

Regular Board of Education Meeting October 2, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Board Meeting Room, Eastport-South Manor Jr. Sr. High School, Manorville, New York on **October 2, 2013**.

Board of Education Members present: Mrs. Marie Brown, Mr. Kenneth Cooke, Mr. Kevin Gleason, Mrs. Patricia Harran, Mrs. Karen Kesnig, Mrs. Donna Moeller, Mr. Nicholas Vero.

Also Present: Mark A. Nocero, Superintendent of Schools, Richard Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Linda Weiss, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Sharon P. Murray, District Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Donna Moeller, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

MOTION made by Kevin Gleason, seconded by Donna Moeller for the Board to adjourn executive session and reconvene to public session at 7:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

The meeting was reconvened with the Pledge by Board President Kenneth Cooke.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of the following tenure recipients: Janine Villez, Speech; Keri Horowitz, American Sign Language; Anthony Brandofino, Music; Maria Plitt, Teaching Assistant; Patricia Antonelli, Teaching Assistant; Sarah Sanders, Teaching Assistant; Jeanette Hooks, Teaching Assistant; Anthony Chernis, Teaching Assistant; Peter Novellano, Teaching Assistant; Dawn Skelton, Special Education.

MINUTES

MOTION made by Nicholas Vero, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 regular board meeting.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

FINANCES

Budget Transfers 2013/2014

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Kevin Gleason for the Board to adopt the following resolution:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following 2013/2014 budget transfers in the amount of \$5,500.00:

From Account Code	Amount	To Account Code	Amount	EXPLANATION
A2020450DA0000	\$ 5,500.00	2110480DA0000	\$ 5,500.00	TRANSFER FOR PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS.
	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 5,500.00	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- To celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 23rd, the South Street students took part in Pinwheels for Peace where more than 4 million pinwheels were spinning in over 3,500 locations around the world. Check out the photos on our website!
- Eastport and Dayton Avenue kicked off their year-long PBIS initiatives last week with the Sweethearts and Heroes anti-bullying presentation which was led by mixed martial artist Tom Murphy.
- Homecoming 2013 was a great success with events both Friday and Saturday. Photos of ESM's homecoming are featured in the newsday.com photo gallery.
- College Week begins October 7th and it features programs that focus on college preparedness and assisting our students in realizing their post- graduation goals.
- The Introduction to Science Research classes taught by Mr. Bolen & Mr. Ostensen are working in partnership with the Open Space Stewardship Program at Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Town of Brookhaven. ESM students are studying the effects of pollution on the Forge River and will continue to do so throughout the year. Students and teachers meet on Saturday mornings to collect data and biological samples. The results of these tests will be shared at the Annual Open Space Stewardship Celebration at the Lab in June of 2014.
- High School students Parth Shah, Joseph Vultaggio, Christopher Tapia and Brett Biersach participated in the Brookhaven National Laboratory Summer Science Exploration programs at the National Synchrotron Light Source.
- Also continuing their independent research work at Brookhaven National Lab are ESM students Christopher Tursellino, Steven Izzo, Michael Pelliccia and Jesse Zhou. They have been studying the protein and enzyme pathways that could possibly trigger Alzheimer's.
- The Eastport American Legion Post 1545 wrote a letter to the District thanking them for the restoration of the statue in front of Eastport Elementary and stated "The restoration is magnificent and a true tribute to those who have served in our military and give the ultimate sacrifice. It gives our members much pride to see this monument on a daily basis.
- The Southampton Press published a letter to the editor entitled *A Proud Community*. It is about the Centennial Celebration of the Eastport Fire Department and what a community is and it was written by Sharon Murray.

PERSONNEL

MOTION made by Donna Moeller, seconded by Karen Kesnig for the Board to approve a consent agenda for the following personnel matters:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

Resignations

Administration

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Lassen, Barbara	Principal (JH/HS)	Personal	2/19/14

Teaching Assistants

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Newberg, Robin	Teaching Assistant (DAS)	Personal	9/26/13
Papacostas, Evangelia	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept Probationary Teaching Assistant Position	9/19/13

Permanent Substitute Teachers

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Browning, James	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	Personal	8/29/13
DiBella, Samantha	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	To accept Teaching Assistant Position	9/9/13
Lindstrand, Jessica	Permanent Substitute Teacher (DAS)	Personal	8/29/13
Osher, Doreen	Permanent Substitute Teacher (EES)	Personal	9/20/13
Santini, Lea	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	Personal	9/04/13

