

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING/ BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**February 12, 2018**

**STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI  
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Hanlon, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Novotarski  
Members Absent: Mr. Moulton,  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, Junior-Senior HS Principal-Burgess  
Ovitt, ES School Principal-Patrick Cronin, School Business Administrator-Greg Dale, Director of  
Special Education-Jennifer Sanford, Director of Facilities-Brian Gereau, Transportation Director-  
Ricky McFarlane and 5+ others.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Mr. Baker introduced the Parsons and Northern Rivers representatives Ms. Kathy Wright and Mr. David Rossetti who presented the attached PowerPoint regarding an in District Mental Health (Clinic) office. Mr. Baker explained the history of how this program has become a priority of the district. Mr. Rossetti explained that Parsons is under the umbrella of the Northern Rivers Agency. He explained that Mental Health of our students is just as important as their physical needs. This program is for both K-6 and 7-12 students. There were discussions regarding the referral process, the 6-7 other area districts that have a mental health clinic in their school, the involvement of our Guidance Department, Social Workers and Special Education Departments. Mr. Rossetti offered two different program types; "Pinto"(free) and "Cadillac"(\$35,000 average cost) with discussion regarding a possible COSER with BOCES for the one program that is not "free" to the district. It was discussed and noted that only adults related to a student receiving mental health will be entering the building which houses the office. The district will be providing an office that will need to be approved by NYSOMH. That will be the only use allowed in the office space. The board was open to this assistance for our students and program. It was noted that should there be a desire to change from one level of program to a higher level of programming that certainly can be done in the future.

Budget presentation – Mr. Dale our School Business Administrator presented the preliminary department budgets in detail as noted in the attached PowerPoint. There were discussions regarding the Smart Bond, radios for transportation, the tax cap and the process each department took in going line by line over their budgets. Mr. Dale, Mr. Gereau, and Mr. McFarlane were thanked by the board and the fiscal outlook of the district is excellent. We currently have a state audit underway and it was clear no programs would be cut and some will be added due to our fiscal stability. Comments were offered to the audience and Mr. Moulton mentioned that the district review the reserve funds and that the line by line budget process was initiated when he was on the board and has been very successful.

OLD BUSINESS

**Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Glens Falls City School District**

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution # 121

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated January 8, 2018 between the district and Glens Falls City School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for approximately four (4) children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the Glens Falls City School District, City of Glens Falls, County of Warren, New York, to begin on September 6, 2017 and to end on approximately June 22, 2018 as required by the provisions of Section 92 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$1,940.20 and directs the board president and district clerk to execute the agreement.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

### **WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program**

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution # 122

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby authorizes district participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCES for the 2018-2019 school year for the following commodities: Ice cream, Milk, Bread Products, Meat, Canned/ Frozen Foods, NOI (Net-Off-Invoice Food Products, Copy Paper/ Envelopes, Custodial Paper Products, Cafeteria Paper Products.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution # 123

As recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the January 24, 2018 Regular BOE meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 3          No: 0          Abstain: 1 (Visscher due to her not being in attendance)

Motion Carried

### **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT**

#### **Management Confidential – T. Mike Varmette**

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution # 124

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Thomas Michael Varmette be permanently be appointed to the full time 10 month position of Behavior Specialist, due to meeting Warren County Civil Service requirements during his provisional appointment, according to the terms and conditions of his employment agreement, effective February 12, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution # 125

As recommended by the Superintendent—to accept warrants # 31(\$121,928.59), # 32 (\$486,589.06), # 33(\$14,268.50), # 34(\$138,393.19), # 35(\$127,305.62).

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC/ STUDENT COMMENTS

Sonja Harris, Parent, Class Advisor: Questioned if the prom location for next year needed to be board approved; Asked if the previous discussions/ plan regarding the after school snack cart could be implemented. She expressed concern over the food still being brought into the HS Gym during events. There was much discussion regarding chaperone supervision and the board agreed there should be two on duty for specific events. She thanked the facilities director for the snow removal.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ BOARD COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Baker introduced the Clerk of the Works, Duane Moulton of CMK Construction, and explained to the board that the current capital project has not been reviewed by NYSED and there is a 4-8 week back log. This creates a problem with the contractor bidding having to be held in May during peak prices. There was discussion on extending the bids for the summer and the preliminary work could be taken care of during the 2018-2019 school year with main work being moved to the summer of 2019. In addition the engineer, clerk and facilities director all agree that a reduction in the number of boiler installations could be reduced from 8 to 3. NYSED has notified the district we could pay a fee of \$20,000 for an outside agency to review the project yet it was determined that would only move up the approval maybe 1 or 2 weeks from the SED approval date. The board agreed that would not be feasible. There was some discussion regarding the seven reserve funds that the district has set up. Bob Duffy was complimented for his chaperone work by Mr. Moulton.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

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*Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk*