

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2018
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI
Members Present: Mrs. Visscher, Mrs. Braico, Mr. Novotarski, Mrs. Hoffman
Members Absent: Mr. Moulton
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, School Business Administrator-T. Gregory Dale, Junior-Senior HS Principal-Burgess Ovitt, Director of Special Education-Jennifer Sanford, ES Principal-Jonathan Baker and 12+ others.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- Senior Class Advisors (Ms. Swertinski – present and Mrs. Osborne) and Class Officers gave a brief presentation on the Senior Trip in May 2019. Erik Schreiner, Class President and Keira Baird, Class Treasurer accompanied by Delaney Moulton and Cassidy Plummer presented the senior trip to Ocean City Maryland, voted on as noted in the itinerary handed out and noted the educational component (museum) and costs associated. It was agreed the trip would not exceed \$700 per student and there would be no business solicitations. There will be fundraising opportunities during the year for all seniors to participate in. There will be a security guard included. The board gave verbal approval.
- P-Tech Program – Kimberly Wegner, Lead Coordinator of Innovative Programs at WSWHE BOCES summarized this program as a 6 year scope and sequence. The participants sign on in 8th grade and they have six years to get an Associate’s Degree at no cost to the student or district. This is a state funded grant program. There are two pathways to select from for a major – Advanced Manufacturing or IT Computer Networking. This is a great opportunity and other option for students and even if the student decides to drop the program they are kept on track and will still get their regents diploma. The district provides a counselor/advisor whose stipend will be reimbursed by BOCES and foundation aid. Any students can agree to enroll; currently we have two students who are in the program from HL and there are currently 160 area students enrolled. Mrs. Wegner handed out information packets – enclosed. Ms. Swertinski will be the district liaison.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #32

Recommended by the superintendent to approve the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes, with corrections.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Declaration Re: Septic System

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #33

Whereas, the septic system at the Townsend Elementary System was found to not be functioning properly during a routine inspection late in August due to two out of three of the valves leading into the system having ceased to function, with the life expectancy of the third valve being unknown, and

Whereas, had the third valve ceased to function, the system would have failed, and the school would have had to close, and

Whereas this situation caused the district to have to replace the three valves immediately to ensure that the system would continue to function and that the school would remain open, and

Whereas, only one quote for this work, from Emmons Pump & Control, Inc., could be obtained in order to ensure that this work was done in a timely manner; now, therefore, it is

Resolved by the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that an emergency condition regarding said septic system existed in August which caused the district to depart from its purchasing procedures by only obtaining one quote, and that the Board of Education therefore authorizes the suspension of the district’s purchasing procedures for the purposes of repairing said septic system, and authorizes Emmons Pump & Control, Inc., to effect such repairs as are necessary for the continued functioning of said septic system.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico followed by a brief explanation by Mr. Dale

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

NYSSBA Membership

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #34

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the district continues its membership with the New York State School Boards Association for the policy update service for \$850 effective August 2018 through July 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL
RESIGNATION

Teacher Aide - Lindsay Brower

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #35

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation, the resignation of Lindsay Brower, from the position of Teacher Aide, effective September 23, 2018.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman to approve 36, 37, 38:

Bus Driver (PT 10 mo.) – Joseph Crooks

Resolution #36

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Joseph Crooks be retroactively appointed to a six month probationary period as a part time 10 month Bus Driver, according to Warren County Civil Service requirements, due to an unfilled position, for the hourly wage (\$18.70 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective September 4, 2018. Mr. Crook's probationary period shall begin on September 4, 2018 and end on March 3, 2019, at which time the board authorizes he be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Ricky McFarlane.

Teaching Assistant (Provisional Aide) (PT 10 mo.) – Lauren Wittenberg

Resolution #37

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Lauren Wittenberg be appointed to a six month probationary period according to Warren County Civil Service requirements, as a part time Teacher Aide, due to a resignation, according to the terms and wage (\$11.11 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective, September 4, 2018. Lauren's probationary period shall begin on September 4, 2018 and end on March 3, 2019. The appointment is provisional pending Mrs. Wittenberg's receipt of her NYS Teaching Assistant Level I and all NYSED requirements for the position. The date the district is given proof of certification, Lauren will be promoted to a Teaching Assistant at the rate stated in the CSEA agreement and continue her probationary period. AT the end of her probationary period the board authorizes she be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Jonathan Baker.

Food Service Helper (PT 10 mo.) – Bobbie Jo Barber

Resolution #38

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Bobbie Jo Barber be appointed to a six month probationary period according to Warren County Civil Service requirements, as a part time Food Service Helper, due to a resignation, for the hourly wage (\$11.11 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective September 18, 2018. Bobbie Jo's probationary period shall begin on September 18, 2018 and end on March 17, 2019, at which time the board authorizes she be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Megan Beck.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

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 below as per the posting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend/Wage</u>
Laura Swertinski	P-Tech Advisor	September 13, 2016	\$2100 yr.
Katie Jo Fisk	Substitute Bus Driver	Contingent on clearance	\$15.16 per hour

Seconded by Mrs. Braicao followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

CSEA LEAVE REQUEST

Christine Collard

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #40

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District

hereby approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for a vacation as requested by Food Service Helper, Christine Collard, for ten (10) days, December 3 through December 14, 2018 as an unpaid leave.

“Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA dated September 5, 2007 which provides, in part:.....2. c. Bargaining unit members appointed effective on or after July 1, 2007: Any unpaid leave shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Education”

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #41 - As recommended by the superintendent - accept warrants #6 (\$1,065,383.74), #7(\$33,819.77), #8 (\$389,576.64), #9 (\$32,177.09).

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #42 - As recommended by the superintendent, for the board of education to accept the July 2018 Treasurer’s Report.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

Main topics commented on:

- There is now a concession stand at the HS field.
- NYS Comptrollers Audit is complete
- 28 new CSE students enrolled
- Meet the Teacher Nights on the calendar
- New APPR software
- Poverty Simulation on Supt. Day
- Mentoring Program as modeled by Ricky McFarlane
- Parsons Mental Health Unit
- Hudson Headwaters School Physician and possibly future School Based Health Provider.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Novotarski to enter into executive session followed by for particular personnel at 7:09 pm.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Regina York, District Clerk