Civil Service

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Tucci, Anne Marie	Teacher Aide (EES)	Personal	8/29/13
Harden, Jacqueline	Teacher Aide (EES)	Personal	8/29/13

Interscholastic Appointment

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Lever, James	JH Cross Country (Head)	Personal	9/4/13

Leave of Absence**Teachers**

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Barbera, Gregory	Art (JH/HS)	FMLA	9/26/13-10/9/13
Fine, Joanne	Special Education (DAS)	Intermittent FMLA	9/9/13-6/27/14
Fleming, Robert	Social Studies (JH/HS)	Child Care	1/6/14-4/4/14
Freddo, Melissa	English (JH/HS)	Child Care	11/6/13-1/29/14
Haas, Christine	Elementary (SSS)	Child Care	12/30/13-2/14/14
Norman, Cindy	Library (EES)	Intermittent Child Care	2013-2014

Teaching Assistants

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Agreda, Elvis	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept LTS position	8/29/13-11/22/13
Sanders, Sarah	Teaching Assistant (EES)	Child Care	1/6/14-1/17/14
Stuart, Virginia	Teaching Assistant (EES)	FMLA	9/3/13-10/16/13

Civil Service

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Deon, Charles	Maintenance Mechanic IV (DW)	FMLA	9/16/13-10/07/13

Appointments

The following appointments are conditional, subject to clearance approval by the State Education Department fingerprinting check:

Teachers

Name	Area	Credentials	Step/Schedule	Effective
Agreda, Elvis	Foreign Language (JH/HS)	Initial: Spanish Gr. 7-12	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	8/29/13-11/22/13
Bannon, Justin	Music (DAS)	Initial: Music LOA	BA/2: \$51,231 Prorated	9/9/13-12/6/13
Kraatz, Danielle	School Psychologist (EES)	Provisional: School Psychologist	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	11/12/13-1/31/14
Marafino, Marianne	Special Education (DAS)	Initial: SWD Gr. 1-6 LOA	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	9/9/13-6/27/14
Solntzeff, Christine	Art (JH/HS)	Professional: Visual Arts	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41:	9/26/13-10/9/13

Teaching Assistants

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Kopcienski, Rebecca	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	8/29/13-8/28/16
Munze, Jacqueline	Teaching Assistant (EES)	\$146.89 p/day	10/3/13-10/16/13
Pagano, Michelle	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	8/29/13-11/22/13
Papacostas, Evangelia	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	9/19/13-9/18/16
Riley, Megan	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	8/29/13-8/28/16
Verbang, Carin	Teaching Assistant (EES)	\$146.89 p/day	10/3/13-10/2/16

Permanent Substitute Teachers

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Borbee, Melissa	Permanent Substitute Teacher (EES)	\$90 p/day	8/29/13-6/20/14
Heller, Lauren	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	\$90 p/day	10/03/13-6/20/14
Mester, Dana	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	\$90 p/day	10/03/13-6/20/14
Sarin, Pamela	Permanent Substitute Teacher (DW)	\$90 p/day	10/03/13-6/20/14

Per Diem Substitutes

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Bliss, Robert	Substitute Teacher	\$85 p/day	10/03/13-6/27/14
Flaherty, Kelly	Substitute Teacher	\$85 p/day	10/03/13-6/27/14
Osher, Doreen	Substitute Teacher	\$85 p/day	10/03/13-6/27/14
Robertson, Thomas	Substitute Teacher	\$85 p/day	10/03/13-6/27/14
Rosella, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher	\$85 p/day	10/03/13-6/27/14

Civil Service

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Mondi, Roseann	Teacher Aide (EES)	\$11.23 p/hr.	10/3/13
Navarra, Rita	Teacher Aide (EES)	\$18.52 p/hr.	10/3/13
Watkins Jr., Gene	Teacher Aide (EES)	\$11.23 p/hr.	9/9/13

Interscholastic Appointments**Fall Coaches - 2013-2014**

Name	Area	Salary
DiMarco, John	JH Cross Country (Head)	\$4,415
Steve Michelini	JH Football – Assistant	\$4,828
Slinkosky, Matt	JH Football (Assistant) Volunteer	N/A

Extra Curricular Activities

AHS Faculty Meeting (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Grilli, Anthony	Teacher	\$88.46 p/hr.

AHS Lockdown Committee – JH/HS (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Linbrunner, Nicole	Teacher	\$40.16 p/hr.

AHS PBIS Committee (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Linbrunner, Nicole	Teacher	\$40.16 p/hr.

Chaperones- 1:1 Teaching Assistants (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Becker, Elyse	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Boge, Elizabeth	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Cholden, David	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Crescitelli, Brooke	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
D'Agostino, Christopher	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
DeRenzo, Marie	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Foreman-Kakanas, Kim	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Lucatuorto, Carissa-Ann	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Kopcienski, Rebecca	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Robinson, Melissa	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Staudt, Nicole	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Sullivan, Elizabeth	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.

Chaperones- 1:1 Teacher Aides (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Abbondanza, Joanne	Clerical	\$17.73 p/hr.
Mirabile, Jeanne	Clerical	\$19.81 p/hr.
Pentzel, Carole	Clerical	\$30.69 p/hr.
Beeman, Lisa	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Bedell, Joann	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Fein, Patricia	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Hagemann, Patricia	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Manchise, Joann	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Reilly, Jeanann	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.
Schultz, Yvonne	Teacher Aide	\$15.00 p/hr.

Club Advisors (JH/HS) – 2013-2014

Name	Area	Salary
Brandofino, Anthony	Academic Team	\$1,255
Caliendo, Danielle	National Junior Honor Society	\$4,812
Christie, Loren	Newspaper Club	\$4,013
Gutman, Sarah	Service Club	\$2,646
Starbuck-Ribaudo, Diane	CSI Challenge	\$1,200

Curriculum Writing – Math (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Gerken, Erica	\$40 p/hr.

Curriculum Writing – Math K-6 (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Antonelli, Patricia	\$40 p/hr.
Austin, Cynthia	\$40 p/hr.
Bobal, Melissa	\$40 p/hr.
Burns, Stephen	\$40 p/hr.
Chiavola, Stacey	\$40 p/hr.
Collins, Patricia	\$40 p/hr.
DeFeo, Elizabeth	\$40 p/hr.
DuTot, Amy	\$40 p/hr.
Gibson, Kathleen	\$40 p/hr.
Gottschalk, MaryJo	\$40 p/hr.
Grausso, Michelle	\$40 p/hr.
Grieco, Patricia	\$40 p/hr.
Hooks, Jeanette	\$40 p/hr.
Kramer, Meredith	\$40 p/hr.
Laza, Laura	\$40 p/hr.

Curriculum Writing – Math K-6 (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Liberti, Katie	\$40 p/hr.
Marino, George	\$40 p/hr.
McGinness, Linda	\$40 p/hr.
Mohr, Melissa	\$40 p/hr.
Montreuil, Jessica	\$40 p/hr.
Moran, Karen	\$40 p/hr.
O'Connor, Anne	\$40 p/hr.
Oldenborg, Ron	\$40 p/hr.
Patterson, Kathleen	\$40p/hr.
Reeve, Annette	\$40 p/hr.
Riley, Carol-Jo	\$40 p/hr.
Rubin, Tammy	\$40 p/hr.
Scala, Amy	\$40 p/hr.
Shiminsky, Carolyn	\$40 p/hr.
Skala, Gina	\$40 p/hr.
Small, Kelly	\$40 p/hr.
Tester, Michele	\$40 p/hr.
Thorp, Mary	\$40 p/hr.
Van Tronk, Christa	\$40 p/hr.
Weiss, Aaron	\$40 p/hr.

Curriculum Writing – Foundations (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Scanlon, Linda	\$40p/hr.

Curriculum Writing – Grade 8 (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Claudio, Susan	\$40p/hr.

Curriculum Writing – Literacy Collaborative (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Zambelli, Jeanmarie	\$40p/hr.

Fall Drama Production (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Oakley, Seth	Master Carpenter	\$3,038
Raynor, Clinton	Tech Director and Designer	\$3,038

Home Tutoring – Special Education Summer (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Chernis, Anthony	Teaching Assistant	\$40.73 p/hr.

Math Workbook (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Donaldson, Allison	\$68.33 p/hr.
Rotanz, Linda	\$74.54 p/hr.

Supplemental Pay**ABA Home Services (2013-2014)**

Name	Area	Salary
Bosch, Lindsay	Teaching Assistant	\$55 p/hr.

New Teacher Orientation EES – (8/26/13-8/28/13)

Name	Salary
Stetler, Debra	\$40.16 p/hr.

Summer BOCES Conference (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Froelich, Richard	Algebra Core Curriculum	\$70.42 p/hr.

Summer CPI Autism Spectrum Disorder Training (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Collins, Patricia	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
D'Amara, Jeanette	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.

