

1. OPENING.

- 1.01 Called to Order/Pledge to the Flag: The President called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.
- 1.02 Recording of Attendance: BOE Present: D. Reiser, A. Laput, L. Bohs, C. Bliefernich, Brian Siegel
Others Present: R. Dufour, V. Keegan, R. Luis, W. Julkerski and about 40 students and citizens.

PRESENTATIONS

- Audit Review – A. Arias – Cooper Arias
A comprehensive review of the independent audit performed by Cooper Arias, LLP was presented by Mr. Andrew Arias. A brief question and answer period followed.
- EPIC – Every Person Influences Children Presentation - Tara N. Burgess, Dir. of Operations & Family Engagement & Robin LaFountain, Program Coordinator - Gave a brief overview of the EPIC Program. A completed plan for ECS will be completed in the next couple of months.

2. BOARD REPORTS.

- 2.01 **Elementary Principal Report (V. Keegan)**
- Open House went extremely well.
 - Thanked the PTA for bringing in the Air Balloon Demonstration. Stated they did a fabulous job. Also, thanked the PTA for facilitating Family Night at GRM and GRM student pictures.
 - Stated Fire Prevention Week was amazing once again this year with a job well done by our local fire departments. Thanked them for doing such a wonderful job with the elementary children during their demonstrations.
 - Superintendent's Conference Day – Journey Reading Series was well attended & Task Force Groups met on ELA & Math.
 - Was pleased to hear that there are 60 GRM Students who will be in the Annie Production in November.
- 2.02 **Secondary Principal Report (S. Krebs) Absent – Ms. Keegan read information in his absence.**
- Gave a brief overview of the ECSD District Wide Safety Plan.
 - Students Ella Sherwood & Julia Foster announced Student Council Representatives, spoke of the mentor program and how it works with mentees. They also stated that Homecoming was Saturday, October 22nd, and that the Varsity Girls Soccer Team is going to Section IX in Long Island/Suffolk County.
 - High School pictures were October 5, 2016. Thanked PTSO and volunteers.
 - PTSO Homecoming Dance venue was at GRM this year.
 - Spoke of PSAT Dates.
 - Announced that Guidance Counselor, Kimberly Gueren will be taking students on the YAP Trip again this year. It has been successful in the past.

2.03 Business Office Report (R. Luis)

- Working on State Aid Reporting.
- Stated we had a lot of interest shown for substitute Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors.
- Met with (3) three different vendors for purchasing or leasing busses.
- New vending machines in the cafeteria are doing very well. Results are very positive with expenses and healthy choices being made.
- Water lead testing issues are being addressed immediately at GRM.
- Proactively looking at RFP for transportation services.

2.04 District Report (R. Dufour)

- Gym progress going extremely well and date to be opened is on target. Gym classes will resume on October 24, 2016. Bleachers will be arriving shortly. Took all in attendance into the gym to look at new gym floor.
- Purchased new Sharp flat panel displays with Smart Schools Bonds monies to replace all Smart Boards in GRM Classrooms. Replacements started to take place over Columbus Day weekend.
- Thanked the Board of Education for all their hard work and dedication to our school and community. Board of Education Dedication Week is October 24th-October 28th.

2.05 Board President Report (D. Reiser)

- Thanked Mrs. Gale-Messina for making such a great cake for Board of Education Appreciation Week. As well as, the dinner provided for the Board of Education Workshop held in October.
- Board of Education Workshop – Attended by Mr. Laput, Mrs. Bohs, Mrs. Bliedernich, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Dufour and myself. Many goals were worked on during this workshop.
- Thanked everyone for attending the ESSA Workshop held at SC BOCES. Attended by Mr. Siegel, Mr. Hoover, Ms. Yennie, Ms. Zub, Mr. Dufour, student Julia Foster, student Kimberly Gonzalez and myself. “Everyone Succeeds Act”

2.06 Central Treasurer Report (Stephanie Zub) Absent

2.07 Athletic Report (Gerard Gass)

- Senior Night games went well.
- ECS Cross Country Team is having a great season.
- Drug & Rehab Speaker, Ken Bartolo did a presentation for the ECS Athletes. Stated Mr. Bartolo did an excellent job and was very effective reaching out to the students. G. Gass hopes to have Mr. Bartolo do a presentation for the entire high school at some point in the Spring.
- Winter Sports are approaching. Jr. Varsity and Varsity sports begin on November 7th and Modified sports begin on November 14th.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Limited to consent agenda items 4.01 through 7.04)

G. Major – Questioned whether or not ECS Mathematics Teacher, S. Riccardi was dual certified.

A. Wagner – Wanted to know if there was a plan for a Physics Teacher.

R. Dufour – Stated that Mrs. Riccardi did not hold a dual certification. R. Dufour is working with SC BOCES in regards to this matter.

C. Bliedernich – Spoke of the SC BOCES/LCSD Candidate, A. Colman. Stated that she has a lot to offer the county and feels she is a good candidate for the SC BOCES Board of Education position for LCSD.

A. Foster – Asked if the new Bus Monitors that were being approved tonight were for special need bus runs only.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS.

**** Consent Agenda: Recommended Action 4.01 through 7.04**

Motion to approve consent agenda was made on motion by A. Laput and seconded by L. Bohs.

Voting: D. Reiser - yes; A. Laput – yes; L. Bohs - yes; C. Bliefernich – yes; B. Siegel - yes.

Votes: 5 Yes/0 No - Motion: Carried.

- 4.01 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 8, 2016.
- 4.02 Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for July, 2016.
- 4.03 Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for August, 2016.
- 4.04 Approval of the Central Treasurer’s Report for September, 2016.
- 4.05 Approval of the Payment of Bills appearing on Multi-Fund Warrant #5 (Checks #60100-60144), Multi-Fund Warrant #6 (Checks #60145-60223) and Multi-Fund Warrant #7 (Checks #60224-60337).
- 4.06 Approval of the Claims Auditor Report for Multi-Fund Warrant #5 (Checks #60100-60144), Multi-Fund Warrant #6 (Checks #60145-60223) and Multi-Fund Warrant #7 (Checks #60224-603374).

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

6. APPOINTMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS.

- 6.01 Approval to cast one vote in the Special Election for the following member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Sullivan County:

Unexpired Term of Frank Conklin: June 30, 2017
October 20, 2016 – June 30, 2017 - Anne Colman - Liberty CSD

Voting: D. Reiser - Yes; A. Laput – Yes; L. Bohs - Yes; C. Bliefernich - Yes; B. Siegel - Yes.
Votes: 5 Yes/0 No. Motion Carried.

- 6.02 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following coaches for the winter 2016-2017 sports season, with appointments contingent on team enrollments:

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach – David Binkowski
JV Boys Basketball Coach - Vinny Garuffi
Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Ryan Jasper
JV Girls Basketball Coach – Sonia Kidney
Modified Girl' Basketball Coach – Christopher Gonzalez
Varsity Wrestling Coach – Jim Corcoran
Varsity Indoor Track Coach – Girls & Boys - Don Drewett
Modified Indoor Track Coach – Girls & Boys - Matt Camponella

- 6.03 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Kristina Martorano as the Director for the Fall PAC production for the 2016-2017 school year, payment as per contract.
- 6.04 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Tyler Laput as the Assistant Director for the Fall PAC production for the 2016-2017 school year, payment as per contract.
- 6.05 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Kristina Martorano as the Director for the Spring Musical production for the 2016-2017 school year, payment as per contract.
- 6.06 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Tyler Laput as the Assistant Director for the Spring Musical production for the 2016-2017 school year, payment as per contract.
- 6.07 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Virginia Dudko as a long term substitute for Brittany Polanis, effective approximately October 17, 2016 through approximately November 25, 2016, at Step 1 of the current teachers' contract.
- 6.08 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept with regret the resignation request of Stephen Parisi, Mathematics Teacher, effective October 16, 2016.
- 6.09 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to make the following appointment,

Name of Appointee: Stephanie Riccardi

Tenure Area: Mathematics

Date of commencement of probationary period October 24, 2016

Certification Status: Mathematics, Grades 7-12, Initial Expiring 8/31/2018

Salary: Step 1 of the Teachers Contract Base Salary, Masters Differential, Credit Pay (36)
\$56,155.00

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher means a classroom teacher as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 or this Part.

- 6.10 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regret the resignation of Alicia Tufano, as Bus Monitor, effective October 10, 2016.
- 6.11 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Alicia Tufano and Sherry Innella as Substitute Bus Monitor, effective October 11, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 6.12 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regret the resignation of Alicia Tufano, as Cafeteria Monitor, effective October 10, 2016.

- 6.13 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Celeste Goodell as Cafeteria Monitor at a rate of \$9.70/hr., effective October 11, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 6.14 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to add the following individuals to the substitute teacher list for the 2016-2017 school year: Natalie Sauer and Elizabeth Ross.
- 6.15 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint the following individuals as substitute/trip Bus Driver: Celeste Goodell for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 6.16 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to add Nicole Kee and Carol Hulse as a Bus Monitor at a rate of \$10.00/hour for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 6.17 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint the following individuals as Teachers' Aides at \$10.50/hr.: Lora Moscatiello, Danielle Warming for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 6.18 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint the following individuals as substitute nurses for the 2016-2017 school year: Jessica McGrail and Lisa Stutz.
- 6.19 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Tessa Raymond as Substitute Cafeteria Worker.
- 6.20 Approval of the Inter Municipal Road Salt Agreement Between Eldred Central School District No.1 and the Town of Lumberland.
- 6.21 Approval of the excising of Eldred's bus #71, 2004 Freightliner, VIN # 4UZAAXCS74CM20216.

7. OTHER.

- 7.01 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following revision to the NYSSBA Recommended policies.

Second Reading

8110 School Building Safety

- 7.02 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the special education placements submitted.
- 7.03 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board having need to provide English as a Second Language Services (ESL) to District students, and Monticello having an ESL teacher able to provide ESL services to the District, hereby approves the inter-municipal cooperation agreement pursuant to General municipal law 119-o with the Monticello Central School District for sharing of ESL services.
- 7.04 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following Proclamation, in honor of the Board of Education for their dedication and service especially during NYS Board of Education Recognition Week Oct. 24-28, 2016:

WHEREAS, each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by more than 700 school boards throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the men and women serving as members of school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to public education as they strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Eldred Central School Board are community leaders who provide an invaluable resource as local decision makers, while serving in the interests of school children and their future, and

WHEREAS, during October 24– October 28, 2016, Eldred Central School will observe School Board of Recognition Week and it is fitting to join in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of its members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Robert M. Dufour, Superintendent of Schools, recognize October 24-October 28, 2016, as School Board Recognition Week.

- 7.05 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following revision to the District policy manual:

First Reading

5405/5405-R Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity

Voting on 7.05/Policy 5405/5405-R was done as a separate motion – made on motion by A. Laput and seconded by C. Bliefernich.

Voting: D. Reiser - yes; A. Laput – yes; L. Bohs - yes; C. Bliefernich – yes; B. Siegel - yes.

Votes: 5 Yes/0 No - Motion: Carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS.

8.01 Booster Club Banner Request

The Board of Education spoke about the legality of whether or not the Booster Club could put banners up in the gym on a permanent basis for basketball season. Another area school was contacted and responded that they put them up and take them down before and after each game. Board of Education members came up with some ideas such as listing the names of the businesses/people behind the concession stand during each game, possibly displaying the names at half time of each game, or beginning of each game. D. Reiser stated that unfortunately, at this time the Booster Club was not to hang banners. R. Dufour will continue to work with Mr. Binkowski to come up with a reasonable way to support our local vendors who dedicated their time and efforts into the new gym floor.

8.02 Wellness/Recess Policy

A group consisting of teachers, parents and administration was formed and meetings were held to discuss this policy. Many ideas were brought to the table during those meetings. Agreed to make this a second reading on the November BOE Agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT.

J. Dutcher – Concerned about students eating by themselves at lunch time in the Cafeteria.

K. Gonzalez – Is in the ECSD AP Physics Class but it's only one period a day and no lab class exists. Really enjoys this class but feels it is a self- study class because there isn't enough class time without a lab class. Feels that it does show a college like environment.

S. Laput – Maybe do a flip classroom and set up a lab period in the future. Not enough time incorporated for this class. Possibly change to separate lab class and classroom class in the future.

G. Major – Asked if there was a Budgeting Committee. If so, when will the committee members begin to meet.

S. Hallock – What happened to the ECS Football Program? Asked if there will ever be another in years to come, as he has a grandchild attending ECS and will be attending the high school in a few years. He would love to see football continue here at Eldred.

G. Gass – There have been multiple meetings regarding football at the modified level. We would need 17 to be allowed to attend games, had 14 show interest this year, but we would need at least 22 players in case of any injuries. Trying to get more interest in ECS. Does not want to merge if possible with other schools. There will be a meeting in November to discuss football for next year.

J. Santoro – Possibly start a Feeder Program.

C. Petersheim – Concerned about the gym floor project. Congratulated all on the gym floor. Felt the BOE rushed into this project. Was concerned about a warranty on the gym floor. Also, concerned about the insurance and liability of the workers that had worked on the floor. Lean releases should have been purchased. Felt the project lacked a timeline.

T. Ludwig-Miller – Thanked the Board of Education for the new Recess Policy. Has (2) two children in GRM and they like having (2) two recesses. Unhappy with the wording of the policy in regards to having recess as a punishment. Teachers are still using recess as a punishment at GRM.

C. Bliedernich – This should be monitored by the building Principal.

V. Keegan – The students should be getting no less than (30) thirty minutes of recess each day.

D. Reiser – Will take a bit of time for policy to be 100% in place.

P. Clark – Who recommended this change for the Recess Policy. Why was the wording changed? Possibly go back to the committee and have wording changed.

D. Jennings – What was the cost that was incurred to resend out the taxes and who is liable for this amount of money?

R. Luis - \$5,000.00 and the District is liable.

B. Deyermond – Revision of the Recess Policy is very important. Was on committee. Realizes change to classroom management is difficult but wanted all to know that she appreciates the support and discussions on this policy. In the end everyone will understand that this is going to help our children learn by getting better energy and movement from the extra recess. The children will be able to listen and learn better while in the classroom. Has spoken to the teachers and has offered to help for positive interaction as a district.

L. Bohs – Thanked Mrs. Deyermond for working on the Recess Policy and doing such a nice job as the PTA President.

A. Norris – As Fire Chief, thanked Ms. Keegan for the invite to do a presentation for Fire Prevention Week. Suggested next year that the local fire departments could also do a presentation at the high school as well. Would like to speak to Principal Krebs regarding this. Thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent Dufour for the bus that was excised to the local fire departments for training purposes, Jaws of Life, etc.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

11.01 Approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m. was made on motion by A. Laput and seconded by L. Bohs.

Voting: D. Reiser - Yes; A. Laput – Yes; L. Bohs - Yes; C. Bliefernich – Yes; B. Siegel – Yes.

Votes: 5 Yes/0 No. Motion Carried.