue Status Report, Budget Status Report and the Budgetary Transfer Reports Budg. Stat. dated July 31, 2023, August 31, 2023 and September 30, 2023, as presented and as Budg. Xfer on file in the Business Office.

Rpts.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by John Zeh, seconded by Craig Kirkpatrick to accept the Accept audit of June 30, 2023, as presented by Bowers & Company CPA's, PLLC. and as on Audit file in the district office.

6/30/22

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Heidi Stalker to approve the 2022/23 Professional Development Plan for the 2023/2024 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Heidi Stalker, seconded by Jennifer Benson-Baxter to Harrisville approve a merger with Harrisville Central School District for the 2023-2024 school year, for the purpose of Cheer, at all levels, at no expense to the district.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Roger Tresidder to accept the following donations and to amend the budget as needed;

1. \$25.00/Music Department
2. \$25.00/Music Department
3. \$100.00/Music Department
4. \$10.00/Music Department
5. \$100.00/Music Department
6. \$100.00/Music Department
7. \$25.00/Music Department

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by John Zeh, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve the 2023/2024 APPR Plan as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jamie Gibson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Edwards-Knox Central School District and the Edwards-Knox Central School Teachers' Association, to include certified School Social Workers as certified instructional personnel, effective with the July 1, 2022 through July 30, 2025 E-KTA Contract, as presented and as on file in the District Office.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Roger Tresidder, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve the following resolution authorizing partial settlement of the vaping litigation by Altria-Partial Settlement

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$3,892; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Heidi Stalker, seconded by Jamie Gibson to approve the Water Bid purchase of water from the Town of Edwards in the amount of \$.04 per gallon for Town of the purpose of filling the Edwards-Knox Central School swimming pool. Edwards

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jennifer Benson-Baxter Award to approve and award the contract for the 2023/2024 Capital Outlay Project, Bid submitted by the lowest qualified bidder, as follows: Cap. Outlay Project

Mechanical Contract: Award of contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; Watertown, New York in the following amount:

Base Bid	<u>\$79,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$79,000.00</u>

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Rural Schools Association Winter Conference

Ms. Woods noted that the winter conference is scheduled in Saratoga Springs on November 30th and December 1st.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jamie Gibson, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve Resign and accept the resignation of Jessey Gates from the position of School Registered Gates Nurse, effective October 10, 2023.
RN

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Benson-Baxter, seconded by Heidi Stalker to Retire approve and accept the retirement resignation of Hope Gault from the position of Gault Food Service Helper, with regret, effective April 5, 2024.
Café

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve Appoint the appointment of Sarah Knowlton, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent Knowlton of Schools, to the probationary Permanent Part Time Position of School Bus Monitor, Bus at a prorated salary of \$13,091.00, effective September 12, 2023.
Monitor

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Benson-Baxter, Heidi Stalker seconded by to 2023/24 appoint Sherry White - Temporary Non-Tenured School Psychologist as a Lead APPR Evaluator for the 2023-2024 school year.
Evaluator

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Jamie Gibson to appoint Appoint Kristina Manchester as the Foster Care Point of Contact, as recommended by the Manchester Superintendent of Schools, effective October 11, 2023.
Foster
Care POC

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Heidi Stalker, seconded by Jennifer Benson-Baxter to Appoint appoint Tricia Storie-Yaeger and Samantha Deleel as the McKinney-Vento Liaisons, Yaeger as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective for the 2023/2024 Deleel school year.
McKinney-
Vento

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jennifer Benson-Baxter Appoint to approve the appointment of Patricia Matthews and Laurie White, upon the Matthews recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, as Girls' Modified Basketball White Assistant Coaches, effective for the 2023/2024 school year.
Asst. Bball
Coach

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Benson-Baxter, seconded by Heidi Stalker to Appoint approve the appointment of Shawn DeLorme, upon the recommendation of the DeLorme Superintendent of Schools, as Boys' Modified Basketball Assistant Coach, effective Asst. Bball for the 2023/2024 school year.
Coach

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve Fiacco the leave of absence of Miranda Fiacco on or around October 20 2023 with an Leave anticipated return date on or around January 2, 2024, or as determined, all of which Absence falls under FMLA.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer Benson-Baxter, seconded by John Zeh to Substitutes approve the following additions to the 2023-2024 substitute lists:

Teacher/Support Staff: Priscilla Darling, Erin Tulip, Tammy Mackin (pending fingerprint clearance)

Registered Nurse: Sabrina Whitford, Laura Seaver, Brandy Kelley

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve CSE the programs recommended by the CSE for students #2875, #3173, #3181, #3177, #2429, #1896, #1806, #1912, #2031, #2216, #3116, #3115, #3046, #3174, #3186, #3192 and #2874.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Heidi Stalker to declare 65 Obsolete student chair/desk combinations and to advertise on Auctions International, as is and Student as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
Desk/
Chairs

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

Ms. Woods noted the upcoming School Board Appreciation Week and thanked the members of the board for their invaluable service the district.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by John Zeh, seconded by Malissa to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Allen - Yes	Benson-Baxter - Yes	Gibson - Yes	Hale - Yes
Kirkpatrick - Yes	Lottie - Absent	Stalker - Yes	Tresidder - Yes
Zeh - Yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk