

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Randy VanBrocklin on May 10, 2016 at the Edwards-Knox Central School Library.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Lynn Coller, Stacia Kroniser, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien, Joseph Thomas, Randy VanBrocklin and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: George Merritt, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Rebecca Phillips, John Daniels, Brandi Graham, Edwards-Knox staff, Dominic D'Imperio of the Inter Municipal Legal Services and community members.

Public Participation: Dominic D'Imperio from the Ferrara Law Firm spoke to the board regarding the Solar Consortium. Various employees spoke including: Jewel Carlin regarding her concerns with time clock in the transportation department, Melissa Brown regarding her continued concerns with the elimination of a second nurse and the relocation of the nurses' office, Steve Sullivan spoke about his concerns regarding the contract and four hours plus or minus ½ hour, Brittany Moore addressed her concerns with her lifeguard certification expiring, Tanya Truesdell thanked the board for the continuance of her current position for the upcoming school year and Robert "Robin" Tresidder asked for clarification regarding write-in candidates.

Discussion of Board Member Issues: Concerns were discussed regarding bleacher handles, marks on the floor of the main gymnasium and an electrical outlet covered with duct tape. Mr. Merritt reported that the bleacher handle concern was corrected yesterday.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the Minutes minutes of April 18, 2016.

4/18/16

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to approve the Treasurer's Treasurer's report of February 29, 2016 as presented and on file in the business Report business office:

2/29/16

General Fund: \$428,338.11
General Fund Chase: \$1,520,619.38
School Lunch Checking: \$5,422.72
Federal Fund Checking: \$15,114.83
Trust & Agency Checking: \$84,373.32
Payroll Checking: \$1,117.36
Chase Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund - \$1,177,958.42
Chase Workers Comp Reserve Fund - \$395,675.12
Chase Debt Service Fund - \$319,800.71
Chase Insurance Reserve Fund - \$37,369.17
Chase Employees Benefit Reserve Fund - \$587,000.90
Chase Unemployment Reserve Fund - \$285,852.05
Chase Capital Fund - \$185,536.09
Chase Expendable Fund - \$75,697.47
Chase Non-expendable Fund - \$118,459.20
Chase Capital Money Market - \$740,997.39
Scholarship Fund NBT - \$125.00

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Joseph Thomas to approve Treasurer's Report 3/31/16 the Treasurer's report of March 31, 2016 as presented and on file in the business office:

General Fund: \$642,523.82
General Fund Chase: \$2,990,507.69
School Lunch Checking: \$10,377.94
Federal Fund Checking: \$14,107.27
Trust & Agency Checking: \$95,608.90
Payroll Checking: \$1,117.36
Chase Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund - \$1,178,020.11
Chase Workers Comp Reserve Fund - \$395,693.54
Chase Debt Service Fund - \$319,815.60
Chase Insurance Reserve Fund - \$37,370.91
Chase Employees Benefit Reserve Fund - \$587,028.23
Chase Unemployment Reserve Fund - \$285,865.36
Chase Capital Fund - \$123,967.30
Chase Expendable Fund - \$75,700.99
Chase Non-expendable Fund - \$118,464.72
Chase Capital Money Market - \$739,391.86
Scholarship Fund NBT - \$125.00

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to accept the Claims Auditor Reports Claims Auditor reports dated April 20, 2016 and May 04, 2016, as presented and on file in the business office.

Averill - Absent	Brewer - Absent	Coller - Yes	Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes	O'Brien - Yes	Thomas - Yes	VanBrocklin - Yes
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.

Board Discussion: Inter-Municipal Legal Services

Dominic D'Imperio of the Ferrara Law Firm reported the following information regarding the Inter-Municipal Legal Services: currently serving 12 component districts, service offers general counsel, a flat rate without an increase for 3 years and an average turnaround time of 24 hours.

Board Discussion: Fire Inspection Report

Mr. Merritt reported that the fire inspection report was uploaded to the State Education Department, noting the two corrections were rectified. The certificate of occupancy was printed.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the Election Inspect. following certified election inspectors as required by the Board of Elections for the May 17, 2016 annual meeting: Marjorie Davis of Edwards, Dawn Mullaney of Edwards and Doris Smith of Russell.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the Destroy Ballots destruction of the paper ballots from the May 19, 2015 annual school district election.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Joseph Thomas to approve Canton Merger Cross-Country a merger with Canton Central School for the 2016-2017 school year, for the purpose of Cross-Country, at no expense to the district.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the DSS Form Department of Social Services Student Interview Request Form as created by the Ferrara Law Firm.

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

Board Discussion: Foster Parents

Mr. Merritt discussed a student discipline issue causing the need to contact a foster parent and the Department of Social Services (DSS). It was reported that DSS should be first contact with the second contact being the foster parent. Also noted, foster parents do not have the authority to sign any paperwork regarding the foster child. Mr. Merritt stated that additional information will be provided from DSS.

