

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2014
STUART M. TOWNSEND MS LGI 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI Room
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Lombardi
Members Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Paul Berry, Ph.D., HS Principal - Beecher Baker, MS Principal - Patrick Cronin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment/PK-2 Principal - Elizabeth Hayes, School Business Official-Stephanie Steinhart, and 3+ 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

Discussion: Cross Country Skiing update – Curt Schreiner presented the attached letter and information to the board of education regarding starting a cross country ski club, with the goal to have a team next year. There were discussions on transportation, ski equipment, insurance, supervision, responsibility, grade level, coaching certifications, CPR, First Aid requirements, and WarEagle Club/team.

There was a Motion by Mr. Novotarski to start a cross country ski club approving the amount of \$5310 for one year and to move ahead with an advisor for the cross country ski club for a stipend of \$1700.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

(This will be resolution #102)

Presentation: Technology Committee Recommendation for the district website and student management system. Paul Berry, Elizabeth Hayes, Patrick Cronin, Theresa Crombach, Barb Winnek and Scot Carpenter presented the attached PowerPoint regarding the website and student management software. In addition, Mr. Carpenter displayed apps, for the cell phone that would cost \$1800 a year; this is a popular communication tool that other districts such as Queensbury and Minisink Valley CSD have implemented for students and parents to access. There was discussion on google classroom, BOCES PR, ease of use, med alerts, scheduling, grade book timeline, supported by NERIC, supported by Ashley Osborne, the Smart Bond Act, BOCES aid and the quality of our website and management software, Mr. Locke's time and the cost was thoroughly discussed. These changes are a recommendation of the technology committee to the board of education. The board will need to decide during the budget process, by February.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Hanlon to approve resolutions #89, 90 and 91:

Transportation Contract with WSWHE BOCES (PA)

Resolution #89

As recommended by the superintendent – WITNESSETH. The Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that whereas WSWHE BOCES is duly empowered (by the provisions of Section 1604, 1709, 2021, 2503, 4401 and 4402 of the Education Law) to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing transportation for CTE shuttle runs for the period of service to begin September 29, 2014 and to end May 29, 2015. NOW THEREFORE, the said district hereby agrees to pay to the WSWHE BOCES the sum of \$476.40 and directs HL Board President and HL Superintendent to execute the Agreement.

TBS Preventative Maintenance Services Agreement Renewal - HS, ES, MS
Resolution #90

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the agreement and terms within, between the district and Technical Building Services, Inc., to provide a Back Flow Inspection services as described in the attached schedule for the annual sum of \$480.00, effective December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015 and directs the HL Superintendent to sign the agreement.

Mahoney Inspections
Resolution #91

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 Mahoney Notify-Plus, Inc., to provide Fire Alarm/Inspection services for no more than the maximum amount of \$153.00 per hour, as outlined in the agreement, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and directs the superintendent to sign the agreement.

Second by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Policy Updates

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution # 92

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Hadley-Luzerne Central School District acknowledges the first reading of the following policies and postpones final approval for a second reading:

Policy 6123 Posting Requirement of correction law, (Article 23-A Attachment)

Policy 6220 Temporary Personnel

Second by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #93

Approve the November 17, 2014, regular meeting minutes.

Second by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Items

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #94

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. 1996 Ford F-250
- 2. Bus #129 International 66 child/44 Adult, Automatic Transmission
- 3. Approximately 800lbs of various scrap material

Second by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

CHSC MOU

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #95

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education hereby approves the MOU between the district and Glens Falls Hospital, for the purpose of increasing opportunities for physical activity and establish school environments that support and promote healthful eating for all students in grades K-12.

Second by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Bus Driver (PT) – Robert Carbery

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #96

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Robert Carbery be appointed as part time Bus Driver, due to a resignation, according to the terms and wage (\$16.31 per hour) stated in the most recent CSEA agreement; effective January 5, 2015. Mr. Carbery is returning from retirement and previously served his probationary period.

Second by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Bus Driver/Maintenance Worker (FT) – Scott Petteys

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #97

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Mr. Petteys be appointed to a six month probationary period as a full time Bus Driver/Maintenance Worker, due to the newly created position, according to the terms and wage (\$16.31/10.81 per hour) stated in the most recent CSEA agreement, effective December 15, 2014; Mr. Petteys probationary period shall begin on December 15, 2014 and end on June 14, 2015.

Second by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #98

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 below. Pending all clearances.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Eileen LaFountain	Substitute Food Service Worker	December 15, 2014	Minimum Wage
Courtney Backus	Substitute Bus Monitor	January 5, 2015	Minimum Wage

Second by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #99

As recommended by the superintendent - accept warrants #18 (\$1,200.62), #19 (\$10,242.67), #20 (\$248,476.21), #21 (\$10,394.30), #22 (\$3,664.58), #23 (\$390,922.74), #24 (\$14,219.08), #25 (\$101,414.51).

Second by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

DISTRICT TREASURER REPORTS

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #100

As recommended by the superintendent – accept the June, July, August, September and October 2014 District Treasurer Reports.

Second by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ADVOCACY

REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Moulton

RESOLUTION #101

WHEREAS, the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education has significantly reduced critical components of the annual school budget in response to rising costs that have outpaced revenue; and

WHEREAS, Hadley-Luzerne Central School District has reduced more than 28 staff positions (12 percent of staff) since the 2009-10 school year, leading to larger class sizes, reductions in programs and services for students, and

WHEREAS, Hadley-Luzerne Central School District has also reduced its reserves and fund balance; and

WHEREAS, these reductions were made in response to the need to fulfill state mandates and contractual obligations while creating a balanced budget, despite the imbalance in expenses and revenue; and

WHEREAS, Hadley-Luzerne Central School District has lost \$4,711,580 in promised state aid to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over the last five years, but the state Budget Division expects to end the 2014-15 fiscal year with a general fund surplus of \$6.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation Aid Formula has been frozen since 2009-10, earning New York a grade of F for funding distribution in a national report card on school funding released in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level hinders school districts' ability to compensate for state aid losses and funding inequity by raising local revenue; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they can succeed in college and 21st-century careers; and

WHEREAS, each child in Hadley-Luzerne Central School District only has one chance to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to immediately:

1. Reform the state aid distribution system to provide for more equity.
2. Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) by the 2015-16 fiscal year.
3. Maintain the interest rate used in state building aid calculations for a capital project at the level in use when the capital project was originally bonded.

Second by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Second by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk