

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

**September 17, 2012  
STUART M. TOWNSEND MS LGI 6:30 pm  
MINUTES**

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI Room  
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Othmer, Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Plante, Mrs. Visscher  
Members Absent: none  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Paul Berry, ES/HS Principal - Beecher Baker, MS  
Principal – Patrick Cronin, School Business Administrator – Timothy Hilker and approximately 20 others.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Updates on the assessments and girls JV soccer to be addressed during administrative comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A phone call had been received by a board member regarding a report of appropriate dress of staff and students. This has been addressed by the administrators.

**PRESENTATIONS**

SAGA City - Karen Love and Michelle Stearns and Milly Koh, Saga City Director of Warren County: Ms. Koh introduced herself and the program. Ms. Stearns presented an overview of the trip and a beautiful gift from Japan to Principal Cronin. Students introduced themselves in the Japanese language and each gave a brief synopsis of what they gained from the exchange trip. The representing students were James Romer, Ashley Leemans, Coby Voronovich, Anna Waterhouse and Olivia Austin. Mrs. Love presented a beautiful gift from Japan to Principal Baker and presented the attached outline of the Saga City program and trip. It was noted that in 2018 we will be receiving Japan Exchange students and in 2019 we are scheduled for a 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Japan.

Senior Class Trip – Kathleen Jones and Claire Dyer

Two senior students petitioned the board for a request for more options to be added to the senior trip. They were directed to explain their issue in the student comment segment on the agenda.

Ms. Jones and Ms. Dyer presented a power point attached. The majority of the senior class had voted for this trip presented – to Washington DC of four options provided to them. The tentative date for the trip is scheduled for April 17-20<sup>th</sup>.

There was positive feedback from the board with a note of caution to all those fundraising that the community has been solicited with too many appeals. Mr. Moulton asked that the district limit the door to door fundraising. Community service type fundraisers were suggested by the board. The question of class advisors remaining with a class for four years was suggested.

Mr. Berry commended both parties and asked that the principal, advisors and students collaborate and come to a solution or possible compromise.

## STUDENT COMMENTS

Darren Cirillo and Kayleigh Mayer noted that it is requested that an additional trip to Florida at Disney should be added to the options for the senior trip so the students could weigh the option and vote again. The educational aspect of this trip would be the nations in the Epcot Center and a stop at NASA.

## OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Othmer

### **Board Meeting Minutes Resolution #36**

Approve the August 13, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes and the August 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Plante

### **Instruction Contract with Warrensburg CSD**

Resolution #37

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Instruction Contract dated September 10, 2012 with Warrensburg Central School for the purpose of providing Alternate Education services to certain Warrensburg students at a rate of \$16,325 per student, effective for the 2012-13 school year, and Board President to sign the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

## APPOINTMENTS

### **HTLA**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #38

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 indicated below pending all clearances/certifications. Such appointments and the employment of the following individuals are subject to termination upon written notice from the Board of Education.

Paid under HLTA Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Marc Morrison	JV Girls Soccer Coach	2012-2013 School Year	As per HLTA Agreement

Seconded by Mr. Othmer with a discussion.

At the previous board meeting a community member requested the board look at the participating numbers for the Girls Soccer program. There was a total of 42 participants warranting the creation of a JV Girls Soccer Team. There was discussions regarding funding, board requiring programs not be cut, the intense emotion as a result of this issue, modified numbers, injuries, title IX, support of the administration and athletic director, playing time, summer varsity practices, and the effect on volleyball. It was finalized and noted that everything is now in place and the creation of the JV team will be a great opportunity if the numbers justify.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried

### **CSEA**

Motion by Mr. Plante

Resolution #39

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 indicated below pending all clearances/certifications. 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>Salary/Wage</u>
Andrea Demetriou	Substitute Food Service Worker	September 5, 2012	\$ 7.25 per hour

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

### **SASTA**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #40

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent, Paul Berry, to grant appointment to the following substitutes as indicated below, as per Southern Adirondack Substitute Teacher Alliance Agreement (SASTA) effective September 4, 2012 for an hourly rate/salary as outlined in the SASTA agreement, Article VII.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Substitute Position</u>
Elaine Williams	French Teacher
Carrie Seaman	.4 Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Barbara Winnek	Per Diem substitute, Elementary Education

Seconded by Mr. Othmer

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**HLTA LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #41

The Board of Education grants an extended leave of absence without pay to elementary teacher, Faith Miller, effective November 5, 2012 to September 2013.

Seconded by Mr. Plante followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**RESIGNATION**

Motion by Mr. Plante with appreciation

Resolution #42

The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Michael DeCaprio from the position of Academic Services Administrator, effective September 5, 2012.

Seconded by Mr. Othmer with appreciation. Mr. Berry noted he was a much respected administrator and employee in the district.

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #43

As recommended by the Superintendent - approve Budget Transfer Schedules #12 and # 1.

Seconded by Mr. Plante

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**SCHEDULE OF BILLS**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #44

As Recommended by the Superintendent to accept warrants, #5 (\$1,326.83), #6 (\$1,001,648.10), #7 (\$1,451.82), #8 (\$173,179.76).

Seconded by Mr. Othmer

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emily Heald and Brianna Streeter, Students, Soccer Team Members: Expressed concern over the lack of modified players, the girls handed out the modified regulations (attached) as a hard copy and referred to the text in the regulations regarding the minimum number of players required. They expressed the emotional stress this decision of breaking up the varsity soccer team has placed on all students involved, resulting in some players quitting the teams. The girls noted they were previously informed there would be no funds for additional teams, last spring. The complaint that only five underclassman were allowed to practice with varsity over the summer was not intentional; rather it was due their abilities. The varsity team had been practicing over the summer and those with profound abilities had requested to practice and they were included. They spoke again of the emotional battle this has caused. According to the girls, as of today there were seven members allowed to play on modified. Carol Gorham, Community Member: noted there is inconsistency in the coaches and the summer recreation program, as Lake George, needs to have athletic programs. There needs to be dedicated coaches and funding available.

Sonja Harris, Teaching Assistant, Parent: Noted that the six players did not go back to modified. She agreed that this has been very emotional. She complained there is still no schedule. (Mr. Trowbridge noted the schedule had just been finalized today and there are eleven JV games on the schedule.)

Toni Springer, Parent, PTSA President: Announced the PTSA Fall Festival will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm. She praised the administrator's for the transition plan for the first grade teacher.

Janice Waterhouse, Teacher, Parent: Praised the representation and presentation by our students. They were articulate and very respectful. All agreed!

Jean Romer-Cieslik: Teaching Assistant, Parent: Noted that the original trip to Japan had been scheduled in 2010 but was postponed for a year due to the earthquake. Her son James progressed greatly after the trip and is so encouraged that he is looking in to ROTC and would like to be stationed in Japan. He even cut his hair! She encouraged the board to support an extension of an agreement for this program.

Katelyn Milligan, Student, Soccer Team Captain: Questioned how the district is handling the lack of modified girls soccer players.

Rich Trowbridge, Athletic Director: He noted the girls soccer players have been through enough and although he was cautious due to the lack of sign-ups from the spring, he believes that now the decision has been made and followed through on, he is optimistic. He assured that everyone will get the same opportunities in the future.

Kylee Shufelt, Student, Soccer Player: She noted it is not that we don't want a JV team but we are concerned about the legal issue. The modified coach is saying there are only 11 players. There was discussion regarding the movement of student athletes between teams.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to enter into executive session for negotiations and a specific grievance at 8:50 pm after a brief intermission.

Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5                  No: 0                  Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Plante to enter into open session at 9:46 pm.  
Seconded by Mr. Othmer

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm.  
Seconded by Mr. Hanlon

Yes: 5                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion carried

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regina M. York, District Clerk