

**HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
March 5, 2018
STUART M. TOWNSEND Elementary SCHOOL
LGI Room – 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Hanlon, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Novotarski
Members Absent: Mrs. Visscher
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, Athletic Director-Gary Wilson, Director of Food Service-Megan Beck, Director of Technology-Scot Carpenter and 2+ others.

CALL TO ORDER

President Moulton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter was received from the Committee Chairperson of Troop 6002 recognizing Kendan DeBlois' on his Eagle Scout Achievement
A thank you note was received from Mr. Curt Schreiner and ski team for support of the Nordic ski program.

PRESENTATIONS/ DISCUSSION/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

- Budget Workshop – HS/ES Building Level Budgets were presented by School Business Administrator, Gregory Dale; PowerPoint attached.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Technology – Scot Carpenter reported on his department as in attached report. There was a discussion regarding the phones in the classrooms.
- Cafeteria –Megan Beck reported on her department as in the attached report. She was thanked for involving the students in picking menu items.
- Buildings & Grounds – Brian Gereau reported he has great employees and he is trying to improve their equipment and items they use every day. The loader has improved snow removal time and allows for clearer views for motorists. He plans on redoing the auditorium bathrooms in house. He is currently working on and discussed with the board employee safety, training, grounds landscaping, athletic fields, painting lockers blue, the George Doherty Gymnasium sign, a new flag pole, new flags, purchasing a striping machine, safety glass, safer doors and noted there is a safety meeting tomorrow. Ms. Jill Diamond was questioned how Glens Falls School District handles the elementary doors, she noted that the doors are always kept locked.
- Transportation – Ricky McFarlane reported that he would still like the digital radios; Mr. Dale noted he gets the go ahead to order those. This would increase the safety in communications with bus drivers. He discussed with the board, wanting three new busses per year, would like the student readers like Saratoga has to located each student, has reduced five bus runs within the last year, noted there is a bus driver shortage and there is talk of new testing for bus drivers. There was a discussion on the possibility of having sports runs in the evening and keeping bus departures on schedule for sports and that no bus should be waiting for "late arriving" athletes'.
- Athletics – Gary Wilson reported on his department as in the attached report.

- Special Education – Jennifer Sanford reported on her department as in the attached report. She noted it is her goal to keep students in district.

BOE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Athletics –Joseph Hanlon commented on the athletic code, keeping grades up, younger athletes looking up to varsity athletes, increasing participation of female athletes, noted the pep band was a great addition, and the committee will meet again in the spring and the George Doherty award will need to be selected.
- Negotiations –Eddie Joe Moulton reported there are no ongoing negotiations.
- Finance/Audit – Susan Hoffman – no report
- Scholarship – Joseph Hanlon- no report
- Technology – Susan Hoffman- Scot covered everything.
- Facilities/Buildings and Grounds – Gregory Novotarski and Eddie Joe Moulton, no report.
- Policy – no report

STUDENT/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colin Hagadorn, Community Member: Has concerns and questions, but is not here to target anyone. Expressed his concern for school safety, this is happening everywhere, anytime. Glad to see there are safety items being looked at. The more we can do, will eliminate or reduce issues with the aftermath of any tragic event. He talked about his daughter in Oklahoma and how her district performed a safety drill using blanks. Mr. Hagadorn expressed concern over the walkout/ protests and questioned if this was going to be organized. Mr. Baker noted that we are well aware of this scenario and he is currently working on this with the attorneys. We are going to discuss the handling of this more and the logistics, noting this event will not be sponsored by the District. Mr. Hagadorn noted that our students would like to participate with students across the nation in walking out of class, one month from the recent school shooting. The women’s youth empowerment group has encouraged a walk-out for 17 minutes to protest congress in the lack of gun control. The letters that came out from Mr. Baker were great and wished every tax payer could receive those. It was noted that there are ongoing discussions with Sherriff, Bud York, Mr. Ovitt has conducted additional lock downs, and there are additional efforts in securing all doors at the high school. There is a meeting with the sheriff’s department on the afternoon of the superintendents’ conference day for training. Mr. Hagadorn was invited to the in-house safety meeting scheduled for the next morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman to enter into executive session at 8:08pm, for the purpose of discussing particular personnel followed by immediate adjournment.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk