

**HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
April 2, 2012
STUART M. TOWNSEND MIDDLE SCHOOL LGI Room – 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School LGI
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Plante, Mr. Othmer, Mrs. Visscher, Dr. Millis
Members Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Interim Superintendent – William F. Scott, ES/HS Principal - Beecher Baker, MS Principal – Patrick Cronin, Academic Services Administrator – Michael DeCaprio, Interim School Business Administrator – Marilyn Valla and approximately 19+ others.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Springer (not attached)
Emails regarding BOCES being contacted (attached)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cafeteria – Annette Chamberlain – Report Attached

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Report: 2012-2013 Proposed Budget – List of Items discussed – (attached)
The board gave specific direction regarding the list and what direction the administration should take for the last cuts needed and to use the tax levy as calculated for the district which falls under the limit as set by the state legislation.

STUDENT COMMENTS

none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – Lori Millis: NYSSBA provides policy updates with regulations at a lower cost per year. The Public Access legislation and Parliamentary Procedures was discussed by the board.
Negotiations –Duane Moulton and Karl Othmer: ongoing
Audit –Mary Visscher and Vance Plante: none
Technology – Karl Othmer: APPR Technology will be needed
Scholarship – Vance Plante: Meetings scheduled April 17th and 26th

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sonja Harris, Parent, Employee, Lake Luzerne: Noted how busy the two principals are during the day. Explained that the previous year that the school day was extended was very difficult on the younger students, due to the length of the day and on the teaching assistants. She noted at one time as many as 60 students would be on the playground with just teaching assistants. Sonja thanked the board for

keeping Camp Chingachgook. Sonja pointed out that the plastic ware is dangerous for the PK-2 students. Stated we need more technology in the high school.

Jean Romer-Cieslik, Parent, Employee, Hadley: As a parent of both an elementary student and high school student, she expressed opposition to the longer school day due to the younger students being tired, hungry and having a short attention span. In addition the high school students who do stay after for help will not receive the individualized attention from the teacher due to the volume of students in the classroom. Jean requested the board give specific detail when discussing class sizes, so the public can be well informed about why a class might only have 5 students. It is better to have 5 students in a pre-calc class rather than 40 students in a study hall.

Toni Springer, PTSA President, Parent, Lake Luzerne: Expressed opposition to the longer school day. Supports the larger class sizes, as long as the disciplinary issues are handled appropriately. There were discussions between her and the board concerning the internet and distance learning lab. Toni expressed support for the Glens Falls Health program at the MS as this helps with attendance. She expressed concern over the large number of geese droppings on the middle school fields. She questioned if there are AP classes for 8th graders.

The PTSA donated \$800 to the camp fund, and the other events they hosted were discussed. The PTSA will not be having the strawberry festival and this event could be sponsored by another group in the school.

Megan Moulton, Parent, Lake Luzerne: Questioned the cutting of substitute teachers. She noted that when the longer school day was previously presented as this great savings but when June rolled around there was not a significant savings do to the amount of staff that needed to be hired.

Gary Powers, Parent, Firefighter, Lake Luzerne: Announced the April 20th Basketball game between the Luzerne Hadley Firefighters and the HL Staff to as a benefit for the Weiss family. Encouraged everyone to purchase their tickets (\$5.00).

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Millis made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of specific personnel followed by immediate adjournment at 9:53 pm.

Mr. Plante seconded the motion adding a two minute break.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Regina M. York, District Clerk