

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School LGI
November 10, 2015
8:15 P.M.

Board president David M. C. Stern, vice-president Anish Nanavaty, Board members, Michael Bianchi, David Chao, Jennifer Darger, Jonathan Faust, and Brian Yarrington were present. Superintendent Victoria S. Kniewel and Assistant Superintendent Susan Shirken, District Clerk Rosemary DeVito, Jennifer Allen, Eve Feuerstein, Devan Ganeshananthan, Ed Kennedy, Ed Stickles, and Joseph Schippa, also attended. There were 12 community members present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board president David M. C. Stern called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

At 7:05 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and to begin Executive Session to discuss special education students, personnel, and negotiations. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:24 P.M. Jonathan Faust made a motion to readjourn to public session. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 27, 2015. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

None

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern welcomed everyone to tonight's board meeting and asked the community's indulgence as the board waited for all to be present.

Judy Seiff informed the board of a recent article she read regarding transgender issues and said that perhaps this is an area the school should start to address, specifically how teachers and administrators would address a student who might consider himself or herself to be transgender. She asked whether there should be a policy. Victoria Kniewel responded that she and the administration have already begun a conversation on this issue.

David M. C. Stern gave “kudos” to the Edgemont Junior High School student performance of “Seussical the Musical,” performed on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and November 7 in the EHS auditorium.

Victoria Kniewel acknowledged each gift as listed and asked the board for acceptance with gratitude.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Jennifer Darger made a motion to accept the gifts as listed by the Superintendent of Schools with great appreciation. Michael Bianchi seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Edgemont PTA:
\$1,000.00 requested for Fourth Grade Trip, Beczak Environmental Education Center/Science Barge Trip (May 2016)
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-238

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation from the Edgemont PTA requested for a Fourth Grade Trip to Beczak Environmental Education Center (May 2016).

- Edgemont PTA:
\$462.00 requested for First Grade Field Trip, Philipsburg Manor
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-239

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$462.00 from the Edgemont PTA requested for a first grade field trip to Philipsburg Manor, Greenville School.

- Edgemont PTA:
\$100.00 requested for Kindergarten Field Trip, Hilltop Hanover Farm
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-240

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from the Edgemont PTA requested for a kindergarten field trip to Hilltop Hanover Farm, Greenville School (November 2, 2015).

- Edgemont PTA:
\$30,000.00 requested for Sixth-Grade Camp 2016,
Seely Place and Greenville Schools

RESOLUTION

15-241

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a gift in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Edgemont PTA requested for Sixth-Grade Camp 2016, Seely Place and Greenville Schools.

- Edgemont PTSA:
\$1,054.90 requested for Headphone Equipment (Recording Studio) and
Makeup/Makeup Artist (Junior High Musical)

RESOLUTION

15-242

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a gift in the amount of \$1,054.90 from the Edgemont PTSA requested for Headphone Equipment (Recording Studio) and Makeup/Makeup Artist (Junior High Musical).

- Edgemont School Foundation:
\$3,900.00 requested for Recycling Program
Greenville and Seely Schools

RESOLUTION

15-243

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation from the Edgemont School Foundation requested for the Recycling Program at Greenville and Seely Schools.

David addressed wording that has changed slightly on the agenda regarding Acceptance of Gift(s), i.e. the addition of the word “requested” for all gift acceptances. He acknowledged all gifts with great appreciation.

Jennifer Allen acknowledged that programs could not happen without the generosity of all community groups.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

(1) Student Reflections on the Production of Inherit the Wind Michael DeVito

David called upon Michael DeVito, Director of the fall drama production, Inherit the Wind, to address the board and the community. Mr. DeVito acknowledged that being involved in the fall drama has been an “incredible experience” for him and most of all he said he enjoys the collaborative nature of the experience. He said, “I love to work with these students.” Mr. DeVito thanked Edgemont Senior, Michael Kirschner, Assistant Director, and Edgemont Senior, Reed Rosenberg, who played the lead role in the show. Both Michael and Reed addressed the board and the community on their experience. Mr. DeVito, Michael Kirschner, and Reed Rosenberg received applause from the board, the administration, and the community.

Please note that Agenda Item VII.A.1.1 was motioned out of order.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Personnel Item VII. A.1.1 as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Appointments

- 1.1 Michael DeVito, Director, Stagecraft Advisor and Costume Director,
2015-2016 Fall Drama Production
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-244

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael De Vito as listed:

2015-2016 FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION

		<u>Stipend</u>
Michael DeVito	Director	\$4,220.00
Michael DeVito	Stagecraft	\$1,603.00
Michael DeVito	Costumes	\$1,039.00

(2) Policies: Second Reading

Victoria Kniewel

- Community Use of School Facilities Policy
Revision
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
(FERPA) Policy
Revision
- Facilities Planning: Change Order Policy
New

Victoria Kniewel said that tonight represents the second reading of the policies as listed. She said the focus of these discussions is what is best for Edgemont students, and she explained that three public meetings must be held before the board is able to vote on the approval of any policy.

Victoria began with a review of the Community Use of School Facilities, Policy #4140, emphasizing a consistent language.

A discussion on the policy's General Principles, Permitted and Prohibited Uses, Requests for Use, and Conditions of Use ensued among board members. Further language clarification was the consensus of the board. The board agreed that the application for the use of facilities should be amended for clarity.

One of the concerns of the board is whether it is important for the board to know whether an organization is receiving a profit from the use of school facilities.

The second policy that was discussed was the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment or FERPA #7160. This policy was first presented as a revised policy on April 23, 2013 and adopted one month later. Victoria said that the purpose of FERPA is to protect students' rights by ensuring that educational records are kept private and added that this policy allows for the sharing of directory information to friends and family groups. Victoria said that all the names were removed from the policy, leaving titles only of those individuals who would receive information. Further language clarification was the consensus of the board.

The third policy brought before the board was the Approval of Change Orders During Capital Improvement Projects #4150. David M. C. Stern said that the internal auditors recommended that the district have a policy in place for change orders during capital improvement projects to use as a guide.

A discussion on this policy ensued. The board suggested further language clarification.

Jonathan Faust will continue to take on the responsibility of editing the policies as discussed for the next board meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. At that time, the board will vote to adopt the policies.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Personnel Items A.2. , A.3, A.4, and Walk-in Item A.5, numbers 1 through 20 and numbers 22 through 24. Personnel Item A.1.1. was motioned earlier.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the Personnel Items as listed above by the Superintendent of Schools. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Timekeepers for Interscholastic Sports, (Retroactive Appointments)
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-245

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the retroactive appointments of the following individuals as Timekeepers for the 2015-2016 school year, at the contracted dollar amount of \$59.00 per hour. These Timekeepers are to be appointed retroactively as of September 5, 2015:

2.1	Robert Brewster	2.10	Jaclyn Nannariello
2.2	Kristen Bunt	2.11	Bryan Paul
2.3	Brian Connolly	2.12	Pamela Raines
2.4	Katharine Degen	2.13	Steve Rubenstein
2.5	Regina DeNatale	2.14	Tobey-Anne Saracino
2.6	Eric Kantor	2.15	John Scutero
2.7	David Lally	2.16	Vincent Tamburro
2.8	Eileen Loveless	2.17	James Wuttke
2.9	Cristin Maguire	*2.18	Laura Smittle
		*2.19	Maria McKee

*Additional Timekeepers

3. Major Musical Production
3.1 Daniel K. Bernstein, Director, Producer, and Choreographer
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-246

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Daniel K. Bernstein during the 2015-2016 school year for the music program at Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School as follows:

<u>Director</u>		<u>Stipend</u>
Weekly Rehearsals and 4 Performances	January-March 2016	\$4,827
<u>Producer</u>		
Complete tasks as outlined	October 2015-March 2016	\$2,400
<u>Choreographer</u>		
Weekly Rehearsals and 4 Performances	January-March 2016	\$2,408

4. Chaperones, Science Competitions,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-247

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as chaperones for the Science Competitions for the 2015-2016 school year with a stipend of \$399 per night and \$402 per/day (weekend):

<u>Maria DeCandia</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00
Intel WESEF Science Competition	
Saturday, 3/12/16	\$402.00
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Tuesday-Wednesday, 3/8-9/2016, SUNY Albany	\$399.00
Tri-County Science & Technology Fair	
Saturday, 4/30/16	\$402.00
Westlake H.S. Invitational Sophomore Symposium	
Saturday, 6/4/16	\$402.00
<u>Suzanne LaPadula</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00
Intel WESEF Science Competition	
Saturday, 3/12/16	\$402.00
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Tuesday-Wednesday, 3/8-9/2016, SUNY Albany	\$399.00
Tri-County Science & Technology Fair	
Saturday, 4/30/16	\$402.00
Westlake H.S. Invitational Sophomore Symposium	
Saturday, 6/4/16	\$402.00
<u>Caryn Margolis</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00

<u>Kathy Walsh</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00
<u>Kristen Andersen</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00
<u>Alisa Harrison</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Junior Science & Humanities Symposium	
Saturday, 2/6/16	\$402.00

Walk-in-Resolution

- Interscholastic Athletic Coaches and Overnight Chaperones (winter),
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-248

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as winter Interscholastic Athletic Coaches for the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2015-2016 school year and as overnight chaperones at the stipend of \$399 per night for sectional, regional, and state championship contests as required during the 2015-2016 winter sports season.

Sport	Position/Title	Name	Longevity	Contractual Salary
Boys Basketball	Varsity - Head	Joe Galgano	9	\$8,135
	Varsity - Assistant	Corey Borowitz	10	\$6,128
	JV - Assistant	Justin Perri	5	\$5,893
	Modified - Assistant	Mark Gryzlo	7	\$6,128
	Modified - Assistant	Keith Goggin	4	\$6,011
Girls Basketball	Varsity - Head	Mike Tracy	10+	\$8,523
	Varsity - Assistant	Mike Cozza	10+	\$6,420
	JV - Assistant	Larry Giustiniani	9	\$6,128
	Modified - Assistant	Katie Degen	7	\$6,128
	Modified - Assistant	Cristin Maguire	7	\$6,128
Bowling	Varsity - Head	Maria McKee	2	\$4,830
Gymnastics	Varsity - Assistant	Robert Webb	1	\$5,836
Skiing	Varsity - Head	Dan Cherico	1	\$6,440
Boys Swim	Varsity - Head	Tobey Saracino	5	\$7,255
Winter Track	Varsity - Head	JC Periac	10+	\$7,748
	Varsity - Assistant	Steve Rubenstein	10+	\$5,645
	Varsity - Assistant	James Wuttke	1	\$5,132
	Modified - Assistant	Dennis Blake	7	\$5,388
	Modified - Assistant	TBD	1	\$5,286

Wrestling	Varsity - Head	Pete Jacobson	10+	\$8,523
	Varsity - Assistant	William Magner	2	\$5,836
	Varsity - Assistant	Tyler Sick		Split
	Modified - Assistant	Rob Breitenbach	10+	\$6,420
	Modified - Assistant	Jedd Chesterson	7	\$6,128

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Walk-in-Item A.5., number 21, separately.

Michael Bianchi made a motion to approve Walk-in-Item A.5, number 21. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion. David Chao abstained and the motion was approved as follows:

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstention

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.1., Student Services Items, and Business Items C.1., C.2., and C.3. as listed.

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve the Student Services as listed by Pupil Personnel Services and Business Items C.1. through C.3. as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. David Chao seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Students

1. Programs/Services for one (1) CPSE student and six (6) CSE students (CPSE/CSE meetings held during the month of October 2015)

RESOLUTION

15-249

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education/Committee on Special Education, the Board of Education arranges for the programs and services as recommended for the one (1) CPSE student and the six (6) CSE students who had their CPSE/CSE meetings during the month of October 2015.

C. Business

1. Approval of Change in Contract,
Jacqueline A. Fisher, Professional Services, Speech/Language Therapy

RESOLUTION

15-250

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the change in contract with Jacqueline Fisher, Speech/Language Therapist providing home speech services to Student #1536. The contract will reflect one hour/month @\$125/hour beginning on November 11, 2015 through June 23, 2016 for a total of \$1,360.00 for the remainder of the school year.

2. Approval of Proposal, Internal Audit
Cullen & Danowski, LLP

RESOLUTION

15-251

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education does hereby authorize Susan Shirken, Assistant Superintendent of Schools to sign the proposal prepared by Cullen & Danowski, LLP for an audit of Interscholastic Athletics and procedures for Capital Projects at a price not to exceed \$17,000.

3. Authorization to Dispose of Broken/Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION

15-252

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of inoperable equipment as listed below:

Room	Item	Serial Number	Tag #	Problem
113	HP 5550c Scanner	C9915A	11006	Out of Warranty Beyond Repair
Main Office	HP 400 M451 Printer	CNDF211685	15055	Out of Warranty Beyond Repair
Library	HP 2600 Printer	JPHC76P1DF	10983	Out of Warranty Beyond Repair

David M. C. Stern announced the next public board meeting to be held on November 24, 2015 followed by December 8, 2015. David said there will be additional meetings in March for budget discussion.

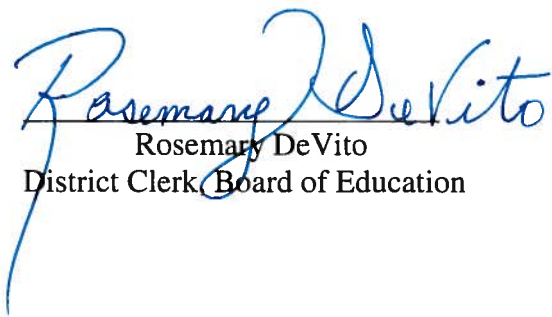
VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| 11/24/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 12/08/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 01/12/16 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |

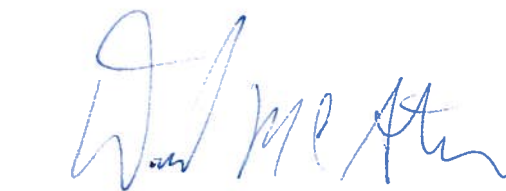
* Please note that all regularly scheduled evening Board meetings will be called to order at 7 P.M. in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School Library. There will then be an immediate adjournment to Executive Session with a readjournalment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.



Rosemary DeVito
District Clerk, Board of Education



David M. C. Stern
President, Board of Education