

Edwards-Knox Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Penny Allen on April 18, 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, Lynn Coller, Malissa Hale, Craig Kirkpatrick, Krista Krull-Goss and Roger Tresidder. Also present were: Erin Woods, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Chris Harris, Shawn DeLorme, Glenda Morales-Hanley and Brandi Graham.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Craig Kirkpatrick to enter into Enter Exec. executive session at 6:02 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; **To discuss a Section 75 hearing concerning a specific employee and the release of a certified teacher**

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hale - Yes	Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes	Lottie - Absent	O'Brien - Absent	Tresidder - Yes
			Motion Carried

Mr. Harris, Mr. DeLorme and Mrs. Morales-Hanley were excused.

The Board reentered regular session at 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Harris, Mr. DeLorme and Mrs. Morales-Hanley reentered the meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Ms. Woods discussed committee meeting dates with board committee members. Names of board candidate petitions were also noted.

Mrs. Sykes and Ms. Hughes briefly discussed upcoming state testing.

Mr. Harris discussed the progress of the current capital outlay project, the upcoming outlay project concerning the biomass system and the start of mowing season.

Mr. DeLorme discussed some upgrade options for the new school buses. It was noted that if a comparable trade in value as received last year from the old buses, the upgrades could be purchased with those funds.

Mrs. Morales-Hanley discussed the property tax report card and the tax cap of 2.98%. Discussion was had among board members concerning different options for the tax levy, noting that the last several years there has been a 0% tax increase to tax payers. Concerns regarding the ARP and CRSSA federal funding grants ending in 2023 and 2024 were discussed, noting the need for a slight tax increase. Mrs. Morales-Hanley also discussed the RFP received from Bowers & Company CPAs.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to approve the Minutes minutes of April 4, 2023.
4/4/23

Allen - Yes	Coller - Yes	Hale - Yes	Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes	Lottie - Absent	O'Brien - Absent	Tresidder - 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 Roger Tresidder to accept the Claims Auditor Reports dated April 6, 2023, as presented and on file in the Business Office.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to approve Treasurer's the Treasurer's report of January 31, 2023, as presented and as on file in the Business Office:
Reports 1/31/23

General Fund: \$336,253.68
General Fund Class: \$3,636,643.53
School Lunch Checking: \$19,264.67
Federal Fund Checking: \$48,039.90
Trust & Agency Checking: \$264,136.92
Trust \$ Agency - HRA FSA: \$1,077.27
Payroll Checking: \$7,948.87
Class Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund: \$2,230,510.48
Class Workers Comp Reserve Fund: \$332,112.72
Class Debt Service Fund: \$298,079.78
Class Insurance Reserve Fund: \$447,353.28
Class Employees Benefit Reserve Fund: \$628,378.26
Class Unemployment Reserve Fund: \$275,440.17
Class Capital Fund: \$11,149.41
Class Expendable Fund: \$98,934.85
Class Non-expendable Fund: \$127,074.98
Class Capital Money Market Fund: \$483,859.43
Scholarship Fund NBT: \$61.93
Scholarship Fund Albern: \$949.95

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Malissa Hale to cast one BOCES 2023-24 Admin Budget vote for the adoption of the 2023-2024 Administrative Budget for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$9,311,566, as presented.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Roger Tresidder to cast one BOCES Board Seats vote for three (3) of the following candidates as members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, as indicated with an "X".

Todd E. Bates (Gouverneur CSD) X
Michael G. Miller (Madrid-Waddington CSD) X
Kevin Wells (Canton CSD) X

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

Board Discussion: 2023/2024 School Budget and Tax Report Card

Mrs. Morales-Hanley noted the overall budget of \$16,979,842 for the 2023/2024 school year and that there were no changes from the previous shared draft budget. Board members agreed on a 1% tax increase to district residents, keeping well below the 2.98% tax cap.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to adopt the Edwards-Knox Central School District 2023/2024 budget in the amount of \$16,979,842.00, as presented.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve the 2023-24 2023/2024 Property Tax Report Card, as presented.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

Board Discussion: Federal Funding

Mrs. Morales-Hanley noted that the CRRSA grant funds that are used for facilities funding comes to a close in September 2023, the larger ARP grant funds that focus on learning and learning loss close in September 2024 and the smaller ARP state reserve funds that are used for instructional summer school and after-school programs end September 2024.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to approve the following unused snow day, whereas no other emergency closings are needed prior to the date of: May 26, 2023.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Lynn Coller to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has preferred disciplinary charges against an employee as discussed in executive session; and

WHEREAS, it appears that disciplinary action against said employee may be warranted, and

WHEREAS, such employee has the right to a hearing and other rights under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law,

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board hereby appoints Alfred T. Riccio as the hearing officer to expeditiously conduct the hearing and to prepare findings of fact and recommendations as to penalty, and to report such findings and recommendations to the Board at the conclusion of the hearing, in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the School District's counsel to make all other necessary arrangements for a hearing on the charges that were discussed in Executive Session by this Board, to be conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

4. It is hereby directed that this hearing should move forward as expeditiously as possible.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Roger Tresidder, seconded by Malissa Hale to approve Resign and accept the resignation of Brittany Brady, from the position of Food Service Helper, effective May 5, 2023.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to approve Cert. approve following resolution:

Teacher Release

Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board approves of an Agreement and General Release with a certified teacher, effective June 23, 2023.

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to appoint Kara McCurdy as Co-Advisor for the National Junior Honor Society, effective for the 2022/2023 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NJHS

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Lynn Coller to appoint Rochelle Bullock as Co-Advisor for the National Junior Honor Society, effective for the 2022/2023 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NJHS

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Malissa Hale, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve Substitutes approve following additions to the 2022-2023 substitute lists:

Teacher/Support Staff: Brad LaPoint
Lifeguard: Kadein Kelley

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Craig Kirkpatrick, seconded by Krista Krull-Goss to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #2383 and #2418.

CSE

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Roger Tresidder to approve and accept the audit proposal bid received from Bowers & Company CPAs PLLC for the 2022/2023 school year and through the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and as on file in the Business Office.

Bowers & Company

Allen - Yes Coller - Yes Hale - Yes Kirkpatrick - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes Lottie - Absent O'Brien - Absent Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Lynn Coller, seconded by Malissa Hale to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Allen - Yes
Krull-Goss - Yes

Coller - Yes
Lottie - Absent

Hale - Yes
O'Brien - Absent

Kirkpatrick - Yes
Tresidder - Yes
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Graham
Board Clerk