

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School Library
September 01, 2015
RESCHEDULED MEETING
8:15 P.M.

Board president David M. C. Stern, vice-president Anish Nanavaty, Board members, David Chao, Jennifer Darger, Jonathan Faust, and Brian Yarrington were present. Superintendent Victoria S. Kniewel and Assistant Superintendent Susan Shirken, District Clerk Rosemary DeVito, Devan Ganeshanathan, Joseph Schippa, and John McCabe also attended. Board member Michael Bianchi was unable to attend. There were two community members present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board president David M. C. Stern called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

At 7:02 P.M. Brian Yarrington made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and to begin Executive Session to discuss special education students, personnel and legal matters. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:22 P.M. Anish Nanavaty made a motion to readjourn to public session. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Anish Nanavaty made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for July 28, 2015 and to approve the Special Meeting minutes of August 5, 2015. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Anish Nanavaty made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2015. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern welcomed the community members present and announced that tonight's meeting was rescheduled from the August 25, 2015 meeting.

A brief discussion ensued among board members regarding the issuance of tax bills. Sue Shirken explained that the new tax rate is somewhat lower than anticipated and that the assessed value is slightly higher.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to accept \$4,000 requested for Edgemont Athletics from anonymous donors and a gift for \$50 requested for Seely Place School from Morgan Stanley.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to accept the monetary gifts as listed by the Superintendent. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Anonymous Donors:
 - \$4,000.00 requested for Edgemont Athletics

RESOLUTION

15-116

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 from anonymous donors to be used for Edgemont Athletics.

- Morgan Stanley
 - \$50.00 requested for Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-117

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Morgan Stanley for Seely Place School.

David M. C. Stern thanked the Edgemont community for their generosity in the interests of the students of Edgemont.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Bond Construction Update

John McCabe

In a round-table discussion, John McCabe presented an overview of projects completed during the summer months, ongoing projects, and projects yet to be completed. He explained that some projects are still awaiting approval from the State Education Department and that the review process can take up to 40 weeks.

John cited specific projects such as the climbing wall in the Jim San Marco Gymnasium and the painting of the EHS Auditorium stage and seating area which are now completed. John reported that the fire alarm project is about 95 percent completed and that it should be up and running by early fall. More information on the bond construction projects, other summer projects, and recent project approvals can be found on the district website.

Victoria Kniewel thanked John for his “amazing work” this summer.

Discussion among the board members ensued. Some questions/comments:

- Project delays -- Has there been any discussion or evaluation as to whether the delay will cause additional costs and, if so, how is that expense allocated?
- Value engineering – As part of a thoughtful planning process and to address potential contingencies, consideration should be given now to value engineering options and project priority considerations.
- Sharing thoughts – Ongoing communications would be helpful to the board after committee meetings.
- Construction will resume next summer.
- Outstanding projects – D Building windows and Blanford Field
- EHS Photo Lab – This project was approved on August 25th and will have to wait until the summer.
- Bond – There is a time limit as to how long the district can hold on to the bond money; 10 percent of the project must be completed within six months and 95 percent of the project must be completed in 24 months.
- Completed projects -- To date, completed projects are estimated at a cost of approximately one million dollars.
- Project Approvals – You cannot bond for a project that has not yet been approved by the State Education Department.
- Blanford Field – If the Blanford Field project is approved and construction begins in the fall, other places to play would have to be pursued.
- Breezeways – A structural engineer will be on site and will provide a budget which will be submitted to the State Education Department for approval. The approval time for architectural design is four to six weeks.

John McCabe concluded his presentation by talking about increased labor costs. He said that there are a limited number of contractors who are willing to bid on public work and that many school districts have projects awaiting approval at the State level that will be up for bid over the next couple of years, creating a disadvantage for competitive pricing.

David M. C. Stern thanked John for his work this past summer and for a thorough bond construction update.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Personnel Items A.1., A.2., A.3., A.4., A.5., A.6., A.7., A.8. and A.9. as a group.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Personnel Items A.1. through A.9. 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 Lowell Wynn, Per diem Substitute Teacher,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-118

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lowell Wynn, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, at a Per diem rate of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective September 2, 2015.

- 1.2 Sonnia Sheridan, Per diem Substitute Teacher,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-119

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sonnia Sheridan, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, at a Per diem rate of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective September 2, 2015.

- 2. Change in Assignments (Teacher Aides)
 - 2.1 Mary Ann Williams, EHS
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-120

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in assignment for Mary Ann Williams, effective September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ms. Williams' assignment will be working as a Teacher Aide with a student with special education needs in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School with an increase in hours from 32.5 hours to 35 hours per week and will continue to receive a special education stipend of \$3.50 per hour for the hours that she works in that capacity. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

- 2.2 Lauren DeSiato,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-121

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in assignment for Lauren DeSiato, effective September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ms. DeSiato's assignment will be to continue working as a Teacher Aide in the library with an increase in hours from 20 hours to 28 hours per week and will continue to receive a library stipend of \$2.75 per hour for the hours that she works in that capacity. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

- 2.3 Elizabeth McSherry, EHS
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-122

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in assignment for Elizabeth McSherry, effective September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ms. McSherry's assignment will be to continue working as a Teacher Aide in the library and to provide campus supervision throughout the school day. Ms. McSherry's hours will remain at 25 hours per week and will continue to receive a library stipend of \$2.75 per hour for the hours that she works in that capacity. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

- 2.4 William Ciringione,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-123

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in assignment for William Ciringione, effective September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Mr. Ciringione's assignment will be to continue working as a Teacher Aide providing campus supervision throughout the school day. Mr. Ciringione's hours will increase from 20 hours per week to 28 hours per week. He assists with a student with physical needs for approximately two hours per week and is a substitute special education aide as needed. Mr. Ciringione will continue to receive a special education stipend of \$3.50 per hour for the hours that he works in that capacity. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

3. Teacher Aides, Special Education
District-Wide—ICAP Program
- 3.1 Jennifer Cotter, Teacher Aide,
Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP)
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-124

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jennifer Cotter, Teacher Aide for the Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP), Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 30 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked due to her Special Education assignment. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

- 3.2 Michele Morgese, Teacher Aide
Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP)
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-125

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michele Morgese, Teacher Aide for the Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP), Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 30 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked due to her Special Education assignment. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

- 3.3 Elissa Paul, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-126

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Elissa Paul, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29.5 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked due to her Special Education assignment. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

4. Teacher Aides
4.1 Jonathan Feder, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-127

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jonathan Feder, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, as a four-hour per-day aide, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29.5 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

- 4.2 Lori Guastafeste, Teacher Aide,
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-128

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lori Guastafeste, Teacher Aide, Seely Place School, as a four-hour per-day aide, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29.5 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

- 4.3 Jackee Pizzurro, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-129

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jackee Pizzurro, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, as a four-hour per-day aide, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29.5 hours per week, effective September 1, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

- 4.4 Christina Manias, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-130

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Christina Manias, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29.5 hours per week, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked due to her Special Education assignment. This stipend is subject to change due to contract negotiations.

5. Resignations
5.1 Maria Lo Paro, Teacher Aide/Leave-replacement Teacher
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-131

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maria Lo Paro, Teacher Aide/Leave-replacement Teacher, Greenville School, effective June 30, 2015.

- 5.2 Michelle Rakoff, Leave-replacement Teacher
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-132

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Michelle Rakoff, Leave-replacement Teacher, Greenville School, effective June 30, 2015.

- 5.3 Brittany Meshberg, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-133

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brittany Meshberg, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, effective June 30, 2015.

6. Resignation/Appointment Due to Change in Assignment
6.1 Kenneth Murphy, Teacher Aide,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-134

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation due to change in assignment of Kenneth Murphy, Teacher Aide, effective July 22, 2015.

- 6.2 Kenneth Murphy, Per diem Substitute Teacher Appointment,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-135

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kenneth Murphy, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Greenville School, for a maximum of 40 days during the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$100 per day, effective September 1, 2015.

7. Per diem Substitute Teachers (Reappointments)
District-Wide

RESOLUTION

15-136

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the reappointments of the following Per diem Substitute Teachers, District-Wide, at a salary of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective September 1, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

Per diem Substitutes:

7.1	Andrew Adler	7.9	Aaron Levine
7.2	Jane Blackstone	7.10	Harold Levine
7.3	Rosemarie Cipriano	7.11	Amy Mendel
7.4	Thomas Darby	7.12	Daniel Russo
7.5	Caralyn Feder	7.13	Naoko Horie Wach
7.6	Beth Gondek		
7.7	Jill Hyman		
7.8	Melanie Jones		

Per diem Substitutes (up to 40 days per year):

7.14	Laura Bortstein	7.19	Elyse Sauer
7.15	Erika Frydman	7.20	Tyler Schultz
7.16	Swati Mehta		
7.17	Marissa Rabadi		
7.18	Pamela Ray		

8. Dawn D'Addario, Class Advisor--Freshman
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-137

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dawn D'Addario as Class Advisor for the Freshman Class for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$532.00.

