

**EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION #1  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022**

**1. A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER-** Mr. Buono- 7:03 P.M.

**B. ATTENDANCE**

	Present	Absent	Arrival
Mr. Buono	X		
Ms. Curtin	X		
Mr. Dunn	X		
Ms. Kennedy		X	
Mr. Mann		X	
Ms. O'Brien	X remote		
Ms. Skumurski	X remote		
Ms. Taylor	X		
Mr. Yeboah	X remote		

Also Attending

Mr. Simons	X
Ms. Cannon	X
Mr. McHugh	X
Ms. Wager	X

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. REGULAR BUSINESS**

Mr. Simons reported that after a very strenuous and rigorous interview process, Mr Roy Stiles was chosen for the next Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. The Superintendent reported Mr. Stiles brings a secondary Math, Elementary and Secondary Administration background and if approved by the Board will begin at the District on July 1, 2022.

A. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ROY STILES FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

Motion by Mr. Dunn, Seconded by Ms. Curtin

Resolved, the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District hereby appoints Roy Stiles to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1, 2022 for a three year probationary period in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and approves the Employment Agreement for Roy Stiles from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Vote: Ayes- 7, Nays- 0

Motion carried

Mr. Buono congratulated Mr. Stiles on his appointment and said he was looking forward to working with him.

Mr. Stiles congratulated Mr. McHugh on his upcoming retirement. He thanked Mr. Simons, and the Board and said he was looking forward to starting on July 1st, 2022.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION**

A. 2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Mr. Simons presented the 2022-2023 budget discussion with an expected adoption date of April 13, 2022. He said the budget spending plan being presented was very preliminary. The Superintendent explained the spending plan, this year and every year, reflects the priorities of the Board. Mr. Simons gave an overview of the strategic plan goals adopted by the Board for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Simons stated the Districts goals are to support and maintain excellence in educational programs in a safe and inclusive environment. He stated the District has a Committee on Global Education as well as efforts within the buildings to make sure that as they are planning programs, they are aware and celebrating the diversity of the students, faculty and staff and the families. He also reported that the District aligns the staffing with instructional goals and the fiscal plan in mind. Mr. Simons stated the District strives to have a progressive, inclusive environment, making sure to not only emphasize pathways for two-year and four-year colleges, but also pathways for students interested in trades, military or entering the workforce.

The Superintendent shared highlights of achieving academic excellence:

- Green Meadow Elementary School named a National Blue Ribbon School
- Columbia High School and Red Mill Elementary were named Recognition Schools for their high academic performance.

- All District schools are in "Good Standing" according to the New York State Education Department.
- Columbia High School has a 98% graduation rate

He spoke of educational, human and fiscal resources to enhance student achievement:

- Channel 13 top teachers Valerie Gordon and Emily Shatraw
- Viewsonic and Chromebooks purchases made with federal funds

Mr. Simons said the District strives to promote positive relationships with families and community:

- Veteran's Day parades involving the community
- EGTA members volunteer on Veteran's Day to rake leaves for community veterans

Mr. Simons said the proposed fiscal plan:

- Provides resources to continue all programs
- Addressed student needs and targets learning gaps
- Ensures efficient and effective use of resources
- Maintains long-range fiscal stability

The Superintendent reported that every year the District has kept the budget under the tax cap. He explained the tax cap calculations and stated that based on the formula, the District tax levy would yield 61,261,708, which is 4.94% over the current year. He also said the tax base has grown in East Greenbush, with the property values increasing at the fastest rate in Rensselaer County.

Mr. Simons summarized the budget priority requests and stated the team is still identifying which items can be moved to the federal funds. He stated that the District is trying to look for ways to include these items in the general fund when the federal funds are done, such as shifting newer staff into positions vacated by retirements. He also summarized the revenues and stated at this point the District is proposing a 3.3% increase, but is still working to close the gap between the expenditures and revenues. Mr. Simons said they will continue to discuss the budget. He stated the next review session would take place on March 23, 2022.

Mr. Dunn stated he thinks looking to the future the ENL program will be a great need for the District, and wondered if there was any Federal money available to offset those costs. He said the Committee on Global Education has discussed a Liaison position to help with communication with the ENL families and asked if there was any funding for that position.

Mr. Simons said he did not know of any dedicated funds available, but said the Liaison position might be something that could be funded with the Federal money the District currently receives.

## **5. BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mr. Buono again welcomed Mr. Stiles to the District. He also thanked Mr. Wayne Pratt for all his work on the budget processes over the years. He said his knowledge is very valuable to the community, and everyone appreciates his dedication.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Skumurski to Adjourn

Vote: Ayes- 7 Nays- 0

Motion carried

Time: 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Pangburn  
District Clerk