

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School LGI  
January 26, 2016  
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, Michael Curtin, Eve Feuerstein, Devan Ganeshananthan, Edward Kennedy, and Joseph Schippa also attended. There were 35 community members and kindergarten teachers 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. Jonathan Faust made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and to begin Executive Session to discuss special education students, personnel, negotiations, and legal matters. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:27 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to readjourn to public session. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

David M. C. Stern welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Michael Bianchi made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 12, 2016. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

None

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern recognized Howard Hirsch, School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) Chairperson. Mr. Hirsch said that the Committee's sole objective is in finding the very best school board members to sit on the school board. He commended the Committee members and said, "This year's process has been near perfect." He talked about reaching a diverse group of people to run for school board positions—approximately 60 individuals approached the Committee so far this year and more are coming forward. On January 20, 2016 in the Greenville School library, nominations for candidates for the Edgemont Union Free School District Board of Education were received.

Mr. Hirsch then shared some “exciting news” with the board. He announced the six (6) nominees that will be interviewed with the SBNC to become the three (3) endorsed candidates in the next election for the three (3) expiring school board vacancies (terms expiring June 30, 2016). They are:

- Richard Cacciato
- Alec Clarke
- Jay Jacobson
- Ken Orce
- Judy Seiff
- Monica Sganga

Mr. Hirsch described being a member of a school board as “a once in a lifetime experience.” He said should anyone have any comments/questions to contact him via email at [EdgemontSBNC@gmail.com](mailto:EdgemontSBNC@gmail.com), and he will share those comments/questions with the nominating committee. Mr. Hirsch’s final comment, “The process works.”

David M. C. Stern thanked Howard Hirsch for the work he does on the Nominating Committee.

Devan Ganeshananthan made two brief announcements. He said that science teacher, Maria DeCandia, was honored for her work with The Edgemont Science Scholars Program and that James Brandfonbrener, an EHS Junior and pianist, will be performing, “Waltz For Last Summer” live at the Berklee Jazz Festival on February 6, 2016 and will receive a full scholarship to the Berklee five-week Summer Performance Program. James received a round of applause from the administration and the community.

Victoria Kniewel acknowledged the monetary gift from the Edgemont PTA and asked the board for acceptance with gratitude.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT(S)

Jonathan Faust made a motion to accept the monetary gift from the Edgemont PTA by the Superintendent of Schools with great appreciation. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Edgemont PTA:  
\$2,250.00 requested for Fourth Grade Colonial Fair (June 17, 2016),  
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-327

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$2,250.00 from the Edgemont PTA requested to fund the Fourth Grade Colonial Fair, Greenville School.

David M. C. Stern commented, “We accept this gift with great appreciation to our community who always comes forward to help our schools.”

David M. C. Stern asked that Agenda Item B.1., Diploma Approval, be taken out of order.

Victoria Kniewel recommended that the board approve a diploma award dated January 22, 2016 to Pedro Antonio Cañas. Pedro has successfully completed the requirements for graduation.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to award a diploma dated January 22, 2016 to Pedro Antonio Cañas. Pedro has successfully completed the requirements for graduation. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

B.1. Students

Diploma Approval

Pedro Antonio Cañas

RESOLUTION

15-328

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the award of a diploma dated January 22, 2016 to Pedro Antonio Cañas as he has successfully completed the requirements for graduation.

David M. C. Stern congratulated Pedro on his achievement and Pedro received a round of applause.

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### (1) Kindergarten Review Update

Michael Curtin

Victoria Kniewel greeted everyone and referred to Edgemont's Strategic Goals as the framework for all that we do. She talked about the lens through which all work is viewed to systemically provide a culture of learning that reflects each student's needs, interests, abilities, and voice for the academic as well as the social-emotional development of the whole child. She talked about why the lens was created and explained that the values expressed at the time were identified as emotionally resilient, well-rounded, independent, capable citizens. As a segue to tonight's presentations, Victoria said that these goals of authentic learning for local and global citizenship, professional development and technology form the basis for both presentations this evening.

She talked about events that happened during a three-month period involving kindergarten. First, she said administrators began visiting kindergarten classes with discussion for continued improvement; second, kindergarten teachers asked for professional development in learning techniques to better differentiate for the varying needs of today's kindergarten students; third, parents requested that Edgemont establish a full-day kindergarten program. This evening, an update on this work will be presented.

Victoria talked about "Adaptive Leadership" and referred to Ronald Heifetz, founding director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School, as being responsible for this model. She then introduced Jennifer Allen, Michael Curtin, and Edward Kennedy to talk about kindergarten.

Victoria then called upon Mike Curtin, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, to talk about the kindergarten program.

Mike Curtin began his PowerPoint presentation by acknowledging the presence of five kindergarten teachers and literacy consultant Shelly Klein. Mike said that Shelly is helping to make sure each child is challenged at his/her level.

Mike talked about "two conversations:" one involving teachers and administrators and the other involving the community. He reviewed the 2015 Summer Curriculum Review and highlighted the need for more consistency and a common language. Mike spoke about literacy consultant, Shelly Klein and Professional Development. He invited Shelly to address the board and the community with her role, her findings, and recommendations. She described what she observed as "unique and special."

Ed Kennedy addressed the board and the community and spoke about parent surveys. He reported 249 responses from parents of children who attended kindergarten in Edgemont within the last five years and are currently attending, or will enroll by 2019.

Jen Allen addressed the board and the community and compared parent survey results involving full-day vs. extended-day preferences. More detailed results can be found on the District website: [www.edgemont.org](http://www.edgemont.org). Navigate to Board of Education, click on Presentations to the Board, then January 26, 2016, Update on Kindergarten.

Mike concluded by recommending the continuation to revise the kindergarten program and study different scheduling formats during the 2016-2017 school year, complete work with Shelly Klein, conduct parent focus groups, continue to gather and interpret research and explore “middle-ground” options.

Mike said, “At this point, we are not recommending full-day kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year but are still open to the idea, and we hope in June to come back to the board with a recommendation with what we want to do for the following year.” He said we have to consider curricula, and we will need time if we decide to go in this direction.

Board discussion ensued. Some topics included focusing on the analysis for what is best for the students, additional costs for more teacher aides, our unique program, acknowledgement of kindergarten teachers present, shift from socialization to more academic, kindergarten is not mandated by New York State, maintaining an upward slope and avoiding a plateau in third grade, parent survey clarification, are call backs more stressful to those financially stressed, will teachers present their views publically, not sure why we are doing what we are doing, what are we trying to solve?

One board member asked Mike Curtin if he would consider the financial stress on parents reason enough to move to full-day kindergarten.

Mike Curtin responded, “We don’t know that for certain; I can only make an educational recommendation.”

Victoria Kniewel responded that the decision will not be based on any one idea; we will look at the whole child; this is more of an adaptive problem; it takes all of us.

David M. C. Stern thanked everyone who participated in the kindergarten discussion and made these statements: “I want to be clear in that we as a school board have turned to our academic professionals to tell us what makes sense and what is educationally best for our children; I want to be sure that the decisions are being made by our educational professionals; community input is important.” Secondly, we teach our students the way we think it is best to teach our students; we will not be accountable to Albany.”

Community comments/questions followed: What can be done to sustain the benefits of the current kindergarten program in the first, second, third grade and beyond, Is there a downside to changing the current program,? Has anyone looked at how to differentiate instruction further, More time does not necessarily equate to better academic outcomes; would like to see a survey from all kindergarten teachers and first grade teachers. The benefit of a full-day kindergarten program is play. One community member asked for data clarification and said the data presented does not relate to what you are doing. How did we get here; what created this unique experience? We need to focus on the social-emotional as well as the academic. Has any research been obtained from the students themselves? We should look at what the children would be doing in school as opposed to what they would be doing at home. Seems that the findings are neutral, not necessarily better. We are doing it right.

A community member asked, “What is the advantage of having call back days; why do other schools have full-day kindergarten?” Mike Curtin responded, “We make a recommendation based on what is best for the student; the advantage of call backs is that it gives teachers an opportunity to get to know their students well.”

At 10:07 P.M. Mike Curtin began his presentation on Technology.

## (2) Technology Update

Michael Curtin

Mike Curtin began the update on Edgemont’s technology program by citing the strategic plan—to provide infrastructure, equitable access, professional learning, and technical support for the integration of technology to promote creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

Mike identified recent projects and reviewed Clarity data and Clarity findings. He said that he has worked with the technology committees, administrators, and technical support team to create a budget proposal that will support growth in the areas identified in the action plan and through analysis of the latest collection of Clarity data. Mike then talked about the major projects and initiatives for the 2016-2017 school year. They are: ESX/SAN environment update; three-day per week technology coach; network infrastructure improvements; five Chromebook carts; Google email/calendar migration; and 30 replacement projector/SmartBoard sets. He concluded that these projects result in a proposed technology budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$969,426.00—a 13% increase over the 2015-2016 budget of \$855,497.72.

Board discussion ensued. Some topics included what project(s) could be eliminated; clarification regarding the technology coach; clarification regarding Model Schools Plus cohorts; maintenance vs outside service; and moving to GOOGLE.

Mike responded to the concerns regarding the technology coach and said that the technology coach would be provided through the BOCES RIC (Regional Information Center) and that he/she would go to each school one day per week.

Some community comments/questions followed: availability of personnel willing to work three days a week rather than hiring a consultant; how will you know how much benefit you are getting from the \$90,000 budgeted for the technology coach? Are you setting an upfront goal?

Victoria Kniewel ended the presentation by thanking the Edgemont School Foundation for funding Model Schools Plus.

The PowerPoint presentation on Technology can be found on the District website: [www.edgemont.org](http://www.edgemont.org). Navigate to Board of Education, click on Presentations to the Board, then January 26, 2016, Technology Update.

David M. C. Stern thanked Mike for a thorough report.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Personnel Items VII. A.1. through VII. A.7 and Business Items C.1 through C.7 separately.

David Chao made a motion to approve Personnel Items VII. A.1. through VII. A.7. and Business Items C.1. through C.7. as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Personnel

#### 1. Appointments

- 1.1 Joy Kimball, Part-Time School Nurse,  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

## RESOLUTION

15-329

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time appointment of Joy Kimball, School Nurse, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School effective January 27, 2016. Joy will work four hours per day, Step 1, at a 60 percent pro-rated salary of \$50,603.

- 1.2 Mary Anderson, Teacher Aide,  
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-330

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mary Anderson, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$16.08 (Step 1) for each hour worked up to 29 hours per week, effective January 27, 2016.

- 1.3 Andrea B. White, Per diem Substitute Teacher,  
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-331

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Andrea B. White, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Seely Place School, for a maximum of 40 days during the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective January 27, 2016.

- 1.4 Julia Giustiniani, Four-Day Substitute Teacher,  
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-332

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Julia Giustiniani, Four-Day Substitute Teacher, Seely Place School, at a salary of \$100 per day for each day worked during the 2015-2016 school year, effective January 27, 2016.

2. AIS Instructors  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-333

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the AIS instructors listed below from February 1, 2016 through April 8, 2016, at a pro-rated salary of 1/35 of their annual salary:

- 2.1 George DiChiara (Math)
- 2.2 Cory Karpf (ELA)
- 2.3 Kathleen Walsh (Math)



3. Chaperones, Fifth-Grade Trip to Philadelphia,  
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-334

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve as Chaperones for the Fifth-Grade Trip to Philadelphia, from Monday, March 21, 2016 to Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the contractual supervisory stipend per Chaperone of \$399 per night for two nights:

3.1	Maureen Adams	3.5	Peter Khouri
3.2	Jennifer Allen	3.6	Diane Rakoff
3.3	Rose Farrell	3.7	Vivian Sonnenborn
3.4	Sean Ford	3.8	Heather Weldon

4. Chaperones, STEMfest 2016 Science Competition,  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-335

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Caryn Margolis and Michele Merlini as weekend Chaperones for the upcoming science competitions described below:

<u>Caryn Margolis</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
STEMFest 2016	
Saturday, 3/5/2016	\$402.00
 <u>Michele Merlini</u>	
STEMFest 2016	
Saturday, 3/5/2016	\$402.00

5. Chaperones, Chamber Choir Competition at Berklee College,  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-336

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 Chamber Choir Competition at Berklee College, Boston, MA from Friday, February 5, 2016 to Sunday, February 7, 2016 with a stipend of \$399 per night and \$121 per day:

		<u>Stipend</u>
5.1	*John Catoliato	
5.2	*Lauren Moore	*\$1,040
5.3	*Kelley Morse	2 nights @ \$399/night
5.4	*Nadia Mulé	2 days @ \$121/day
5.5	*Arthur Nelson	

6. Nathan Mattingly, Stagecraft Consultant, Spring Musical  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-337

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nathan Mattingly to the Stagecraft consultant position for the spring musical, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, at a per-contract stipend of \$1,603.

7. Resignations

- 7.1 Gina LaLa, Teacher Aide  
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-338

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Gina LaLa, Teacher Aide, Greenville School, effective June 26, 2015.

- 7.2 John DeMatteo, Per diem Substitute Teacher,  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-339

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of John DeMatteo, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, effective January 13, 2016.

7.3 Peggy Zapitis, Four-Day Substitute Teacher,  
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-340

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Peggy Zapitis, Four-Day Substitute Teacher, Seely Place School, effective January 15, 2016.

B. Students

1. Diploma Approval for Pedro Antonio Cañas was motioned separately and out of order.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.2. Student Programs and Services separately.

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve student programs and services as listed by the Director and the Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services for Student #1226 and Student #1496. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion.

David M. C. Stern recused himself and the motion was approved as follows:

6 Ayes   0 Nays   1 Recusal

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve student programs and services as listed by the Director and the Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the remaining students. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Programs/Services for three (3) CPSE students and six (6) CSE students (CPSE/CSE meetings held during January 2016)

RESOLUTION

15-341

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 three (3) CPSE students and the six (6) CSE students who had their CPSE/CSE meetings held during January 2016.

C. Business

1. Approval of Contract for Health Services for Private School Students, Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District

RESOLUTION

15-342

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the 2015 - 2016 Contract for Health Services with Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District for eleven (11) Edgemont resident students attending private or parochial schools in Dobbs Ferry at a total cost of \$11,378.95.

2. Authorization to Approve Special Aid Fund—Write Off

RESOLUTION

15-343

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves that \$31,000 be written off as uncollectible receivables from the Special Aid Fund and charged back to the General Fund.

3. Approval of Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION

15-344

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. A2850 150 01 0000 Co-Curricular Salaries-EHS	A2850 430 01 0000 Co-Curricular-Student Productions	\$ 14,606.00

4. Authorization to Dispose of Broken Equipment  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-345

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of broken equipment at the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School as listed below. The cost for repair and service for the shredder exceeds the cost of replacement:

**Shredder (Guidance Office)**

<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>MODEL #</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>EHS TAG</b>
Fellowes	C-420C	Broken	14361

5. Authorization to Approve SEQRA Resolution for  
Arts Building Tunnel Repairs  
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-346

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Edgemont Union Free School District hereby determines, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617, that the Proposed Action entitled “Tunnel Repairs and Related Work Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School Arts Building” is a Type II Action thereby concluding the SEQRA review of the Proposed Action.

Please note Certiorari Settlements begin on the next page.