Summer CPI Autism Spectrum Disorder Training (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Furlani, Karen	Teacher	\$49.26 p/hr.
Herbst, Andrew	School Psychologist	\$55.18 p/hr.
Jedlicka, Lisa	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Pluta Jr., Joseph	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.
Steiner, Sarah	Teaching Assistant	\$20.75 p/hr.

Summer Work – School Nurse (2013-2014)

Name	Salary
Grosskopf, Linda	\$25.92 p/hr.

Team Building (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Tribble, Maya	Teacher	\$68.33 p/hr.

Team Meetings – Grade 8 (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Caliendo, Danielle	Teacher	\$53.07 p/hr.

Team Planning Project (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Froelich, Richard	Teacher	\$70.42 p/hr.

Student Teacher/Observer/Internship (Informational Only)

Name	Area	Effective
Bourguignon, Gabrielle	Elementary (SSS)	9/3/13-10/18/13
Emmette, Lindsay	Social Studies (JH/HS)	9/13/13-12/20/13
Ferraro, Katina	Library (SSS)	9/3/13-10/31/13
Lupo, Kelly	Elementary (SSS)	9/3/13-12/20/13
Pepino, Courtney	Social Studies (JH/HS)	9/4/13-10/29/13
Rogers, Alesia	Elementary (SSS)	9/9/13-12/9/13
Stumpo, Dawn	Elementary (SSS) & (DAS)	9/3/13-5/30/14
Valentim, Amanda	Elementary (SSS)	9/3/13-10/18/13

OLD BUSINESS

The new drop off circle at the high school will be made wider. The work is tentatively scheduled for November. Mr. Gleason also asked that elongated traffic calming speed bumps be placed on the road from Dayton Avenue to the high school.

The community center building is still being worked on to accommodate the different groups that will be utilizing it.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION made by Kevin Gleason, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to approve a consent agenda for the following resolutions:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

Special Education Services Contract – East Quogue UFSD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the Special Education Services Contract for the 2013/2014 school year with East Quogue Union Free School District and authorizes the Board President or designee to sign on behalf of the District.

Service Agreement – Manorville Speech Pathology, P.C.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the Service Agreement for the 2013/2014 school year with Manorville Speech Pathology, P.C. and authorizes the Board President or designee to sign on behalf of the District.

Sheet Music Bid

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board award the Sheet Music Bid (No. 13-14 018) which was opened on September 23, 2013, to Loser’s Music, the lowest responsible bidder.

Obsolete Textbooks

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board declare the following high school textbooks as obsolete as the books are outdated: *Venconmigo 2, 2003* (248 books).

Overnight Field Trip – NYSSMA All-State Music Ensemble

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the overnight field trip for three students to attend the NYSSMA All-State Music Ensembles in Rochester, New York, from December 5, 2013 to December 8, 2013.

Overnight Field Trip – Senior Theatre Conference

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the overnight field trip for 25 seniors to attend the Senior Theatre Conference in Callicoon, New York, from January 10, 2014 to January 12, 2014.

Change Order – Capobianco, Inc.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following change order:

Change Order No. 7	Capobianco, Inc.	\$47,467.00
General Construction at Dayton Avenue		

Standardized Testing

MOTION made by Marie Brown, seconded by Karen Kesnig for the Board to adopt the following resolution:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0

CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND THE NYS BOARD OF REGENTS TO STOP THE OVERRELIANCE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS AS A MEASURE OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PRINCIPAL/TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS.

WHEREAS, every student deserves a quality public education dedicated to preparing engaged citizens, creative and critical thinkers, and lifelong learners ready for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the decline in state support for public schools has forced our district to reduce programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the state, such as the common core standards, creating an uneven rollout of the standards among school districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of the Common Core will ultimately help students, teachers and teaching and learning, the growing reliance on and misalignment of standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the state’s growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources, and

WHEREAS, the federal elementary and secondary education act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policymakers to recalibrate the number, duration and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents and other policymakers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

POLICY

None.

CURRICULUM MATTERS/STUDENT SERVICES

Acknowledged receipt and review of the recommendations from the Committees on Special Education.

ESM PRIDE

- The community and how they supported the ESMCA Golf Tournament.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Report from Mrs. Moeller of the round table discussion she attended with Commissioner of Education John King. The next dates for forums are as follows: Thursday, October 10th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Long Island NYS Assembly Members Forum on Educational Testing, Suffolk Community College Brentwood Campus, Sagtikos Arts & Science Center. Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, New York State PTA Town Hall Meeting, Garden City High School, 170 Rockaway Avenue, Garden City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ian Kessler, Mike Lieberman.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Marie Brown, seconded by Donna Moeller for the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon P. Murray
District Clerk