

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING/BOCES VOTE**

**April 18, 2016**

**STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 PM  
27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, NY**

**MINUTES**

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI Room  
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Hanlon, Mrs. Lombardi  
Members Absent: None  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, JR/SR HS Principal – Patrick Cronin,  
School Business Official –Stephanie Steinhart and 40+ others.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter (attached) from Mark Knapp was read praising Mr. Cronin and his high school staff.

A letter (attached) from Daniel Swift was acknowledged, regarding transportation to a private school. The transportation option the district has provided was not sufficient for the Swift family due to their timeline. Due to the law of 15 miles radius the board has decided not to go beyond that distance.

Letters of retirement/resignations were address below from Kim Ott, Lori Rosati and Elizabeth Hayes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Beecher Baker Sr. - Superintendent of Schools

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #163

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints and employs Beecher Baker Sr. as Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 and further approves the Employment Agreement dated April 18, 2016, setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and employment.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Execution of Agreement, President Visscher

Oath of Office, Administered by District Clerk

Presentation, Interim HS Principal Cronin introduced Mr. Baker's wife, Karen Baker and son, Chase. Mr. Baker was given an award of appreciation for his 14 years in the high school. There was a standing ovation.

Brief Intermission for Refreshments

Amend Legal Notice for Budget Vote

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #164

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby amends the legal ad approved on March 21, 2016 to include the following:

PROPOSITION III – REPAIR RESERVE

SHALL the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District be authorized to fund the Repair Reserve established by the Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, by transferring up to \$300,000 of anticipated surplus from the 2015-2016 school year to the repair reserve fund?

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

2016-2017 Final Proposed Budget

Motion by Mr. Hanlon

Resolution #165

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby adopts the annual proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,460,943 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district. (Represents an estimated 1.33% tax levy increase)

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi followed by a brief discussion on the highlights of the budget, CTE BOCES students, transparency, student centered budget and the visitations to the towns and fire department for presentation. Appreciation was given to Mr. Baker and Mrs. Steinhart for their process in presenting such a clear and easy to understand budget.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

New York State Property Tax Report Card

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #166

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2016-2017 Property Tax Report Card for submission to NYSED.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Create HLTA Instructional Position

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #167

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby creates one (1) part time (.5 FTE) position in the special education tenure area, effective for the 2016-2017 school year in the proposed budget.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

HLCS Board Candidates

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #168

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the said Board accepts the following candidates to run for two (2) Hadley-Luzerne Central School Board of Education vacancies for a three year term beginning on July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 and to place in this order on the ballot.

Gregory Novotarski

Susan Hoffman

Jean Romer-Cieslik

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### Election of BOCES Board Members

Motion by Mr. Hanlon for yes on all five.

Resolution #169

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, that each member cast his/her vote for any or all of the following BOCES Board member candidates to fill the 5 vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties, each serving a three year term that ends on June 30, 2019 is hereby approved:

Naomi Marsh, Cambridge

Linda King, Lake George

John Riger, Greenwich

Cheryl Smith, Galway

Jeffrey Smith, Hudson Falls

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### WSWHE BOCES Administrative Budget

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #170

As recommended by the superintendent - RESOLVED, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget in the total amount of \$6,174,182 during the school year 2016-2017.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### Surplus Items

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #171

As recommended by the superintendent – RESOLVED that the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education declare the following as surplus and authorize district administration to properly dispose of the items in the most economic means possible.

1. One old 1970's refrigerator

2. 2004 Chevy rack truck

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider ESC Payment

Motion by Mr. Moulton

RESOLUTION # 172

WHEREAS, the Hadley Luzerne Central School District ("District") is party to an Energy Services Contract signed May 20th, 2011 (the "ESC") with Schneider Electric ("Schneider"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the ESC, any shortfalls in the ESC's guaranteed performance would be reimbursed by Schneider to the District; and WHEREAS, a shortfall existed for year 4 and is expected for the remainder of the ESC and Schneider has offered to reimburse the District; Therefore, it is hereby resolved:

That the District accepts buy out payment from Schneider in the amount of \$71,081 as payment in full for the shortfall expected for years 4-18 of the ESC.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Policy – Second and Final Readings

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #173

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 District policy:

1337, Duties of School Attorney

3220, Public Participation at Board Meetings

5630, Facilities: Buildings and Grounds, Maintenance, Inspection and Safety

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #174

Approve the March 21, 2016 regular-budget workshop meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PERSONNEL

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Mr. Hanlon with much appreciation by the entire board.

Kim Ott

Resolution #175

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the letter of resignation and terms within for the purpose of retirement from Kim Ott, Math & Science Teacher effective September 12, 2016. Mrs. Ott has 32 years of service in the district.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Moulton with much appreciation by the entire board.

Lori Rosati  
Resolution #176

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Lorraine Rosati, School Social Worker effective July 1, 2016. Ms. Rosati has 23 years of service in the district.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Hanlon with much appreciation for all her hard work in the district from the entire board.

Elizabeth Hayes  
Resolution #177

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Elizabeth Hayes, Elementary School Principal effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Hayes has three years of service in the district.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**APPOINTMENTS – CSEA**

Extra Bus Runs/Trips/Assignments

Motion by Mr. Novotarski  
Resolution #178

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that all bus drivers be appointed to work Extra Bus Runs according to the CSEA agreement Article XXVII Miscellaneous, effective September 1, 2015 as assigned by the Transportation Supervisor.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**APPOINTMENTS – OTHER**

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi  
Resolution #179

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the following persons be granted appointment to the positions below.

Name		Position	Effective	Wage
Brandon	Allen	Election Worker	May 16-17, 2016	Minimum
Nicole	McFarlane	Election Inspector	May 16-17, 2016	Reg. sub rate
Forrest	Hartley	Chief Election Inspector II Saratoga County	May 17, 2016	\$275
Amy	Crooks	ESD Sub Secretary	2015-2016	\$12 per hour

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Moulton

Resolution #180

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept warrants #40 (\$269,721.93), #41 (\$9,178.22), #42 (\$13,084.39), #43 (\$46,419.57).

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #181

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to approve the recommendations of the Committee of Special Education.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### BUDGET TRANSFER

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #182

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept budget transfer A-9.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion carried

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sonja Harris, parent: Provided the board with complaints she has received regarding the 7/8 wing bathrooms, being too small, and inappropriate discipline of 7-12 students for trivial issues, lack of communication regarding report card night, no classes after June 10<sup>th</sup>, and the changes due to the reconfiguration affecting field trips resulting in the 7/8 losing trips and experiences.

The board and administration, assured her that the first year is a transition period and that opportunities will improve and even grow for these students but it will take some time.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to enter into executive session for particular personnel at 7:34 pm followed by immediate adjournment.

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*Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk*