

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School Library
August 05, 2015
8:30 A.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 and Joseph Schippa, 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 8:32 A.M.

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING(S)

None

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian Yarrington made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2015. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern welcomed everyone to this morning's meeting.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT(S)

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

David M. C. Stern asked the board to take Agenda Items A.3., A.4. and A.5.1 and A.5.2 out of order.

Please note the above agenda items were motioned separately.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the probationary appointment of Anthony De Rosa, Teacher, at Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel/Appointments

3. Anthony De Rosa, Teacher, (Probationary Appointment)
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-105

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Anthony De Rosa as follows:

Tenure Area:	Physical Education
Date of Commencement:	September 1, 2015
Date of Expiration:	June 30, 2018
Certification:	New York State, Permanent, Physical Education
Salary for 2015-2016:	M+30, Step 10 \$107,424 for 2015-2016

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the appointment of Anthony De Rosa as Athletic Director, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual stipend of \$12,320. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Anthony De Rosa, Athletic Director,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-106

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Anthony De Rosa as Athletic Director in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual stipend of \$12,320 and at a summer hourly rate of \$63.48 for up to 120 hours as per contract.

Victoria Kniewel welcomed Anthony to the Edgemont community as did board members and administrators.

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve the appointment of Rebekah Friedman Gagne, Leave-Replacement Teacher, at Greenville School. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Leave Replacements

5.1 Rebekah Friedman Gagne, Leave-Replacement Teacher,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-107

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Rebekah Friedman Gagne, Leave-Replacement Teacher, at a salary of \$71,656 (M, Step 1), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Victoria Kniewel welcomed Rebekah to the Edgemont community as did board members and administrators. Rebekah will be specifically assigned to teach sixth grade.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the appointment of Lauren Redmerski, Leave-Replacement Teacher, at Greenville School. David Chao seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5.2 Lauren Redmerski, Leave-Replacement Teacher,
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-108

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lauren Redmerski, Leave-Replacement Teacher, at a salary of \$71,656 (M, Step 1), effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Victoria Kniewel welcomed Lauren to the Edgemont community as did board members and administrators. Lauren will be specifically assigned to teach first grade.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item A.2—Coaching Recommendations for 2015-2016 separately.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the Coaching Recommendations for the 2015-2016 fall season as listed. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion.

David Chao recused himself and the motion was approved as follows:

5 Ayes 1 Absent 1 Recusal.

2. Coaching Recommendations – 2015-2016 Fall Season

RESOLUTION

15-109

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as 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:

All Sports			
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
	Strength Advisor - Fall	Peter Loughran	4
			<u>Contractual Salary</u>
			(\$3,316 x 5/3)=\$5,527

Cross Country			
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
	Head - Varsity	Jean Claude Periac	10+
	Assistant – Modified	Robert Asher	7
	Assistant – Modified	Dennis Blake	7
			<u>Contractual Salary</u>
			\$7,416
			\$4,120
			\$4,120

Field Hockey			
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
	Head – Varsity	Katharine Degen	6
	Assistant - Modified	Mark Gryzlo	6
	Assistant – Modified	Mary Raciborski	10+
			<u>Contractual Salary</u>
			\$6,944
			\$4,975
			\$5,313

Football			
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
	Head – Varsity	Brian Connolly	10+
	First Assistant - Varsity	Brendan Connolly	1
	Assistant - Varsity	Bryan Bagala	1
	Assistant - Varsity	Hector Negrone	1
	Assistant - Modified	Larry Giustiniani	1
	Assistant - Modified	Robert Breitenbach	10+
	Assistant – Modified	William Ciringione	6
	Volunteer – Varsity	David Chao	
			<u>Contractual Salary</u>
			\$9,519
			\$6,742
			\$5,836
			\$5,836
			\$5,836
			\$6,420
			\$6,011

Intramurals			
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
	Intramural Advisor	Brian Connolly	2
			<u>Contractual Salary</u>
			\$4,830

Soccer – Boys				
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>	<u>Contractual Salary</u>
	Head - Varsity	Mike Cozza	10+	\$7,416
	Assistant - Varsity	David Villalobos	10+	\$5,313
	Assistant - Varsity	Mark Romney	8	\$5,071
	Assistant – Modified	Jedd Chesterson	7	\$5,071
	Assistant – Modified	Nicholas Piacquadio	1	\$4,830

Soccer – Girls				
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>	<u>Contractual Salary</u>
	Head - Varsity	Darren Hawks	8	\$7,079
	Assistant - Varsity	Alicia Waters	9	\$5,071
	Assistant - Varsity	Christin Alicea	4	\$4,975
	Assistant – Modified	Thomas Blank	10+	\$5,313

Swimming – Girls				
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>	<u>Contractual Salary</u>
	Head - Varsity	Tobey Anne Saracino	6	\$7,255

