

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2014
STUART M. TOWNSEND MS LGI 6:30 p.m.
27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, NY**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI
Members Present: Mr. Othmer, Mr. Hanlon, Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Novotarski,
Mrs. Lombardi
Members Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Paul Berry, HS Principal - Beecher Baker, MS
Principal - Patrick Cronin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment/PK-2 Principal -
Elizabeth Hayes, School Business Administrator – Timothy Hilker, and 35 others.

CALL TO ORDER

President Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation from BOCES was received to attend the annual meeting on April 2nd; the board was asked to rsvp the clerk, if they wanted to attend.

A letter was received from Senator Little on the governors executive budget and school funding.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

WSWHE BOCES: Timothy Place, Deputy District Superintendent and Nancy DeStefano, Director of Special and Alternative Education, introduced the following Hadley-Luzerne Seniors who presented their experience of attending BOCES CTE programs as noted:

Brandon Beaupre - Criminal Justice – presented a portfolio of his work, awards, certificates; offices held and noted the program gave him great motivation and social skills.

Marisa Clothier – Criminal Justice – presented a portfolio of her work, awards, certificates; offices held and noted this is a hands' on program that gave her extensive experience.

Alex Cross – Heavy Equipment – gave an overview of the program, the contests entered, offices held, awards, NHS and NTHS member, and complimented the program for its strength in teaching the basics of aspects of operating, maintaining and repairing heavy equipment.

Cody Carpenter – Environmental Conservation - gave an overview of the program, the contests entered, offices held, noted there was learning in a wide variety of areas – forest ranger, encon officer, logging, fish hatchery and land maintenance on 400 acres.

The students and board noted the BOCES programs are positive and life changing.

January Regents and the building level Academic Progress reports were presented by the building principals as noted in the attached power point.

Reconfiguration Transition update was presented by Mr. Berry. The SED application will have a May approval date, and the following transition dates were announced: March 19th, 8th grade transition night at the high school, March 20th, 6-7th grade transition night at the high school, March 25th, PK-2 transition night at the middle school to highlight program elements. June 18th, 6-7-8th overview of high school building plan and May 20th is the public vote to approve transfer the funds to a capital fund of \$510,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program

Resolution #134

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 2014-2015 school year for the following commodities: Ice cream, Milk, Bread & Bread Products, Meat, Canned/Frozen Foods, NOI - Copy Paper/Envelopes, Custodial Paper Products, Cafeteria Paper Products.

Retiree Drug Subsidy Administrative Services “Renewal Agreement”

As part of the same motion.

Resolution #135

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the WellChoice, Inc., Renewal Letter and the renewal of the Agreement (originally executed, October 7, 2005) effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of providing Retiree Drug Subsidy Administrative Services and directs the superintendent to sign the renewal letter.

Board Meeting Minutes

As part of the same motion.

Resolution #136

Approve the January 23, 2014 joint meeting minutes and the January 27, 2014 board meeting minutes and the February 3, 2014 budget meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Claude Wright

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #137

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District approves the MOA between the district and Claude Wright for additional supervisory responsibilities, effective for up to 30 business days for the amount of \$100 per day and directs the superintendent to execute the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Merger Approval of Football Merger with Lake George CSD as a Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity in Section II

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #138

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, that the said board approve the merger of the Varsity, JV and Modified Football programs between the said district and the Lake George Central School District under the jurisdiction of the Section II Merger Committee for the 2014-2015 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

There was a brief discussion regarding effect on soccer, sports runs and student opportunities.

Roll Call

Yes: 4 No: 1 (Hanlon) Abstain: 0

Motion carried

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #139

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2014 -15 school year calendar.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

2014-2015 UPK Fully Implemented Program

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #140

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hadley-Luzerne Central School Board of Education, to designate a Fully Implemented UPK program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the said district’s Universal Prekindergarten program be available to all eligible children whose parents wish to enroll them and the will serve all eligible children, even if the number exceeds the maximum number of aidable UPK students. The board directs the superintendent to assure building capacity and/or plan for how the District will accommodate all eligible children who seek enrollment, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher followed by a brief discussion. *(Note: this is the annual required resolution that continues the current program)*

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

APPOINTMENTS - HLTA

Resolution #141

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 according to the HLTA Agreement. Such appointment 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</u>
David Diamond	Chaperone	February 12, 2014	\$52 per event

APPOINTMENTS - CSEA

As part of the same motion.

Food Service Worker

Resolution #142

As recommended by the superintendent to the board of education to approve the probationary appointment of James Euber, to the position of part time food service worker effective February 10, 2014, according to the terms and rate for food service worker (\$8.67 per hour) in the most recent CSEA agreement; Mr. Euber’s probationary period will begin on February 10, 2014 through February 09, 2015.

APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

As part of the same motion.

Resolution #143

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 positions below. Pending all required clearances.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend/Wage</u>
Michael Marcotte	Substitute Bus Driver	February 24, 2014	\$15.16 per hour
Gary Moore	Substitute Cleaner	February 25, 2014	Minimum Wage
Bill Finnegan	Substitute ESD Bus Driver	January 30, 2014	\$20 per run
Eva Guenther	Substitute Nurse	February 6, 2014	\$109 per day
Amy MacEwan	STLE Professional Teacher 1	13 -14 school year	\$ 300
Diane Camardello	STLE Professional Teacher 1	13 -14 school year	\$ 300
Theresa Crombach	STLE Professional Teacher 2	13 -14 school year	\$ 750
Barbie Eichorst	STLE Professional Teacher 2	13 -14 school year	\$ 750
Melanie Brooks	STLE Professional Teacher 2	13 -14 school year	\$ 750

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S EXTENSION

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #144

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District hereby extends the employment of the Superintendent, Paul Berry, for one year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi followed by a brief discussion.

Roll Call

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1(Hanlon)

Motion carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #145

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept warrants #36 (\$9,714.44), #37 (\$187,166.85), #38 (\$13,385.16), #39 (\$673,972.79), #40 (\$106.45), #41 (\$9,839.53), #42 (\$371,098.75)

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sonja Harris, Lake Luzerne: Thanked the board for the football program approval.

Duane Moulton, Lake Luzerne: Expressed there needs to be more effort to promote the reconfiguration to the towns, highlighting that the funds are being appropriately utilized. He is concerned about the public awareness and the communications coming from select employees. During the initial talks of the reconfiguration it was noted that the cost savings/cutting would need to take place for this to be successful. He noted the common core is excellent but was implemented wrong.

William Finnegan, Hadley, employee: Noted again he was told in December he was to be appointed as a permanent bus driver with benefits and then told again in January but the appointment has not happened. He stated the ESD appointment on the agenda was incorrect with the word “substitute”. He explained

politely that he has worked in the district for eight years, was only sick one day during this time and has been called in as little as 15 minutes before the report time. He explained he has been a very reliable substitute bus driver and would like the board to consider him for permanent status.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Berry noted he attended an event with Senator Little, Assemblymen Stec, Congressmen Marchione for discussions on the GEA, the drop in school state aid funding levels since 2008, which has been decreased by 5.3 million.

He thanked Mr. Hilker for his budget and calculation work, the principals for their reports and the board for his extension.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m. after a 5 minute recess for personnel issues. It was noted by the president there would be no further action items.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

OPEN SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The board entered into open session and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk