

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
October 7, 2021  
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI  
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Braico,  
Members Absent: Mr. Novotarski  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, Jr./Sr. HS Principal-  
Burgess Ovitt, ES Principal-Jonathan Baker, Director of Special Education-  
Robert Mark and School Business Manager – Michelle Taylor, Transportation  
Director-Ricky McFarlane, SRO-James Trotter and 4 others.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Moulton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letters as noted below.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

2021 Audit Presentation by Mr. Jeff Beecher. Mr. Beecher said it was a great audit and the only finding was that the Fund Balance was over 4%. He said he would like to see that limit increased. Beecher asked if that was done last year and Jeff said that it was only a proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #53

As recommended by the Superintendent - to approve the September 9, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Independent Auditors Report

Motion by Mr. Hunt

Resolution #54

Resolved, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the  
Board of Education hereby accepts the 2020-2021 Independent Audit Report  
conducted by Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP. Certified Public

Be It Further Resolved to publish the legal notice and submit to NYS Comptroller's  
Office as required.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Rural School Association

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #55

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the invoice for membership between Rural Schools Association and the District for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$850.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Agreement with Warren County-SRO's

Motion by Mr. Hunt

Resolution #56

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and Warren County to provide two HL School Resource Officers for the 2021-22 school year and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement when received.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Adirondack Health & Wellness Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #57

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Agreement with Adirondack Health and Wellness for the purpose of flu vaccination services for District employees, adult family members and/or retirees, effective upon execution, for the terms and reimbursable amount outlined in the agreement; the board authorizes School Business Manager, Michelle Taylor to execute the agreement.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Obsolete Library Books

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #58

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the said District hereby grants permission to dispose of obsolete library books effective October 7, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Soccer Supply Donation

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #59

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District accept with gratitude a monetary donation of \$1,000.00 from Logic Technology for soccer supplies.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Amendment-Adult Meal Prices 2021-2022

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #60

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley- Luzerne Central School to approve the amended adult meal prices: breakfast-\$2.75, lunch-\$5.00 for 2021-2022.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Surplus Items

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #61

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, the following surplus equipment be disposed of in the most economic means possible:

- 1) Worn out air tools (bus garage)
- 2) Old garage air compressor (bus garage)
- 3) Gym floor polish and related chemicals
- 4) High School gym equipment
- 5) Tuba

6) Broken stove (cafeteria)

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

## PERSONNEL

### RESIGNATIONS

Resignation – Margaret Nelson

Motion by Mr. Hunt

Resolution #62

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Margaret Nelson, from the position of part time Teaching Assistant, effective September 30, 2021.

Mr. Baker thanked Margo for all her hard work over the years and reminded everyone that Margo would still be involved in the drama programs at school.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Resignation – Neil Shupp

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #63

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Neil Shupp, from the position of Bus Diver, effective at the close of business on October 29, 2021.

Mr. Baker thanked Neil for his dedication to the District and said he will be greatly missed.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Resignation – Emma Lomenzo

Motion by Mr. Hunt

Resolution #64

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Emma Lomenzo, from the position of Teaching Assistant, effective September 17, 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Resignation – Thomas Boucher

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #65

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Thomas Boucher, from the position of Modified Boy's Basketball Coach, effective September 23, 2021.

Mr. Baker explained that Tom wanted to be a part of the ESD program and was unable to do both jobs.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

### APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Motion by Mr. Hunt

Resolution #66

As recommended by the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the following persons be granted appointment to the positions below pending any clearances.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Marriah Kirk	PT Teacher Aide	9/20/2021	\$14.01/hr
Nicole Quackenbush	PT Teacher Aide	9/7/2021	\$14.01/hr
Gretchen DeLong	PT Teacher Aide	9/7/2021	\$14.01/hr
Michelle Downing	PT Teacher Aide	9/7/2021	\$14.01/hr
Shelly McClaskey	Sub Teacher Aide	9/17/2021	\$12.50/hr
Emma Lomenzo	Sub Teacher Aide	9/23/2021	\$12.50/hr
Tosha Church	Sub-Cafeteria	9/14/2021	\$12.50/hr
Mary Jacquard	Sub- Cafeteria	9/16/2021	\$12.50/hr
Shawna Clute	Food Service Helper	9/7/2021	\$14.01/hr
Jazmyne Marsh	Sub Bus Monitor	9/9/2021	\$12.50/hr
Ethel Lent	Sub Bus Monitor	9/10/2021	\$12.50/hr
Connie Allen	Bus Driver	9/2/2021	\$21.60/hr
Lauren Scutari	Bus Driver	9/24/2021	\$21.60/hr
Delbert Jones	Sub-Driver	10/12/2021	\$15.16/hr
Jessica Rubel	PT Teaching Assistant	9/20/2021	\$14.01/hr

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

### HLTA Extra-Curricular Appointments

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #67

As recommended by the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the following person be granted appointment to the position(s) below; *Such appointments and the employment of the*

following individual(s) are subject to the existence of the activity and not a cancellation due to pandemic reasons.

Name		Position	Effective	Stipend/Wage
Sharon	O'Neil	1 7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2021-2022	\$1900 4 yrs.
Margaret	Albohn	1 10 <sup>th</sup> Period	2021-2022	\$1700 2 yrs.
William	Scofield	Chaperone/Shot Clock/Score Clock	2021-2022	As per Contract
Carol	Zibro	Tutor	2021-2022	\$30/hr
Heather	Davis	Tutor	2021-2022	\$30/hr
Larry	Rounds	Tutor	2021-2022	\$30/hr
Hannah	Breanon	Tutor	2021-2022	\$30/hr
Anisa	VanDyke	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor	2021-2025	\$1000/yr

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

HLTA EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #68

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for an extended unpaid leave of absence requested by, Music Teacher, Michaela Robertson, approximately November 15, 2021 through February 7, 202; Pursuant to the HLTA Agreement Article VII – F. Extended Leave.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

HLTA MOA

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #69

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Hadley- Luzerne Central School District and the Hadley-Luzerne Teacher's Association to amend Article 8 to include an annual stipend for a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Advisor position in the amount of \$800.00 effective October 1, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Hoffman

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

## HLTA MOA

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman  
Resolution #70

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Hadley- Luzerne Central School District and the Hadley-Luzerne Teacher's Association to amend Article 8 to include an annual stipend for a Peer Tutoring Advisor in the amount of \$1000.00 effective October 1, 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

## CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman  
Resolution #71

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE recommendations dated 9/27/2021.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Braico  
Resolution #72

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept warrants #9 (\$121,582.84), #10 (\$63,940.19), #11 (\$135,483.12), #12 (\$468,171.91)

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

## PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS

BJ Baldwin gave a presentation regarding the Corinth/H-L Lacrosse Youth Team. He said H-L has been very accommodating and that the team is made up of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who have a desire to play and he is hoping to see more participation and a creation of more youth programs for kids and hopes to do that by sending fliers home with kids.

Parent: Jennifer Gilbert said she has a daughter in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade who has gotten behind since COVID and while she knows that the school is not offering virtual learning unless a student is quarantined, she believes it should be offered for students who are out waiting for test results. She said sometimes it's up to 5 days and those are all missed instruction days. Mrs. Braico asked if virtual offerings were for quarantined students only and Mr. Baker confirmed. Principal Baker said they are following protocol and Principal Ovitt said his attendance rate is the same as it was 5 years ago. Mr. Baker said he will take her suggestion under consideration and discuss it.

Jennifer Dobroski – Class Advisor presented information regarding this year's Senior Ball. She

gave the Board all communications from the advisors to parents regarding the Ball. She said the price was \$50 for the Ball and \$50 for the after-prom party at the Great Escape Lodge and reported that a free after prom party at the school was suggested to students and they voted to have it at the Great Escape Lodge. Jennifer said that students fundraised and those who did were paying much less and sometimes free and those who didn't were paying more. Mrs. Hoffman said the Advisory Handbook says tickets for Prom cannot be more than \$65 and that the after-prom party was always free. She said she understood that Kathy and Bonnie always took care of the after-prom party and now no one is doing it. Sue asked if the school could somehow pay for this for students. Mr. Moulton said he was unsure if that was legally allowed. Michelle Taylor said you can't do that legally since donations have already been solicited. Sue asked if you could consider it a field trip. Michelle said she would ask the auditor. Mr. Hunt said that it seems that the students had a chance to save money by fundraising and if they didn't then that was their choice. Mrs. Hoffman said the goal was to have participation and not alienate students. Sue said that more thought has to go in to the after-prom party. Mr. Ovitt said there are monies available if kids are needy. Mrs. Braico said why don't we talk about a needs-based approach and see who needs help. Mr. Moulton said you don't want to set a precedent. Mrs. Hoffman said she is just not OK with the after-prom party costing money. Mr. Baker said the kids voted on it. Mr. Ovitt asked if the Advisors were responsible for the after-prom party. Sue said no. Mr. Baker said it was always Bonnie and Kathy that did it.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Baker commended Michelle Taylor on her work the last few years as evidenced in the audits being great and this year having only 1 finding.

Principal Baker thanked the Fire Department for the \$530 donation to purchase snacks. He also thanked the PTSA for the Fall Festival and reported that ESD had 65 students participating. He thanked Ricky McFarlane for his continued support. Principal Baker said ESD encompasses Monday – Wednesday STEM, Engineering, Art and Cooking and Thursdays Cornell Cooperative Extension comes on Thursdays and will be working with the kids doing archery, snowmobile safety, snow shoeing and other things.

Principal Ovitt thanked the PTSA for the Fall Festival and said he was happy to be back to normal for the most part with the Senior Ball happening and sports and an in-person Open House. Robert Mark said ESD is going great and the kids are learning a lot and tutoring for students has also started.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt mad the motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

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Respectfully Submitted by Mary Visscher – District Clerk