Board Discussion: LAP School Designation

Mrs. Sykes stated the school district has been designated as a LAP School (Local Assistance Plan). Designation is determined by the last three years of testing results. Mrs. Sykes stated that the number of students that don't test and the student dropout rate plays a large factor in test results. Mrs. Sykes stated that a possible plan to decrease the dropout rate could be to offer Alternative Education at the Southwest Technical Center to include 9th grade in hopes of student retention. Mrs. Sykes stated she is open to suggestions.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the 2015-2015-16 2016 Professional Development Plan as required and on file in the District Office. Prof. Dev. Plan

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve three Non Resident non-resident students to enroll in the Edwards-Knox Central School District for the 2016-2017 school year, at parental request on file in the District Office.

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

Board Discussion: Upcoming TRS Audit

Mr. Merritt reported that the Teacher Retirement System audit will occur on July 18, 2016 lasting one to two days.

RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the SEQR State Environmental Quality Review as required for the 2016-2017 capital outlay project, as presented and on file in the business office.

WHEREAS, the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "District") Board of Education has considered the impacts to the environment of following Scope of Work to be completed:

Replacement of windows and lockers at the District's schools.

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.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 9:36 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).

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

The Board reentered regular session at 11:21 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Tom Whitmarsh to approve Resign and accept the resignation of Lois Rader from the position of Teacher, effective Rader July 1, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Lynn Coller to appoint Appoint Lynn Church, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a long-Church term substitute to the position of a part-time cleaner working 19 ½ hours per week Cleaner effective May 11, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Tom O'Brien to appoint Appoint Amanda Tresidder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to Tresidder the position of Chief Information Officer/Data Systems Coordinator, at a 12 month, CIO .5 management confidential position and at the contractual salary of \$22,000, effective July 1, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Joseph Thomas to appoint
Appoint tenure to Megan Hewlett in the area of Biology, as recommended by the
Tenure Superintendent of Schools, effective September 6, 2016.
Hewlett

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to appoint
Appoint tenure to Stephen Szczepanski in the area of Physical Education, as
Tenure recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 6, 2016.
Szczepanski

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom Whitmarsh to appoint
Appoint tenure to Cheryl Doyle in the area of Music, as recommended by the
Tenure Superintendent of Schools, effective September 6, 2016.
Doyle

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to appoint tenure
Appoint to Amy Sykes as Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools,
Tenure effective September 6, 2016.
Sykes

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to appoint
Appoint tenure to Jessica Friot in the area of Social Studies, as recommended by
Tenure the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 6, 2016.
Friot

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to appoint
Appoint tenure to Pamela Stevens in the area of N-6 Education, as recommended by the
Tenure Superintendent of Schools, effective September 6, 2016.
Stevens

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Joseph Thomas to
CSE approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #1581, #1320,
#1755, #1713, #2254, #2253, #2006, #2042 and #1414.

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the
CPSE programs recommended by the CPSE for student #2571.

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

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

Mrs. Sykes reported the following upcoming events: NHS Induction Ceremony, Spring Concerts, SouthWest Technical Honors, Prom, 8th Grade Science test and the upcoming Regents testing. Mrs. Sykes also noted the Business Teacher opening and looked to the board for suggestions. Mrs. Sykes stated there has been a parent request of a 7th grade student wishing to skip 8th grade and move directly to 9th grade. Mrs. Sykes also stated her concern regarding students graduating early causing changes in student rank, Mrs. Sykes noted she will look into this process.

Ms. Hughes reported that the K-6 award ceremony went very well with a great turnout. Ms. Hughes also noted that Mrs. Daniels has done a very nice job with the reading area in the library. Thompson Zoo Park presented Birds of Prey for elementary students on Friday, Ms. Hughes reported that this was a very affordable and educational presentation. Ms. Hughes reported the upcoming delayed start on May 23rd with Cougar Day in the afternoon. Ms. Hughes also noted Kindergarten screening is next week and several elementary teachers will be traveling to Lockport for iPad and Chromebook training.

Mr. Merritt stated his concern with the baseball field drainage system and noted that Jeff Ramano from Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture will be on site next week. Mr. Merritt noted his concern with the low student interest in modified volleyball and modified soccer, Mr. Merritt stated he would like to retain both teams. Mr. Rob White will be looking into this for a possible solution. Mr. Merritt stated a meeting will need to be scheduled to finalize construction bids for Phase 2A of the construction project. Board Members agreed and noted that an unscheduled meeting will be set for May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Mrs. Phillips reported on the changes to the STAR rebate, anyone who purchases a new building will pay the full amount up-front with a full rebate after the purchase. The change will not impact current tax payers. Mrs. Phillips reported that more information will be coming.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Tom O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk