

**HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 7, 2016
STUART M. TOWNSEND Elementary SCHOOL
LGI Room – 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: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, JR/SR HS Principal – Patrick Cronin, ES Principal – Elizabeth Hayes, School Business Official –Stephanie Steinhart and 7 others.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STUDENT COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

- Budget Discussion – Mr. Baker noted there have been minor changes to the budget with the tax levy after the state calculation at 1.34%. The department heads will update the board on their respective budgets. There was a discussion regarding the Town of Lake Luzerne tax re-assessment causing tax bills to increase due to Lake Luzerne having a larger apportionment. It was confirmed the district's tax levy is under the 2% tax cap and the district is in good standing due to previous cuts made in past years compared to many other districts that are in financial stress.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Special Education – Brianne Martin: Presented the attached outline, noting there will be an increase of a .5 FTE special education teacher. The last day of the focused review conducted by NYSED was today.
- Buildings & Grounds – Tink Wright: Presented the attached outline, building audit of equipment, building and condition survey and 5 year building plan. There are 6.5 million in updates needed in facilities throughout the entire district. The board was asked to think about the next capital project. There was a discussion on the Schneider Electric energy savings contract and a suggestion that the district take the buy-out of the contract. This would allow the district to move ahead with the National Grid LED lighting rebate program. This would be a great savings to the district. There was a discussion regarding the flood in the CSE office over the February break and how this will be prevented in the future, as well as firemen having access to the buildings. There was a discussion regarding solar panels, it was noted that due to the OCM BOCES Electricity Coop, we already see savings in the purchase of our electricity. There was much discussion regarding improving the lighting of our parking lots at both buildings. There was a discussion regarding the outdated playground at the high school and ways the district could better utilize the space for PE classes and athletic field expansion. There was discussion regarding updating the high school bleachers and the installation of hand railings for the elderly and handicapped.
- Transportation – Ricky McFarlane: Two new drivers are trained, due to cuts in the runs, he is requesting only one large school bus and 2 suburban's that will work better with winter runs, Nordic skiing transporting and will fit more students for reduced use of the larger buses when there is low student-rider numbers. Special Education runs cannot be denied.

- Technology – Scot Carpenter: The main focus has been on the smart bond, in addition to preparing for Windows 10 the will be implemented next year or after, we are updating the server for that transition. The survey regarding the smart bond monies is on the website for public comment. The board was thankful for the updated calendar on the website. The teachers have embraced the new site.
- Athletics – Gary Wilson: presented the attached, the Girls Basketball team qualified for the NNYS scholar athlete team, there should be enough numbers for JV baseball and new volleyball uniforms will be purchased. There was discussion regarding the use of outside lighting for night games at the high school, inclusive of a possible cup game; also the booster club will be assisting with a new scoreboard purchase on the baseball field.
- Cafeteria –Annette Chamberlain: discussed the attached, the wellness policy was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Athletics – Joseph Hanlon and Eddie Joe Moulton: there will be a meeting in the spring with the coaches and the lighting will be discussed.
- Negotiations –Mary Visscher and Eddie Joe Moulton: no meeting has been held; Mr. Baker has been working on the APPR with the HLTA and Mike DeCaprio of BOCES for finalization before the July 1st deadline.
- Finance/Audit –No report
- Scholarship – Gregory Novotarski: there are two meetings scheduled for April 19 and 21.
- Technology – No Report
- Facilities/Buildings and Grounds – Gregory Novotarski and Eddie Joe Moulton: No meetings have been held.
- Policy – Mary Visscher: the Policy committee met this evening and there will be three updated policies for a first reading on the next agenda.

It was noted by Ms. Steinhart that there is talk in Albany of districts possibly getting more GEA back; could be utilized for the bleachers /flooring in the high school after discussions with the PE teachers.

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENT(S)

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #150

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; 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>Stipend</u>
Carol Zibro	Chaperone/Score Keeper	2015-2016 school year	\$52 per event
Gregory Kelley	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach	2015-2016 school year	\$0

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Romer-Cieslik – Parent, Hadley: Asked if the .5 special ed. teacher would need to be called back from the PEL list. (Response was no.) She asked the board to reconsider and look carefully at eliminating the playground at the high school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hanlon to enter into executive session at 8:03 pm and to immediately adjourn after.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk