

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING**

May 12, 2014

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

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI
Members Present: Mr. Othmer, Mr. Hanlon, Mrs. Visscher, Mr. Novotarski, Mrs. Lombardi
Members Absent: None
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Paul Berry, HS Principal - Beecher Baker, MS Principal - Patrick Cronin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment/PK-2 Principal - Elizabeth Hayes, School Business Administrator – Timothy Hilker and 16 others.

CALL TO ORDER

President Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

A bill was received from Hiscock and Barclay for the refi.
Letter from Bill Martin was read.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

2014-2015 Proposed Budget and Reconfiguration Presentation/Discussion

PUBLIC HEARING: 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Board/Administrative Comments – There were discussions on the reconfiguration, administrative leadership, playground, playground funding, and fund amount.

Public Comments – Bill Cartier of Hadley noted that student enrollment is less, expressed concern over the Star application process, questioned the number of teachers, cost per student, why we are not reducing the admin staff. Karl Othmer answered that these opportunities for cost saving will present themselves in the future, but at this time the reconfiguration is not approved.

Stan Goldberg of Lake Luzerne asked how bullying is handled in the school, including repeat offenders. Paul Berry explained the utilization of a school counselor. Each principal explained the character education programs in their building and the steps taken when addressing bullying.

Duane Moulton of Lake Luzerne reminded all of the audit report last year which scolded the district for tax payers not receiving a benefit from the excessive fund balance, but the board at that time, decided not to give the funds back due to the 5 year plan in place, and instead set the reserves. Now is the time with the additional funds to move ahead with the reconfiguration and while the reserves are still fully funded; he did note that the current trend of increasing the budget by 800,000 is not sustainable. Losing state aid will result in positions needing to be cut. If the reconfiguration is complete there will be opportunities for cuts but those cuts will still need to be made even if the reconfiguration does not pass.

Carol Gorham of Lake Luzerne stated that what she doesn't agree with is what it is going to cost (for reconfiguration). She questioned why we need science labs, when there are usable rooms available. "Just because you budget something doesn't mean you have to spend it. Reconfiguration can happen without all this expense." Karl Othmer answered that there were extensive Building and Grounds Committee meetings with all parties involved and this was the result of those meetings, the available rooms would be pushed beyond 100% capacity and this is an opportunity to be attractive to incoming families.

Gary Powers of Lake Luzerne stated it is dangerous if voted down and it will be another 20 years and the opportunities are needed now.

Bill Cartier of Hadley stated that the cost in 2003 was over 1 million dollars to reconfigure the buildings and this is a savings so this vote should pass and there is value in this reconfiguration.

DISCUSSION

Discuss/update selection form for school business and transportation/facilities position: There were discussions on reducing costs, the counselor position, and other schools with counselors.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to approve resolutions 180 and 181:

Pesticide Management

Resolution #180

As recommended by the Superintendent, WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District declares that the insects in and surrounding the Hadley Luzerne playing fields present a problem that cannot be eradicated by the use of green products, and in particular green insecticides;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law 409-k, the Hadley Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is entitled to declare an emergency situation, whereby the use of pesticides to eliminate unsafe insects is necessary to ensure the safety of students on District property; and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that an emergency situation exists on the Hadley Luzerne playing fields warranting the application of pesticide control and specifically grub control, to manage and eradicate harmful stinging and biting insects, spiders, bees, wasps, hornets and any other insects that may potentially harm the students during the use of these playing fields and to ensure the safety and integrity of the playing fields on approximately July 5, 2014.

Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution #181

Approve the April 22, 2014 regular board meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Create New Combined Position

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #182

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education hereby creates one full time combined position as Transportation Supervisor/Buildings and Grounds Assistant Supervisor under the auspices of Warren County Civil Service Law, as described in the attached duties statement (pending Warren County Civil Service approval); to evolve from the current position of Transportation Supervisor, effective July 1, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 1(Hanlon) Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Set Special Board Meeting Dates for SBO and Transp. Candidates

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #183

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education hereby sets special board meetings to meet the candidates for the school business official and transportation/assistant facilities supervisor for June 2nd 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the office of the superintendent.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Four Winds Tutorial Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #184

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, that the Tutorial Contract between Four Winds and the District, be approved for the 2013-2014 school year to provide tutorial services for district students admitted to Four Winds Saratoga. The District will pay \$32.00 per hour for instruction.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Fiscal Advisors Agreement (PA)

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #185

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, hereby approves the agreement with Fiscal Advisors effective April 29, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Step Increase in School Lunch Price

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #186

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to increase the lunch price by 5 cents. (From - \$1.80 to \$1.85) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi to approved resolution 187 to 189:

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

i. Timothy Bosford

Resolution #187

The board of education accepts with regret and appreciation the letter resignation for the purpose of retirement of Timothy Bosford, from the position of Head Custodian, effective at the close of business on August 1, 2014 and recognizes his 21 years of service with the district.

ii. William Martin

Resolution #188

The board of education accepts with regret and appreciation the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement of William Martin from the position of Custodian, effective August 1, 2014 and recognizes his 8 years of service with the district.

- iii. Rich Trowbridge
Resolution #189
The board of education accepts with regret and appreciation the resignation of Rich (Peter) Trowbridge from the position of MS Lead Teacher, Athletic Director, NJHS Advisor, STLE Teacher (13-14) and coach effective June 30, 2014 and recognizes his 21 years of service with the district.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to approve resolutions 190-191:

APPOINTMENTS - HLTA

HTLA Extra Curricular Appointment

Resolution #190

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 as per the HLTA agreement; 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>
Mara	Spotswood	Score Clock Operator	2013-2014 school year	\$52 per event
Andrea	Palmer	Chaperone/Score Clock Op.	2013-2014 school year	\$52 per event

APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

ESD/STLE Grant Appointments

Resolution #191

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 as funded by the ESD Grant; 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>Wage/Stipend</u>
James	Kneeshaw	ESD Program Director	2014-2015	\$35 per hour
Nicole	McFarlane	Substitute ESD Teacher	Summer 2014	\$30 per hour
Lynn	Allen	ESD Sub Bus Driver	2013-2014 sy	\$20 per run
Joseph	Vernon	Substitute Teacher/Tester	April 30, 2014	\$109 per day
Bernie	Friday	Substitute Admin/Tester	May 1, 2014	\$109 per day
Amy	MacEwan	STLE Professional Teacher II	2013-2014 sy	\$750
Diana	Berrigan	STLE Professional Teacher II	2013-2014 sy	\$750

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT ADDENDUM

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #192

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the addendum to the employment agreement for Hadley-Luzerne Central School Superintendent, Paul Berry, dated May 12, 2014 and authorizes the board president to sign the addendum.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi

Resolution #193

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept warrants #53 (\$8,554.62), #54 (\$580,268.07)

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

TREASURER REPORTS

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #194

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept the December 2013 and January 2014, February 2014 Treasurer Reports.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombardi

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sonja Harris: questioned the athletic director position and we need to be sure one is in place for the summer soccer programs.

Bill Cartier note they are all doing a great job!

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Lombardi to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk