Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education Regular Meeting November 13, 2018

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Reggie LaPoint on November 13, 2018 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, Amanda Tresidder, Diane Durham and Brandi Graham.

Extended Day Presentation:

Diane Durham and Amanda Tresidder presented numerous Extended Day activities that have been done in the past year along with some activities that been planned for this year. The Board thanked both presenters for their dedication to the program and appreciates the continued efforts needed to maintain the grant funding to retain the program here at E-K.

Good News Report:

10/30/18

Ms. Woods reported that the Talent Show was a success and it was fantastic to see all of the talent here in the Edwards-Knox community. Also noted was the clothing drive which brought many people in from numerous communities that were able to benefit from the many clothing items collected and set up by our Student Government students. Ms. Woods also commented on the staff development opportunities within our building today, it was great to see high school and elementary staff intermingled within classrooms. Ms. Woods thanked all of the board members for coming out for the final Capital Project vote tally on October 30, it was great to have everyone there for the announcement that the vote passed!

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Michael White to approve the Minutes minutes of October 9, 2018 and October 30, 2018. 10/09/18

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 Lynn Coller, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to accept the Claims Auditor reports dated October 10, 2018 and October 24, 2018, as presented and Auditor on 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

Chris Harris was introduced as the Head Building Maintenance Worker candidate. Mr. Harris stated he is very excited to begin working here at E-K and that he brings a lot of experience and knowledge with him also stating that he will take advantage of any training opportunities he can.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Jennifer Hotaling to accept the Edwards Town of Edwards Sand Contract for the 2018-2019 winter season, as presented and on Sand file in the Business Office.

Contract

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 Tom O'Brien to accept the Budget 2019-2020 budget calendar, as presented.

Calendar 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 Derek LaPoint, seconded by Lynn Coller to declare 340

Declare library books, as obsolete.

Obsolete Library Books

#7223

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

Ms. Woods noted that the obsolete books will be offered to staff and students and any that are not taken will be donated to the Potsdam Library. The Potsdam Library often holds books for us upon our request.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to amend the August 7, 2018 resolution declaring former dishware from the Edwards School District as obsolete donating to the Edwards Alumni Association to read as follows; Declare to declare former dishware from the Edwards School District as obsolete and to advertise Dishware said dishware as free to the public.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Tom O'Brien to accept the Accept audit of June 30, 2018, as presented by Pinto, Mucinski, Hooper, VanHouse & Co. and Audit as on file in the district office.

06/30/18

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 Jennifer Hotaling, Pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, certify that the foregoing list of unpaid school taxes of 13 pages compares with the original tax role and is found to be correct. The total due the district, including interest and unpaid returned check fees is \$171,617.15, excluding any State Wild Land or State Reforestation taxes.

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 Penny Allen to approve the first 1st Read reading of Policy #7223 - Class Rank, as presented. Policy

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 Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Michael White to approve the 1st Read first reading of Policy #7220 - Graduation Option/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs, Policy as presented.
#7220

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 Jennifer Hotaling to approve the bond resolution of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York, adopted November 13, 2018, authorizing a capital improvement project at a cost not to exceed \$4,300,000.00 and the issuance and sale of serial bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,3000,000.00.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "District"), at the special District meeting duly called and held on October 30, 2018, did vote and adopt propositions authorizing a capital improvement project consisting of

construction, renovation and improvements to the District's K-12 school building, including building interior upgrades, building envelope improvements, mechanical system upgrades and security improvements, associated site improvements, furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural and legal fees, interest during construction and all other costs incidental to such work (collectively referred to herein as the "Project") at a maximum cost of \$4,300,000, the levy of a tax in the amount of \$4,300,000, which tax may be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law and in anticipation of such tax, the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,300,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "District"), is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Education reviewed the impact of the Project upon the environment, as required by the Regulations, and concluded by resolution adopted on July 10, 2018 that the Project is a Type II Action as defined in SEQRA and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA because the Project involves "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" (Section 617.5(c)(1) and the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site" (Section 617.5(c)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON NOVEMBER 13, 2018, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, (by favorable vote of not less than two thirds of all members of said board of education) AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1**. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, the District is hereby authorized to accomplish the Project and purchase such furnishings, fixtures, equipment, machinery and apparatus as may be required for the purposes for which the Project is to be used and to expend therefor an amount, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to financing thereof, not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$4,300,000; and the said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The estimated total cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$4,300,000 and the plan of financing includes the use of any available State aid and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District in the amount of \$4,300,000 to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source.
- **Section 2**. Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including renewals thereof, of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 to finance said appropriation for the Project.
 - **Section 3**. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:
- (a) Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years pursuant to Section 11 of the Local Finance Law;
- (b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution; and
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this

resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

- **Section 5**. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The bonds may be issued such that annual principal and interest payments will be substantially similar or declining as provided by law. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.
- **Section 6**. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds may be contested only if:
- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.
- **Section 7**. The power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.
- **Section 8**. Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the Project.
- **Section 9**. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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

Discussion: Extracurricular Salaries

Ms. Woods noted a recent conversation with the Teachers' Union President, Jennifer Impey regarding the extracurricular salaries for the FFA and Speech & Debate Advisors. It was stated that the advisors for both groups should submit time sheets to the Business Office for work performed, also noted was that neither groups were looking for retroactive payment. Both Ms. Woods and Mrs. Impey had also discussed the contract language concerning 5th and 6th grade basketball and agreed that the current language should be removed from the contract. Extracurricular salaries will be looked at during contract negotiations.

Discussion: 2nd Annual E-KCS Economic Symposium

Ms. Woods discussed the event that Sean McGrath and Jessica Friot will have for students on December 7, 2018. Both Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Friot extended an invitation to all board members, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Coller both stated that they would like to attend.

Discussion: Head Building Maintenance Worker Transition

Ms. Woods stated she would like to pay Mr. Daniels at a per diem rate as needed after retirement, shutting down the biomass was an example of one of the days Mr. Daniels may be

asked to work. Ms. Woods noted Mr. Daniels agreed to help out whenever possible. Ms. Woods also stated that the Capital Project is a couple of years out which would give the new Head Building Maintenance Worker more time to become familiar with the building. Mrs. Hotaling asked questions regarding the access of manuals to equipment, Ms. Woods stated she would check with Mr. Daniels and place an order if any are needed.

Discussion: Staff Development Day 11/13/18

Ms. Woods stated is was a great productive day.

Administrative Reports

Ms. Woods noted the principal reports added to the agenda items stating Mrs. Sykes and Ms. Hughes have been doing great things for our students.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 7:43 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;
- □ i. CSE/CPSE
- j. to discuss matters made exempt under federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

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

The Board reentered regular session at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve Supt. the Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Instrument, as presented. Eval.

Instrument

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 Tom O'Brien, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Appoint appointment of Christopher Harris, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to the probationary position of Head Building Maintenance Worker, at a prorated salary of \$58,000.00, effective November 19, 2018.

Maint.

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 Derek LaPoint, seconded by Penny Allen to approve the Appoint appointment of Tracey Burke to the position of Girls' Modified Basketball Coach for Burke the 2018-2019 school year.

Mod.

Girls' Bball

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 Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the S. McGrath two week leave of absence of Sean McGrath on or around March 28, 2019 and a Leave ten week leave of absence at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, all of Absence which falls under FMLA.

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 Tom O'Brien to approve the Vol. following as volunteer coaches for the 2018-2019 school year:

Coach

Volunteer Coach: Andy Wood, Shawn Typhair

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to appoint Appoint Kristin Willman as the Music Director for the 2018-2019 school year. Willman Music Director

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

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Derek LaPoint to appoint Appoint Caleb Fuller as the Choreographer for the 2018-2019 school year. Fuller Choreo.

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

President LaPoint stated that Mr. Fuller seems to be a very good employee, he is very active within the school district.

<u>RESOLUTION:</u> A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Michael White to approve Substitutes the following additions to the 2018- 2018 substitute lists:

Bus Driver: Moira Shippee

Bus Monitor: Moira Shippee, Mary Solon, Joni Tresidder

Lifeguards: Spencer Thomas, Leeann Gotham, Cheyenne Ouellette

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 Lynn Coller, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve the CSE programs recommended by the CSE for students #2817, #1653, #1735, #2031, #1504, #1636, #2220, #2216, #2634, #2820, #1942, #1597, #2542 and #2682.

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

Mrs. Hotaling asked for an update of the Boys' Swim Team, Ms. Woods stated practices began last week with 3 boys currently participating.

<u>ADJOURN</u>: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham Board Clerk