The Regular meeting of the Edwards-Knox Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Randy VanBrocklin on March 24, 2015, at the Edwards-Knox Central School Library.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board of Education present were: Christopher Averill, Rick Brewer, Stacia Kroniser, Reggie LaPoint, Tom O'Brien, Joseph Thomas, Randy VanBrocklin and Tom Whitmarsh. Also present were: Sue Kelly, Kay Amo, Becki Phillips, Amy Sykes, Lura Hughes, Keith Weston, and four district employees.

Public Participation: Mrs. Diane Rice was present to discuss bus garage concerns. She noted that there are drivers who are not performing pre-trip and post-trip inspections. These are safety factors that are being ignored and are serious safety issues. She implored the school board members to offer support to the management in the bus garage to address these issues.

Mrs. Mandy Tresidder questioned the budget in regards to page 8 - Occupational Education. She felt there was a large discrepancy was large in nature and didn’t appear to be correct. Mrs. Phillips indicated that this is a draft and she will closely examine this area to discover if there is an error. Mrs. Phillips will investigate this and get back to the board.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to enter into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for discussion of:

- 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;

Averill - Yes Brewer - Yes Coller - Absent Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes O’Brien - Yes Thomas - Yes VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes

Motion Carried

The Board reentered regular session at 8:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015.

Averill - Yes Brewer - Yes Coller - Absent 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.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to approve the Claims Auditor reports dated March 11, 2015, as presented and on file in the Business Office.

Averill - Yes Brewer - Yes Coller - Absent 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 approve the Treasurer’s report of January 31, 2015 as presented and on file in the business office:

General Fund: $206,452.05
General Fund Chase: $1,685,104.89
School Lunch Checking: $13,238.41
Federal Fund Checking: $26,314.87
Trust & Agency Checking: $103,623.93
Payroll Checking: $1,131.10
Chase Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund - $1,177,386.95
Chase Workers Comp Reserve Fund - $395,613.10
Chase Debt Service Fund - $319,750.57
Chase Insurance Reserve Fund - $37,363.34
Chase Employees Benefit Reserve Fund - $586,908.89
Chase Unemployment Reserve Fund - $285,807.23
Chase Capital Fund - $1,516.22
Chase Capital M/M - $7,019,374.79
Chase Expendable Fund - $75,685.64
Chase Non-expendable Fund - $118,440.64
Scholarship Fund NBT - $0.00

Averill - Yes Brewer - Yes Coller - Absent Kroniser - Yes
LaPoint - Yes O’Brien - Yes Thomas - Yes VanBrocklin - Yes
Whitmarsh - Yes

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Tom Whitmarsh, seconded by Chris Averill BE IT
Bus RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Proposition

Section 1. The Edwards-Knox Central School District, as 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"), having
reviewed the impact of the acquisition of replacement school buses upon the environment,
hereby determines that such action constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations
and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The Annual District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Edwards-Knox Central
School District, will be held at the gymnasium of the District’s K-12 school building, Russell,
New York on May 19, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose
of voting on the propositions described in the Notice of Annual District Meeting hereinafter
set forth.

Section 3. The business to be acted upon at said Annual District Meeting shall be as
stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to
cause the Notice of said Annual District Meeting to be published in newspapers having
a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times each
in such newspapers within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Annual District
Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said
Annual District Meeting.

Section 4. Said Annual District Meeting shall be called by giving substantially the
following notice thereof:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL VOTING,
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER AND PROPOSITION OF
EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board
of Education of the District on March 24, 2015, the annual meeting of the qualified voters
of said School District will be held at the gymnasium of the District’s K-12 school building,
Russell, New York, on May 19, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the
purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION
Shall the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed $230,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed $230,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such buses by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted for the project in the amount of $230,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Building Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed $230,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Proposition will be by paper ballot and will take place on May 19, 2015 gymnasium of the District's K-12 school building, Russell, New York from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2015, and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2015 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2015 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through May 18, 2015, except on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposition set forth on the paper ballot label shall appear as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed $230,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed $230,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such buses by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted for the project in the amount of $230,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Building Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed $230,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due?

DATED: March 24, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kay C. Amo, District Clerk

Section 5. The vote upon the proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on paper ballots and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 6. The law firm of Trespasz & Marquardt LLP is appointed bond counsel for the project.
Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to approve the update to the District’s Wellness Policy regarding Beverages, as presented and on file in the main office.

Mrs. Sykes noted that tomorrow is the Gateways field trip for seniors. She also discussed an incentive trip for 7th & 8th grade students who have no future referrals and that there is a decrease in students referrals overall. Ms. Hughes discussed the successful Grandparents’ Breakfast event, where 510 were served. She discussed upcoming state exams.

Ms. Kelly discussed the sale of pumps to OFA for a construction project. We had previously tried to sell them on Auctions International, but did not receive a bid worthy of accepting and OFA is willing to purchase them for $500.

Mrs. Phillips updated the board on the Affordable Care Act, discussing who will be monitoring and the look-back period. She discussed ASEOP, an electronic program for calling substitutes, which would take care of the reporting for the ACA. She discussed the fuel savings, as the bids are in and are $1.00 lower. The Beginning Years cost is $27,00 over the last three years. The draft budget has been updated with the BOCES numbers. The BOCES Tech Center budget is up considerably, as we went from 46 students to 61 students attending their programs. She discussed the cost of health care administration, as Madrid-Waddington pulled out of the insurance consortium and their administrative fee will be split over the other 17 districts. The budget deficit remains at approximately $900,000. We will have a better projection when they release state aid projections.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rick Brewer, seconded by Joseph Thomas to approve the following additions to the 2014-2015 substitute lists:

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacia Kroniser, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to appoint Timothy Richards, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to the position of Summer Driver Education Instructor, at a salary of $300 per student, effective March 1, 2015.
RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Reggie LaPoint, seconded by Tom O'Brien to accept the resignation of Keith Weston, with regret, from the position of Maintenance/Transportation effective March 28, 2015.

Main/Trans

Averill - Yes  Brewer - Yes  Coller - Absent  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 Chris Averill to approve the resignation of Jillian Fenton, with regret, from the position of Music Teacher, effective July 1, 2015.

Music

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rick Brewer, seconded by Reggie LaPoint to appoint Mark Rice to the position of dispatch, effective March 25, 2015 through June 30, 2015, at a salary of $11,807.16 for a 7½ -hour day.

Dispatch

Averill - Yes  Brewer - Yes  Coller - Absent  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 Chris Averill to approve the programs recommended by the CSE for students #1672, #1614, #1615, #1436, #1309, #1948, #1808 #1896, #2380, #1487, #0107, #1396 #2014, #1343, #1647, & #1867.

CSE

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

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve the programs recommended by the CPSE for student #2380.

CPSE

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Stacia Kroniser to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay C. Amo
Board Clerk