

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Penny Allen on September 12, 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, Glenda-Morales Hanley, Shawn DeLorme and Brandi Graham.

Administrative Reports:

Ms. Woods reported enrollment numbers with 28 new elementary students and 12 new high school students so far this year. Total enrollment is up from last year with 560 students. Ms. Woods also discussed the successful Back to School Bash and a very positive start to the school year. The NYSSBA board retreat was also discussed, November 14th at Mullins Restaurant was the consensus among the board members.

Mrs. Morales-Hanley noted the wrap up the audit, the audit committee will meeting with the auditors prior to the October 10 meeting, virtually. Discussion of ARP and CRRSA funds will be discussed at the next meeting, noting an overview of spending so far. Mrs. Morales-Hanley also noted the wood chip bid coming in at the same cost as last year.

Mrs. Sykes reported that Homecoming is planned for September 30th with soccer games, a movie, bonfire and food.

Mr. DeLorme discussed the bus driver shortage. Also noted was a new hire and a retired bus driver that has offered to substitute, both anticipated to be approved at this meeting.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve the Minutes minutes of August 8, 2023.

8/8/23

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 Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Roger Tresidder to accept Claims the Claims Auditor reports dated August 9, 2023, August 23, 2023 and September 6, Auditor 2023, as presented and as 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 John Zeh, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve the second Final Read and final reading of Policy #6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, as presented.

Policy #6121

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 John Zeh to accept the Fire 2023 Fire Inspection Report, as presented and as on file in the District Office.
Inspect.
Rpt 2023

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 Malissa Hale to approve and Social Media Litigation authorize litigation against social media companies as follows;

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- "calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;"
- emphasized that "now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;"
- "the onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;" and
- "technology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- "Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media almost constantly."
- "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;"
- "in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;"
- "social media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;"
- "in a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel 'addicted' to a social media platform;"
- "over half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;" and
- there is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use "depression among youth."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "more than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media" and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media."

WHEREAS, the Edwards-Knox Central School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate

relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Adopted this 12th day of September 2023

District Clerk, Board of Education Representative

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 award Award Bid Wood Chips the bid contract for wood chips for the 2023-2024 school year to Baillie Lumber Company out of Boonville, NY in the amount of \$59.00 per green ton, as presented and as on file in the Business 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 Jennifer Benson-Baxter, seconded by Roger Tresidder to Declare Obsolete Items declare the following items as obsolete, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools;

- 2010 Yamaha HWPW-VC Digital Piano
- Grade 1 Student Workbooks
- 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan
- Four Studded Firestone Tires

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 Malissa Hale to accept the following Donations donations and to amend the budget as needed;

- \$25.00/Music Department
- \$200.00/Music Department
- \$50.00/Music Department
- \$30.00/Music Department
- \$200.00/Back to School Event
- \$100.00/Back to School Event

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 approve the Supt. Eval. Tool 2023-2024 Superintendent Evaluation tool, as presented.

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

Board Discussion: Annual Area 6 Dinner Meeting

Ms. Woods invited board members to the Annual Area 6 Dinner Meeting being held in Malone on October 5th.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Heidi Stalker to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 6:17 p.m. for discussion of: Session

- 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;
Discussion of Civil Service title changes of two particular employees

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

The Board reentered regular session at 6:36 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve Resign Hill and accept the resignation of William Hill from the position of School Bus Driver, with regret, effective August 31, 2023.

Bus Driver

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 appoint Greg Jenne as a long term substitute, certified teacher, effective September 5, 2023 and through the 2023/2024 school year at a Step 15 per diem base rate of \$311.44, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Long Term Sub

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 Becky Salego as a long term substitute, certified teacher, effective September 5, 2023 and through the 2023/2024 school year at a Step 15 per diem base rate of \$311.44, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Long Term Sub

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 appoint Tina Weidner as a long term retired bus driver substitute, effective September 11, 2023 and through September 29, 2023 at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Long Term Sub

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 Jennifer Benson-Baxter to Brecheisen approve the appointment of Jonathon Brecheisen to a permanent Full Time Bus Driver, F-T at a prorated salary of \$25,961.00, effective September 13, 2023, pending certification, Bus Drvr. 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 Jennifer Benson-Baxter, seconded by Craig Kirkpatrick to Appoint Extracurr. 2023/24 approve the appointment of the following Extracurricular positions for the 2023/2024 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2023/24

- Modified Cheer Coach/Anisa Hotaling
- Musical Choreographer/Angela Frisbee

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 Heidi Stalker to approve the Substitutes following additions to the 2023-2024 substitute lists:

- Teacher/Support Staff: Mackenzie Harris
- Bus Monitor: Sarah Knowlton, Cheryl LaPlant
- Bus Driver: Miranda Wignall
- Cafeteria: Sarah Knowlton, Danielle Gates

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 Jennifer Benson-Baxter to approve the provisional title change for Shawn DeLorme from Senior Bus Driver to Transportation Supervisor-Competitive, effective September 13, 2023, 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 John Zeh, seconded by Craig Kirkpatrick to approve the title change for Angela Gollinger from Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk-Competitive, effective September 13, 2023, 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 Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for student #2887.

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by John Zeh to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 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