

## East Rochester Board of Education Meeting 4-22-08

### BUDGET PRESENTATION and PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Business administrator **Dave Green** presented the proposed 2008-09 budget, to be voted on Tuesday, May 20

- **Charlie Prong**

- asked the board members, especially the newer ones, to control spending
- asked about contractual raises, in relation to cost-of-living increases and health-insurance contributions
- noted town of Perinton residents who live in the district are paying for the maintenance of pools in both ER and Perinton
- noted Perinton property has recently been re-assessed
- said the board should plan on budgeting more money for transportation because of rising gas prices
- said Gananda should contribute more than the current \$20,000 to the football program every year
- expressed concerns about high district salaries

- **Sam Morabito** asked if the substantial decrease in Monroe County sales tax revenue in the proposed budget is certain; Mr. Green replied it's an estimate

- District superintendent **Dr. Howard Maffucci**

- thanked Mr. Green and everyone involved in preparing the proposed 2008-09 budget for their efforts
- advised residents to contact their NYS legislators and urge them to not change the STAR tax-exemption program

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- PK-6 principal **Harold Leve** and 7-12 principal **Jill Slavny** gave their monthly presentations about recent and upcoming activities

- Mr. Leve

- \* showed several photos from
  - representatives from the Monroe County Family Court Children's Center thanking the elementary students for the 4,530 books collected in a drive organized by the Sixth-grade Student Council
  - an American Heart Association representative thanking the second- through sixth-graders for raising \$3,000 through the "Jump Rope for Hearts" and "Hoops for Hearts" programs in their phys-ed classes (ER's participation in the program was coordinated by PE teacher **Jennifer Copp**), and congratulating the top earners from each class: second-grader **Allison B.**, third-grader **Casey M.**, fourth-grader **Ashley R.**, fifth-grader **Joey H.**, and sixth-grader **Rachael H.**
  - **Ina Vento's** third-graders demonstrating their inventions during the "Invent East Rochester" celebration
  - the fourth-graders' art show and sale
  - **Ed Mandara's** Fourth-grade Art Group members finishing their "Egg Drop" project by putting their paper structures to the test, dropping them from the second floor

- \* mentioned several recent and upcoming Project ADEPT workshops, involving "Levers and Legos," visual arts, and Irish dance

- Mrs. Slavny

- \* showed photos of
  - the inaugural "Wellness Week," run in collaboration with University of Rochester medical residents

-- several of **Beth Vercolen's** advanced art students who participated in the "Memory Project" -- a nationwide program in which upper-level art students create original portraits for children living in orphanages in Latin America: sophomore **Max P.**; juniors **Aubrey E., Dom R., and Meghan V.**; and seniors **Sean F., Nina Q., and Thais S.** Also contributing were several of **Heather Hamalainen's** upper-level students, who translated the artists' letters to the children into Spanish: juniors **Jessenia A., Erika D., Travis H., Yosuel H., Caitlin L., Ariana P., Tiffany R., Michelle S., and Stephanie T.,** and seniors **KayLee B. and Emma J.**

\* congratulated

-- students chosen for All-County bands and choirs: eighth-graders **Elliott B., Kirk H., and Jillian W.;** and seniors **Aaron D., Aaron K., Nina Q., and Amanda R.**

-- the March Students of the Month: seventh-graders **Virginia B. and Annalyse S.;** eighth-graders **Alex R. and Dominique W.;** freshmen **Katherine B. and Emma B.;** sophomores **Jake C. and Selma O.;** junior **Meghan V.;** and senior **Aaron K.**

-- the drumline on their benefit concert featuring the Rochester Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps, and their performance at the NYS Championships

-- the National Junior Honor Society, for continuing their community-service tradition of assembling Easter baskets for the children of women being helped by a local shelter

\* mentioned

-- several recent student trips to career-oriented conferences and a national college fair  
-- a coffeehouse-style creative-writing presentation held by **Courtney Hankins'** Enriched English students

\* said Celtic Music Society will host a release party for their second full-length CD, "The Devils of Dublin," at 8 pm Saturday, May 10, at Mulconry's Irish Pub, Lift Bridge Lane, Fairport

- Dr. Maffucci

\* encouraged residents to stay on top of the ongoing potential reauthorization of the federal No Child Left Behind act, and to contact their national representatives with their concerns

\* noted recommendations from the state's tax commission are expected in May

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS and COMMENTS:**

- Student representative **Courtney B.**

\* congratulated the students named to All-County music ensembles

\* noted the members of Celtic Music Society and the drumline are excited about, and devoting a lot of time to, the groups' activities

\* said 37 pints were collected at a recent Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the National Honor Society, and another is planned for June

- Board president **Kim Jackson**

\* commended Mr. Green on his work to develop the proposed budget

\* reported on a recent program sponsored by the Monroe County School Boards Association's information-exchange committee on reserve funds and ways to decrease tax levies

\* said an "E.R. Home of Champions Night" at a Red Wings game, featuring a post-game performance by the E.R. All-Stars, is planned for Friday, May 30

- **Lafayette Eaton** also thanked Mr. Green, and the district's business-office staff, for their efforts on the proposed budget

- **Tim Henry**

\* also thanked those involved in preparing the budget, adding Mr. Green made sure all expenditures were detailed, and easy to understand and discuss

\* said the board members take the district's fiscal health very seriously and remain committed to spending taxpayers' money responsibly, noting they have no control over the revenue portion of the budget

- **Terry Brown-Steiner**

- \* also commended Mr. Green on his work on the proposed budget
  - \* thanked Mrs. Slavny and assistant principal **Brian Touranjoe** for their efforts to promote student involvement in Wellness Week

- **Sally Malone** also thanked Mr. Green for his efforts to develop the budget

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The board

- \* adopted the proposed 2008-09 budget
  - \* approved the 2008-09 Monroe BOCES #1 administrative budget
  - \* OK'd the election inspectors and their chairperson for the May 20 vote
  - \* authorized the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$5,730,000 for construction and reconstruction of district facilities

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 (with budget public hearing) and June 17

**Meeting length:** 90 minutes