6. Authorization for Approval of Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlement,  
6.1 322 Old Colony Road LLC

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX  
CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

RESOLUTION  
15-347

**WHEREAS**, petitions having been filed by the property owner, below challenging real property tax assessments on the assessment roll of the Town of Greenburgh, within the Edgemont Union Free School District, with respect to the following property:

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Address/Description</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
<b>322 Old Colony Road LLC</b>	<b>322 Old Colony Road Tax ID: V8-37G-1878-15</b>	<b>2007</b>

**WHEREAS**, petitioner's tax certiorari proceedings are now pending in Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the property owner have reached a resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the tax certiorari proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has reviewed the settlement and has found that the terms of the settlement are reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement of these proceedings are in the best interests of the School District;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Special Counsel for Tax Certiorari is authorized to inform the Town that the School District does not have an objection to the settlement of these proceedings as follows:

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>Original Assessment</b></u>	<u><b>Reduced Assessment</b></u>	<u><b>Assessment Reduction</b></u>
2007	22,000	20,000	2,000

The refund of School District taxes will amount to \$1,157.90±.

6.2 Authorization for Approval of Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlement,  
Consolidated Edison

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX  
CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

RESOLUTION  
15-348

**WHEREAS**, petitions having been filed by the property owner, below challenging real property tax assessments on the assessment roll of the Town of Greenburgh, within the Edgemont Union Free School District, with respect to the following property:

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Address/Description</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
<b>Consolidated Edison</b>	<b>Utility property Tax ID: 8.888-6026-1</b>	<b>2014</b>

**WHEREAS**, petitioner's tax certiorari proceedings are now pending in Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the property owner have reached a resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the tax certiorari proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has reviewed the settlement and has found that the terms of the settlement are reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement of these proceedings are in the best interests of the School District;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Special Counsel for Tax Certiorari is authorized to inform the Town that the School District does not have an objection to the settlement of these proceedings as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Assessment</b>	<b>Reduced Assessment</b>	<b>Assessment Reduction</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>173,000</b>	<b>129,602</b>	<b>43,398</b>

The refund of School District taxes will amount to \$29,788.01±.

6.3 Authorization for Approval of Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlement,  
Dilstan Realty

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX  
CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

RESOLUTION  
15-349

**WHEREAS**, petitions having been filed by the property owner, below challenging real property tax assessments on the assessment roll of the Town of Greenburgh, within the Edgemont Union Free School District, with respect to the following property:

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Address/Description</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
<b>Dilstan Realty</b>	<b>450 Central Avenue Tax ID: 8.471-346-1</b>	<b>2008-2015</b>

**WHEREAS**, petitioner's tax certiorari proceedings are now pending in Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the property owner have reached a resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the tax certiorari proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has reviewed the settlement and has found that the terms of the settlement are reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement of these proceedings are in the best interests of the School District;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Special Counsel for Tax Certiorari is authorized to inform the Town that the School District does not have an objection to the settlement of these proceedings as follows:



<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Assessment</b>	<b>Reduced Assessment</b>	<b>Assessment Reduction</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>173,800</b>	<b>46,200</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>171,100</b>	<b>48,900</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>187,600</b>	<b>32,400</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>191,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>188,200</b>	<b>31,800</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>196,600</b>	<b>58,400</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>173,800</b>	<b>81,200</b>

The refund of School District taxes will amount to \$199,826.47±.

7. Approval of Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION

15-350

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 \$51,644.00:

- \$ 29,000 from the Edgemont School Foundation for the Quaver Music Program and the Model Schools Plus,
- \$ 15,637 from community members for Athletics,
- \$ 6,500 for Debate Program,
- \$ 300 for a conference for Chris Thoren,
- \$ 207 for Varsity Uniforms

David M. C. Stern announced the next regular public board meeting to be held on February 9, 2016 followed by \*\*February 23, 2016 and an additional public board meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2015.

#### VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS


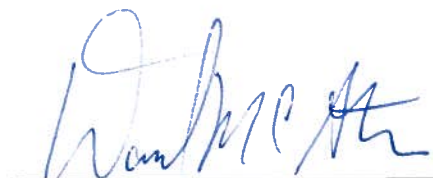
- 02/09/16     Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.\*  
                  Executive Session before Regular Meeting  
                  Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI
- 02/23/16     Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.\*\*  
                  Executive Session before Regular Meeting  
                  Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI
- 03/01/16     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 readjournment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

\*\*Please note that on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Executive Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. to discuss budget matters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 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.

  
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Rosemary DeVito  
District Clerk, Board of Education  
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David M. C. Stern  
President, Board of Education