

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2015
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI Room
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Hanlon
Members Absent: Mrs. Lombardi
Others in Attendance: I. Superintendent – Beecher Baker, I. JR/SR HS Principal – Patrick Cronin, ES Principal – Elizabeth Hayes, School Business Official –Stephanie Steinhart and 6 others.

CALL TO ORDER

President Visscher called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STUDENT COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Pupil Personnel – Ashley Osborne and Laura Swertinski, Guidance Counselors gave an informative powerpoint presentation on the transition, their past, current and future plans & goals for the guidance offices. The board discussed the plans to add more college visits for our students; that is already one of the goals that the counselors want to accomplish.

The Independent Audit Report – attached - was presented in detail by Jeff Beecher of Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel. The format of the audit is pre-set by NYSED. There were comments on the fund balance, school lunch deficit, payroll software issues, general fund, long term bonds and retirement estimates and the health consortium.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski to approve 82 and 83:

NYSSBA Membership
Resolution #82

As recommended by the interim superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the district continues its membership with the New York State School Boards Association for the amount of \$6,752 effective January 1, 2016 to December 30, 2016.

Tax Certiorari Reserve
Resolution #83

Be it resolved that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the refund in taxes in the amount of \$35,365.38 for the properties 25.-1-20 and 34.-1-48.11 as required by the settlement with Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. This payment constitutes the refund of 2015-16 school taxes paid by Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. in excess of the stipulated agreement of \$734,906. This refund shall be paid within 60 days after September 30, 2015. It is also recommended that the 2015-16 general fund budget be amended by \$35,365.38 to cover this cost as follows:

A 511 Appropriated Reserves – Tax Certiorari Reserve	\$35,365.38
A 960 Appropriations (Refund of Real Property Taxes A1964.400-03-0000)	\$35,365.38

Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution #84

Approve the October 19, 2015 Regular BOE meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Audit

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #85

As recommended by the interim superintendent, for the board of education to accept the June 30, 2015 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

CSEA MOA

There was discussion on the MOA; topics discussed due to the lack of drivers included - health insurance incentive, odd hours, and respect for the bus drivers. Shortages of bus drivers are reported all across the nation. A code of conduct similar to the athletic code is in the process of being presented to students/parents as suggested by Mr. Hanlon. Video cameras are in place on each bus. The board will be updated on the process at the next board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #86

As recommended by the interim superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to approve the CSEA Memorandum of Agreement dated November 16, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Surplus Items

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #87

It is recommended that the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education declare the following as surplus and authorize district administration to properly dispose of the items in the most economic means possible.

1. Bus #130
2. Bus #127

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Budget Development Calendar for 2016-17

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #88

As recommended by the interim superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to approve the Budget Development Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PERSONNEL
RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Robert Carbery - Bus Driver/Instructor
Resolution #89

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept the resignation for the purpose of returning to retirement from Robert Carbery from the position of bus driver/instructor, effective October 26, 2015, with appreciation of his work in the district.

Aaron LaBrake
Resolution #90

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept the resignation of Aaron LaBrake from the position of modified wrestling coach, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, with appreciation of his coaching in the district.

Seconded by Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS - HLTA
HLTA Tenure – Matthew Howard

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #91

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Beecher Baker, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that Matthew Howard, a probationary teacher having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Matthew Howard, effective February 10, 2016, in the tenure area of Foreign Language.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

HTLA Extra Curricular

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #92

As recommended by the interim 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 position(s) below as per the HLTA agreement; such appointments and the employment of the following individuals are subject to termination upon written notice from the board of education.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Wage/Stipend</u>
Joyce Eaglestone	Chaperone	2015-2016	\$52 per event
Gary Braham	Modified Wrestling Coach	2015-2016	\$2,522 D4/7 yrs. exp.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Cleaner (PT) – Joseph Moses

Resolution #93

As recommended by the interim superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Joseph Moses be appointed to a six month probationary period as part time cleaner, due to a resignation, according to the terms and wage (\$10.49 per hour) stated in the most recent CSEA agreement; effective November 15, 2015. Mr. Moses probationary period shall begin on November 15, 2015 and end on May 14, 2016.

Bus Driver (PT) – William Finnegan

Resolution #94

As recommended by the interim superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that William Finnegan be appointed to a six month probationary period as part time bus driver, due to a resignation, according to the terms and wage (\$16.80 per hour) stated in the most recent CSEA agreement; effective November 15, 2015. William’s probationary period shall begin on November 15, 2015 and end on May 14, 2016, pending his clearance.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS-OTHER

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #95

As recommended by the interim 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 below; Such appointments and the employment of the following individual are subject to termination upon written notice from the board of education.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend/Wage</u>
Karol Woodcock	Substitute Cleaner	November 16, 2015	Minimum

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #96

As recommended by the interim superintendent - accept warrants #16 (\$4,320.05), #17 (\$313,149.19), #18 (\$15,286.78), #19 (\$688,387.71), #20 (\$11,939.61).

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

BUDGET TRANSFER

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #97

As recommended by the interim superintendent to accept budget transfer #4.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

TREASURER REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski
Resolution #98

As recommended by the interim superintendent to accept the June, July, August and September 2015
Treasurer Reports.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

RE-LEVY UNPAID TAXES TO THE COUNTIES

Motion by Mr. Novotarski
Resolution #99

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to approve
the list of assessments and taxes that will be re-levied to Saratoga and Warren Counties Effective
November 3, 2015 in the amount of \$ (Total \$1,986,582.71 =Taxes \$1,973,177.69 + Penalties
\$13,405.02).

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Brosnan, parent: Expressed that she was glad they were trying to address the same topic she was
here to address, but on Friday, the children on the Hadley Hill bus were 1 hour and 10 minutes late coming
home and no one had taken the time to contact parents. The district requires someone be at the end of the
driveway, but waiting an hour is too long. There are many fundraising phones calls but the communication
from the district needs to improve regarding the more meaningful information such as students arriving late
and administrative changes. She expressed she has a right to know to where her children are, or if they are
going to be late.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimous by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk