

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School LGI
September 8, 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, Michael Curtin, Eve Feuerstein, Devan Ganeshananthan, Jennifer Johnson, Joseph Schippa, and Edward Stickles also attended. There were seven community members present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board president David M. C. Stern called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

At 7:03 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and to begin Executive Session to discuss special education students, personnel, and legal matters. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:17 P.M. Michael Bianchi made a motion to readjourn to public session. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

None

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

None

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern recognized Dr. Joseph T. Schippa, Director of Pupil Personnel Services in Edgemont. A “Meet and Greet” took place earlier in the LGI for community, faculty, and staff to welcome and to meet Joe one on one.

Howard Hirsch, School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) Chairperson, asked that members sign the sign-in-sheet provided at the board meetings when in attendance. Mr. Hirsch welcomed everyone to a new school year.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Principals' Reflections on the Opening of School

Jennifer Allen,
Devan Ganeshanathan, Edward Kennedy

Victoria Kniewel described the new school year as having “a wonderful start” as students eagerly arrived at school. Victoria commented on the posters, “Focus Forward,” that can be seen throughout the campus and said the entire poster was designed in 2015 by an Edgemont High School graduate, Yujin Tsuruo, during Senior Options. All faculty and staff received a copy of this poster that highlights the Edgemont School District Strategic Goals in the areas of Technology, Professional Development, and Local/Global Citizenship. The poster also includes some reflective questions to explore as well.

Victoria reported on district enrollment and said that the enrollment is “relatively flat” with approximately 1,924 students K-12. She then invited the principals to address the board and the community to talk about highlights of the first day of school.

Devan Ganeshanathan said that he welcomed 31 new families to EHS so far and anticipates more to come. He described the incoming students as diverse and eager to start the new school year. He also reported a total of 170 students in seventh grade. Devan thanked the PTSA for their support of the Student Center renovation in the guidance office.

Jennifer Allen spoke on behalf of Greenville School and said Greenville experienced “an energetic first day.” Jen talked about the Recycling Program at Greenville and that T-shirts for this initiative were provided by the Edgemont School Foundation. Jen said there was a very successful school-wide assembly with Oscar the Grouch and the Greenville Recycling Rangers. Faculty and Staff welcomed 23 new children and seven new teachers partly due to the expanded new Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP). Jen concluded by saying how excited she is to have everybody back.

Ed Kennedy reported that he welcomed 520 students at Seely Place School. Seely now has 25 class sections and one self-contained class. Ed said the morning began with a school-wide assembly where students pledged a “No Place for Hate” promise promoting anti-bullying and kindness toward others. He described the morning as “very exciting” and “lots of good fun.”

Jonathan Faust asked if there were any “unexpected headaches” in any of the schools. Jen Allen reported the air conditioning was not working in some areas and that some of the classrooms were very hot. Ed Kennedy echoed Jen’s comments regarding the heat in some of the classrooms.

Brian Yarrington asked Ed and Jen if there is concern regarding enrollment in any grade level that may be cause to add an additional class section. Ed Kennedy responded that the fifth-grade class is large and is comprised of three sections; however, he is comfortable with the current enrollment. Jen Allen said that Greenville’s third grade class has 91 students comprising four sections. Ed added that Seely’s third grade enrollment is at 68. David M. C. Stern commented that the “jump” refers to the district guidelines.

Summer Curriculum Work Update

Michael Curtin

Victoria Kniewel introduced Mike Curtin to talk about the summer curriculum work update. She said Mike will give the board and the community an idea of the work that was done by teachers this summer under Mike’s leadership.

Through PowerPoint, Mike gave an overview on the various summer curriculum projects and highlighted some of the more interesting ones. Mike said he is confident that the work that was done will help to improve the Edgemont experience for students not only during the coming school year but also in the future.

Mike explained that during the spring, teachers are given the opportunity to submit proposals for their projects. The proposals are reviewed by the three building principals and him. This year 16 of the 25 proposals submitted were approved at a cost of approximately \$73,000. He explained that the funding was from the district operating budget and a federal grant. Mike then talked about some of the more “ambitious” projects: Grades 7 – 12 Math Curriculum Alignment; New Social Studies framework; Grade 5 Digital Citizenship curriculum; and Next Generation Science Standards Orientation & curriculum Study.

Mike concluded that the projects are aligned with the district’s evolving strategic plan and reflected energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and insight among the teachers who wrote them.

David M. C. Stern thanked Mike for his guidance and leadership in this initiative.

Mike received a round of applause for his presentation.

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., A.9.; and Walk-in-Items A.10., A.11., and A.12. as a group.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Personnel Items A.1. through A.9. and Walk-in-Items A.10., A.11., and A.12. as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Michael Bianchi seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Appointments

- 1.1 Georgia Efthalitsides, Per diem Substitute Teacher,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-147

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Georgia Efthalitsides, Per diem Substitute Teacher, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, at a Per diem rate of \$100 per day for a maximum of 40 days during the 2015-2016 school year, effective September 2, 2015.

- 1.2 Linda Martin, Per diem Substitute Teacher,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-148

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Linda Martin, 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.

- 1.3 Angelique Pesce, Per diem Substitute Teacher,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-149

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Angelique Pesce, 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 Assignment, Teacher Aide, (Retroactive)
- 2.1 William Ciringione, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-150

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 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 20 hours per week to 35 hours per week.

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. Kevin Youngs, Modified Cross Country Coach, Fall Season
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-151

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin Youngs as the Modified Cross Country Coach at Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the fall 2015 season, at a per-contract stipend of \$4,317.

4. Resignations
- 4.1 Robert Asher, Modified Cross Country Coach, Fall Season
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-152

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Robert Asher, Modified Cross Country Coach, fall season, Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, effective September 9, 2015.

- 4.2 Gayle Jamesley, Teacher Aide,
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-153

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Gayle Jamesley, Teacher Aide, Seely Place School, effective September 9, 2015.

- 4.3 Melanie Jones, Five-day Substitute Teacher,
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-154

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Melanie Jones, Five-day Substitute Teacher, Seely Place School, effective September 9, 2015.

5. Per diem Substitute Teachers (Retroactive Reappointments)
District-Wide

RESOLUTION

15-155

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the retroactive reappointments of the following Per diem Substitute Teachers, District-Wide, at a salary of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective September 9, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

Per diem Substitutes:

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| 5.1 Christine DiSarno-Tisi | 5.3 Melissa Mills |
| 5.2 Christine Kovacs | 5.4 Debra Silverman Rothschild |

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

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| 5.5 Larry Giustiniani | 5.7 Julie Sanghavi |
| 5.6 Peter Jacobson | 5.8 Jeffrey Weiser |

6. Four-day Substitute Teachers (Change in Assignments)
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-156

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the change in assignments for the following Four-day Substitute Teachers, Seely Place School, at a salary of \$100 per day for each day worked, effective September 9, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

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| 6.1 Michele Barisano | |
| From Five-day Substitute Teacher | |
| 6.2 Naoko Wach | |
| From Per diem Substitute Teacher | |

7. Advancements on the Salary Schedule
For the 2015-2016 School Year

RESOLUTION

15-157

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following advancements on the salary schedule effective September 1, 2015:

7.1	Kristen Andersen	
	FROM	TO
	M, Step 3	M+15, Step 3
	\$77,471	\$79,600
7.2	Tim Beale	
	FROM	TO
	M+30, Step 8	M+45, Step 8
	\$100,763	\$102,886
7.3	Jennifer Borrelli	
	FROM	TO
	M, Step 9	M+15, Step 9
	\$97,716	\$99,837
7.4	Kristen Bunt	
	FROM	TO
	M, Step 2	M+15, Step 2
	\$74,677	\$76,798
7.5	Ann Marie Collins	
	FROM	TO
	M, Step 15	M+15, Step 15
	\$119,585	\$123,365
7.6	Katharine Degen	
	FROM	TO
	M+30, Step 5	M+45 Step 5
	\$90,815	\$92,933
7.7	Marisa Ferrara	
	FROM	TO
	M+45, Step 11	M+60, Step 11
	\$113,505	\$117,603

7.8	Brian Ford FROM M+45, Step 11 \$113,505	TO M+60, Step 11 \$117,603
7.9	Sean Ford FROM M+45, Step 11 \$113,505	TO M+60, Step 11 \$117,603
7.10	Deidra Hewett FROM M+45, Step 16 \$134,700	TO M+60, Step 16 \$138,890
7.11	Jayne Jacobs FROM M+30, Step 16 \$132,548	TO M+40, Step 16 \$134,700
7.12	David Lally FROM M+15, Step 15 \$123,365	TO M+30, Step 15 \$127,702
7.13	Arielle Landeck FROM M, Step 3 \$77,471	TO M+15, Step 3 \$79,600
7.14	Lindsay Lugo FROM M+15, Step 5 \$86,546	TO M+30, Step 5 \$90,815
7.15	Alexandra MacDougall FROM M+45, Step 10 \$109,550	TO M+60, Step 10 \$113,704
7.16	Cristin Maguire FROM M+30, Step 5 \$90,815	TO M+45, Step 5 \$92,933

7.17	Gail Marshall		
	FROM	TO	
	M+45, Step 16	M+60, Step 16	
	\$134,700	\$138,890	
7.18	Michele Merlini		
	FROM	TO	
	M, Step 7	M+15, Step 7	
	\$91,025	\$93,145	
7.19	Jennifer Nicks		
	FROM	TO	
	M, Step 2	M+15, Step 2	
	\$74,677	\$76,798	
7.20	Julie Shelton		
	FROM	TO	
	M+30, Step 16	M+40, Step 16	
	\$132,548	\$134,700	

8. Debate Judges, 2015-2016 School Year,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-158

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as Debate Judges for the 2015-2016 school year at the rate of \$100 per competition day and \$50 per travel day:

- 8.1 Elsa Givan, Georgetown University student
- 8.2 Michael Koo, John Hopkins University student
- 8.3 Allan Xu, SUNY Binghamton and EHS alumnus

9. Victoria S. Kniewel, Superintendent,
Letter of Agreement

RESOLUTION

15-159

RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached Letter of Agreement with Dr. Victoria S. Kniewel, setting the terms of Dr. Kniewel's compensation for the 2015-2016 school year. **Attachment #1**

Walk-in-Resolutions: A.10.1 – A.12

- 10. Additional Payment Assignment (Overage)
- 10.1 Darren Hawks, K-12 Special Education
Literacy Skills

RESOLUTION

15-160

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the additional compensation for Darren Hawks, Special Education teacher, for teaching an additional class (Literacy Skills) during the 2015-2016 school year, at 1/7th of his annual salary, as per ETA contract.

- 11. Change in Assignment
- 11.1 Marisa Calderon, Teacher Aide
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-161

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in assignment for Marisa Calderon, Teacher Aide, effective September 2, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Calderon will continue to work for four hours per day at her current teacher aide salary.

- 12. Ailin Walsh, Teacher Aide,
Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP)
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-162

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ailin Walsh, Teacher Aide for the Intensive Communication Achievement Program (ICAP), Greenville School, at an hourly rate of \$15.76 (Step 1) for up to 30 hours per week, effective September 9, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Teacher Aide contract is currently under negotiations.

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 due to her Special Education assignment.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.1—students' services items and Business Items C.1., C.2., C.3., and C.4 as listed.

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve the students' services items and the Business items as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion.

B. Students

1. Programs/Services for one (1) CPSE student and two (2) CSE students (CPSE/CSE meetings held during the months of August and September 2015)

RESOLUTION

15-163

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 one (1) CPSE student and the two (2) CSE students who had their CPSE/CSE meetings during the months of August and September 2015.

C. Business

1. Approval of Scarsdale Teacher Institute (STI)
Fall/Winter Course Proposals

RESOLUTION

15-164

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Fall/Winter 2015-2016 Scarsdale Teacher Institute courses per the information submitted by the STI Accreditation Committee.

2. Approval of Amended Contract for Special-Education Students
- 2.1 Marcie L. Klebanoff, Assistive Technology Services

RESOLUTION

15-165

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes Victoria S. Kniewel as Superintendent, to sign an amended contract to provide assistive technology services for Student #1440 and Student #1535 beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 23, 2016. The IEPs for these services were approved at the board meeting of May 26, 2015. The rates are listed below:

Evaluation - \$800 per evaluation

Technical support (including setup/modification) - \$85 per hour

Programming of Augmentative Communication Devices - \$85 per hour

Training staff and parents - \$100 per hour

Direct training of student - \$100 per hour

Meetings as required by the District - \$85 per hour

3. Approval of Adjusted Administrative Salaries for 2015-2016

RESOLUTION

15-166

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves adjusted administrative salaries for the 2015-2016 school year as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michael Curtin	\$169,000
Eve Feuerstein	\$137,000

4. Approval of Administrative Stipends for 2015-2016

RESOLUTION

15-167

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves administrative stipends in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2015-2016 school year as listed below:

Jennifer Allen	Michael Curtin
Eve Feuerstein	Devan Ganeshananthan
Jennifer Johnson	Edward Kennedy
John McCabe	Susan Shirken

David M. C. Stern reviewed the schedule of meetings and announced that there will be a Board of Education Retreat on Monday, September 21st followed by a public board meeting on Tuesday, September 29th, October 13th, and October 27th.

David M. C. Stern encouraged the community to attend the upcoming events such as Parent Welcome Night, Welcome Back BBQ, Homecoming, and coffee nights.

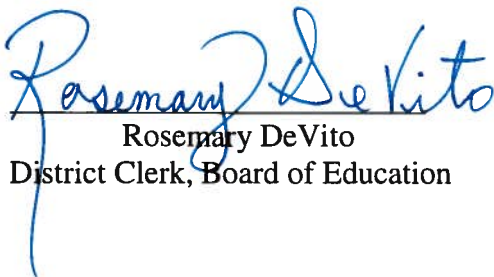
VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| 9/21/15 | Board of Education Retreat |
| <i>Monday</i> | 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 |
| 10/13/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.* |
| | Executive Session before Regular Meeting |
| | Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 10/27/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.* |
| | Executive Session before Regular Meeting |
| | Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |

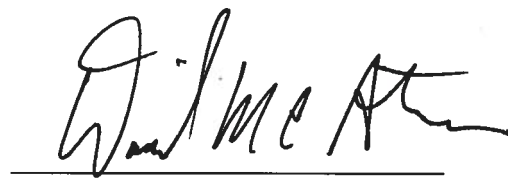
* Please note that all regularly scheduled evening Board meetings will be called to order at 7 P.M. in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School Library. There will then be an immediate adjournment to Executive Session with a readjournment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 P.M. Jonathan Faust 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