9. Thomas Behrens, Assistant Athletic Director (Fall)
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-138

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Behrens as Assistant Athletic Director at Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the Fall 2015 Interscholastic Athletic Season at the contractual stipend of \$8,640.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve a walk-in-resolution for Teacher Leaders.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the appointment of Teacher Leaders for the 2015-2016 school year as listed by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Teacher Leaders
District-Wide

RESOLUTION

15-139

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Teacher Leaders for the 2015-2016 school year at the stipend listed below:

	<u>Stipend</u>
10.1 Kevin Youngs, K-12 Physical Education	\$12,141.00
10.2 Rayna Shapiro, K-12 Support Professionals	\$12,141.00
10.3 Vivian Sonnenborn, K-6 Special Education	\$ 6,070.50

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.1—all students' services items—save the following: #1834, #1477, #1496, and #1106.

Anish Nanavaty made a motion to approve the students' services as listed by the Superintendent of Schools save student numbers 1834, 1477, 1496, and 1106.

Jennifer Darger seconded the motion. David M. C. Stern recused himself and the motion was approved as follows: 6 Ayes 1 Recusal

B. Students

1. Programs/Services for two (2) CPSE students and nine (9) CSE students (CPSE/CSE meetings held during the months of May - August 2015)

RESOLUTION

15-140

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education, the Board of Education arranges for the programs and services as recommended for the two (2) CPSE students and the nine (9) CSE students who had their CPSE/CSE meetings during the months of May-August 2015.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Business Items C.1, C.2, and C.3 as listed.

Anish Nanavaty made a motion to approve Business Items C.1, C.2, and C.3 as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Business

1. Approval of Budget Amendment for 2015-2016

RESOLUTION

15-141

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edgemont Union-Free School District budget for the 2015-2016 school year be amended to reflect the receipt of \$ 80,905.44 from Hanover Insurance Company.

2. Approval of Contracts for Special-Education Students
 - 2.1 Bronxville School District, Educational Services

RESOLUTION

15-142

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes David M. C. Stern, as Board President, to sign a contract to provide educational services at the Bronxville School District for Student #1170 and Student #1351 beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016. The IEPs for these services were approved at the board meeting of May 26, 2015.

2.2 Chamberlain International School, Educational Services

RESOLUTION

15-143

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes Victoria S. Kniewel as Superintendent to enter into a contract with Chamberlain International School for Special Education Services for Student #954 for the term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 under the conditions set forth in the contract agreement.

2.3 The Clearview School, Educational Services

RESOLUTION

15-144

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes Victoria S. Kniewel as Superintendent to enter into a contract with The Clearview School for Special Education Services for Student #955 for the term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on August 31, 2016. The IEP for this service was approved at the board meeting of June 23, 2015.

2.4 Jacqueline A. Fisher, Professional Services, Speech/Language Therapy

RESOLUTION

15-145

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes Joseph T. Schippa as Director of Pupil Personnel Services to enter into a contract with Jacqueline A. Fisher to provide Speech/Language Therapy services to Student #1536, during the period of September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The IEP was approved at the board meeting of May 26, 2015.

3. Approval of Contract for Cafeteria Food and Supplies
Whitsons Culinary Group

RESOLUTION

15-146

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes awarding Whitsons a contract to purchase food products for the cafeteria as per the bid product unit price list for the 2015-2016 school year.

David M. C. Stern reviewed the schedule of meetings and announced the first school-year meeting to be held on September 8th followed by a Board of Education Retreat on Monday, September 21st and a public board meeting on Tuesday, September 29th.

David said he is looking forward to the opening of school, teachers returning to the district tomorrow for Superintendent's Conference Days, and students starting the school year on September 8th.

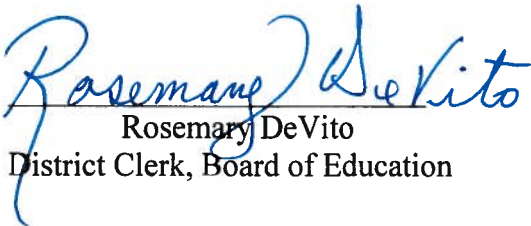
VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS


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| 9/08/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 9/21/15
<i>Monday</i> | Board of Education Retreat
Evening Event – Place and Exact Time TBD |
| 9/29/15 | 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 readjournment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Jonathan Faust 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