Tennis - Girls				
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>	<u>Contractual Salary</u>
	Head - Varsity	Katie Feinstein	4	\$5,700
	Assistant - Varsity	Carolyn Glickstein	10	\$4,120
	Assistant - Varsity	Greg Tkachuk	4	\$4,042
	Assistant – Modified	Thomas Behrens	1	\$3,924

Volleyball				
	<u>Title (as per contract)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Longevity</u>	<u>Contractual Salary</u>
	Head - Varsity	Melissa Piccola	2	\$5,836
	Assistant – Varsity	Danielle Schaare	1	\$3,924
	Assistant - Modified	Laura Smittle	2	\$3,924
	Assistant – Modified	Kristen Bunt	4	\$4,042

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Personnel Items A.6., (Appointments for CSE and CPSE Committees); A.7., (Rescinding of Approved Resolution Item, A.1.4, Bettie Ann Walensky; and A.8.1.(Appointment of Brian Rappelfeld, AP Psychology Teacher as a group.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Personnel Items A.6., A.7., and A.8.1 as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Appointments (CSE and CPSE Committees)
District-Wide

RESOLUTION

15-110

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointments of the members of the Committee on Special Education and the members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year as noted on Attachment #1.

7. Rescinding of Approved Resolution Item, A.1.4, Bettie Ann Walensky,
Speech-Language Pathologist, (Retroactive Appointment), Intensive
Communication Achievement Summer Program (ICAP),
July 28, 2015 Board of Education Regular meeting.

RESOLUTION

15-111

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds approved resolution item A.1.4 for Bettie Ann Walensky, Speech-Language Pathologist, (Retroactive Appointment), Intensive Communication Achievement Summer Program (ICAP), July 28, 2015 Board of Education Regular meeting. (See Business Item C.3)

NEW BUSINESS WALK-IN RESOLUTION

8. Appointments Continued
- 8.1 Brian Rappelfeld, Teacher (.6 FTE)
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-112

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time appointment of Brian Rappelfeld as a part-time .6 FTE Teacher at Edgemont Jr.-Sr High School for the 2015-2016 school year, at a pro-rated salary for M15, Step 4. (\$83,663 is the full dollar amount for this step and lane.)

David Chao asked for clarification regarding .6 FTE appointments. Devan Ganeshanathan responded that the increase in staff is necessary due to increasing student enrollment.

A brief discussion ensued regarding enrollment in sports teams and the challenges that result when programs and coaches are approved without sufficient enrollment. Devan Ganeshanathan said the process is the same as with fluctuating enrollment and added that it is the district's responsibility to fulfill program needs.

Victoria Kniewel commented that data regarding coaches and programs can be shared with the board.

Jonathan Faust asked for clarification regarding the title of JV coaches. Devan Ganeshanathan said that the reason the JV coaches are listed as "Assistant" is due to contract language. Victoria Kniewel commented that language consistency is an area that can be reviewed.

B. Students
None

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

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Business Items C.1, C.2, and C.3 as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Business
1. Approval of Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION

15-113

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 \$50,120.83.

2. Approval of Contract for Cafeteria Paper and Plastics Supplies

RESOLUTION

15-114

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes extending the agreement with APPCO Paper & Plastics Corp. for the purchase of paper and plastic products for the cafeteria as needed. The cost of the items will remain at the 2014-2015 rates.

3. Authorization to Enter into Contract with Bettie Ann Walensky,
Independent Contractor, for Special Education Services (Retroactive)

RESOLUTION

15-115

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes Joseph T. Schippa, Ph.D. as Director of Pupil Personnel Services to sign a contract with Bettie Ann Walensky, Independent Contractor, to provide Speech/Language Therapy and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for speech/language therapy and \$100 per hour for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services for the 2015-2016 school year beginning July 1, 2015.

Brian Yarrington asked for clarification regarding Agenda Item A.7 and Business Item C.3. regarding Bettie Ann Walensky. Joe Schippa explained that Ms. Walensky worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Intensive Communication Achievement Program during the summer where she had the opportunity to become acquainted with the students. For the rest of the year, she will be providing services for the deaf for one specific student.

David M. C. Stern reviewed the schedule of meetings and announced the last summer board meeting to be on Tuesday, August 25th. The first school-year meeting will be on September 8th followed by a Board of Education Retreat on Monday, September 21st and a public board meeting on September 29th.


VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| 8/25/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 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 |

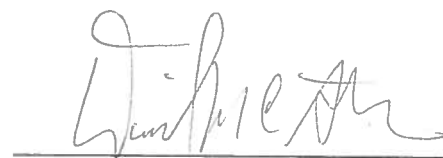
* Please note that all regularly scheduled evening Board meetings will be called to order at 7 P.M. in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School Library. There will then be an immediate adjournment to Executive Session with a readjournalment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 A.M. Jonathan Faust made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Jennifer Darger 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