

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penny Allen on March 23, 2021 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, Stacia Kroniser (via zoom), Ashley LaPoint , Derek LaPoint, Tom O’Brien, Bobbie Trudeau, Jennifer White and Michael White. Also present were: Erin Woods, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Glenda Morales-Hanley, Chris Harris and Brandi Graham.

Public Participation: None

Administrative Reports:

Ms. Woods stated how nice is it to have PK-12 students in the building again. Ms. Woods also discussed a presentation that she and Jennifer Hotaling were invited to at Morristown Central School with Senator Gillibrand. The presentation was regarding Community Schools, both E-K and Massena School Districts were highlighted for their Community Schools Programs. It was noted that the presentation was informative for Clifton-Fine, Hammond and Morristown schools as each are eligible for a Community Schools grant. Mrs. Hotaling is planning on a report to the Board regarding our Community Schools Program and food pantry at the next meeting. Ms. Woods also noted the current Comptroller’s Audit, June regents and the possibility of making changes to the give back snow days.

Mrs. Sykes discussed 3-8 testing, regents exams in June, prom planning and the early stages of planning an outside graduation ceremony.

Ms. Hughes noted the excitement of the return of the Pre-K and Kindergarten students full time and expressed her appreciation of the PK and Kindergarten teachers and teacher assistants for their work preparing for the return of students. Also discussed was the 3-8 testing.

Mr. Harris discussed the Capital Outlay project, Phase II of the Capital Project and pixellot unit for basketball games.

Mrs. Morales-Hanley reported to the board that someone from the Comptroller’s office will be contacting each individual board member regarding the audit. Also noted was funding from ConnectEd NY that is providing hotspots for economically disadvantaged school districts, a Letter of Intent and application will be submitted in hopes of receiving some of the funding.

Board Member Discussion Items:

Board Member Ashley LaPoint referenced the latest On Board publication from NYSSBA highlighting District Clerks. Board members offered their appreciation of Mrs. Graham for her continued work, the mastery of multi-tasking and the constant challenges of remote meetings.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Bobbie Trudeau to approve Minutes the minutes of March 2, 2021.
3/2/21

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O’Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - 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 Derek LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to accept the Claims Auditor Reports dated March 17, 2020, as presented and on file in the Business Office.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Michael White to accept the Rev. Stat. Revenue Status Report, Budget Status Report and the Budgetary Transfer Reports Budg. Stat. dated February 28, 2021, as presented and as on file in the Business Office.

Budg. Xfer. Rpts.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ashley LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the Treasurer's corrected Treasurer's report of January 31, 2021, as presented and as on file in the Business Office:

Report 1/31/21

School Lunch Fund: \$18,023.61

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Jennifer White to approve the Treasurer's report of February 28, 2021, as presented and on file in the Business Office:

Report 2/28/21

General Fund: \$11,033.08
 General Fund Class: \$3,785,526.26
 School Lunch Checking: \$5,786.39
 Federal Fund Checking: \$4,978.44
 Trust & Agency Checking: \$260,787.25
 Trust & Agency - HRA FSA: \$4,228.05
 Payroll Checking: \$5,554.58
 Class Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund: \$1,413,070.86
 Class Workers Comp Reserve Fund: \$450,912.45
 Class Debt Service Fund: \$336,140.58
 Class Insurance Reserve Fund: \$39,278.61
 Class Employees Benefit Reserve Fund: \$616,992.76
 Class Unemployment Reserve Fund: \$270,449.21
 Class Capital Fund: \$12,574.11
 Class Expendable Fund: \$104,387.96
 Class Non-expendable Fund: \$124,772.42
 Class Capital Money Market Fund: \$1,068,312.17
 Scholarship Fund NBT: \$11.93

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Ashley LaPoint to approve the 2nd Read second reading and the adoption of Policy #5633 - Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy & Adopt Bathrooms, as presented.

Policy #5633

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Trudeau, seconded by Tom O’Brien to approve the 2nd Read second reading and the adoption of Policy #3421 - Title IX Sex Discrimination, as & Adopt presented.
Policy
#3421

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O’Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Jennifer White to approve SEQR the State Environmental Quality Review as required for the 2021-2022 Capital Outlay 2021-22 Project, as presented and as 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 proposed work, including, but not limited to the follow:

Interior and exterior renovations to the District’s bus garage

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.

Dated: March 23, 2021

Board Clerk
Edwards-Knox Central School District

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O’Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ashley LaPoint, seconded by Derek LaPoint to approve the Pandemic Pandemic Response Plan, as presented and as on file in the District Office.
Response
Plan

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O’Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: 2021/2022 Draft Budget

Mrs. Morales-Hanley reviewed the draft budget materials that were sent to board members during the last Friday update. A final budget is planned to be presented at the next meeting scheduled for April 13, 2021.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Michael White to approve the Substitutes following addition to the 2020-2021 substitute lists:

Teacher/Support Staff: Emily Trudeau

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Abstain	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer White, seconded by Ashley LaPoint to approve the Substitutes following addition to the 2020-2021 substitute lists:

Support Staff: Skyler Sanford (pending fingerprints)

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Clerk of the Works Stipend

Ms. Woods discussed the stipend recommendation for the Clerk of the Works, following similar stipends of past projects.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve an additional stipend of \$2,500 for Christopher Harris as the Clerk of the Works, effective from May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021 for the purpose of the 2021 Capital Outlay Project and an additional \$65/hr for the purpose of the completion of the Capital Project for work that can not be completed during regular work hours.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jennifer White, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the appointment of Trent White, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to the probationary position of Assistant Boys' Modified Basketball Coach for the 2020/2021 school year.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Ashley LaPoint to approve the appointment of Trent White, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to the probationary position of Assistant Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2020/2021 school year.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Derek LaPoint, seconded by Michael White to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #1831, #2267, #2383, #1808, #2443, #2443, #1672, #2034, #2415, #1751, #1404, #1582, #1646 and #1583.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ashley LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 7:07 p.m. for discussion of:
Session

- d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- 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).

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 7:23 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Michael White to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Allen - Yes	Kroniser - Yes	A. LaPoint - Yes	D. LaPoint - Yes
O'Brien - Yes	Trudeau - Yes	Wells - Absent	J. White - Yes
M. White - Yes			Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk