

**HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING/REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2015
STUART M. TOWNSEND MIDDLE SCHOOL
LGI Room – 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI Room
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Moulton
Members Absent: Mrs. Lombardi
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, Department Heads and 9 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:

Mr. Baker presented plaques and read the accomplishments of each of the student athletes: Colleen DeMarsh and Midge Reib on behalf of **Jesse DeMarsh, Tyler VandenBogaard, Jason Hoffman,**

Budget update – Attached PowerPoint was presented to the board. There were discussions regarding the slide in which the board needed to select \$61,000 in cuts to balance the budget. This would present a 1.76% Tax Levy increase. Noting the state aid was increased but there is still \$282,000 in GEA the state is holding back. There were discussions on a budget surplus, scoreboard, reserves, 5 year plan, rack truck, a maintenance plan for the new truck, AIS position, attrition, counselor, cross country skiing, lead supervisory employee, and the reconfiguration.

Mr. Hanlon made a motion to pass the budget as presented and recommended by the superintendent and school business official. There was no second therefore the motion died.

The board decided to go line by line in the budget after the department reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Technology – Scot Carpenter presented the attached report with discussions on the BOCES service budget, specific technology budget items, BOCES Aid, and mcs support.

Athletics – Gary Wilson presented the attached report.

Special Education – Brianne Martin presented the attached report with discussions on teaching assistants for the classrooms, learning disabled, emotional disabled, outside placements, and disruptive students.

Buildings & Grounds – Tink Wright – read the attached report; there were discussions on the propane gage, truck and CT Male Company conducting the asbestos monitoring.

Cafeteria –Annette Chamberlain – presented the attached report and noted the district is required to increase the price of lunches to \$1.95 for paying parents.

Transportation – Ricky McFarlane reported he is up to date on DOT reporting, has only one sub driver, and one retirement. He is considering using the mechanic and cleaner as drivers with no overtime. It was suggested to have an incentive to keep transportation employees for a year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletics – Joseph Hanlon and Eddie Joe Moulton reported the committee has decided to close off access by vehicles to the back fields at the Stuart M. Townsend School.

Negotiations –Mary Visscher and Eddie Joe Moulton – no report

Finance/Audit –Audit RFP Results were given to the board. The low bid was the current auditor, Jenkins, Beecher and Bethel.

Scholarship – Gregory Novotarski – meeting upcoming.

Technology –no meeting was held as reported by Mr. Carpenter.

Facilities/Buildings and Grounds – Gregory Novotarski and Eddie Joe Moulton 3/25 Guiding Committee Meeting Notes, next meeting is April 29th.

Policy – Mary Visscher (The committee met and reviewed the updates below)

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Changes

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #163

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Hadley-Luzerne Central School District acknowledges the second reading of the following and approves as policy.

7110, Attendance

7130, School Admissions

7530, Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting

7680, Independent Evaluation Policy

8280, Programs for English Language Learners (ELL)

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #164

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>
Carrie Wilson	Tutor	March 1, 2015	\$30 per hour
Theresa Crombach	Musician (HS play)	2014-2015 School Year	\$300 per event

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Discussion on the budget presented continued it was noted that there will be no summer hours for Mr. Scanlan and a reduction in Mrs. Osborne’s summer hours. There were lengthy discussions on the budget lines, fund balance, propane gage costs, reserves, AIS teacher, classroom size, half time counselor, half time AIS teacher, schools in the area comparison of counselors, extra periods, end of year surplus, legacy costs and a separate truck resolution. Ms. Steinhart was asked to look over the budget to see if there would be a place to reduced \$31,000, making the presented AIS cut be only a .5 cut, she suggested the BOCES special education budget.

2015-2016 Final Proposed Budget - attached

The board as resolution # 165 with the AIS being changed to .5 FTE and \$31,000 coming from the BOCES special education budget.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby adopts the annual proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$20,207,029 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk