

JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
BETWEEN THE  
HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND THE  
CORINTH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Monday, March 18, 2013

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, LGI Room, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY

Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Othmer, Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Plante, Mrs. Visscher

Corinth Members Present: Mr. Lueck, Ms. Kiselica-Rumpf, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Lockhart, Ms. Boni-O'Neil, Ms. Baker,

Members Absent: Mr. Coltrain (Corinth)

Others in Attendance - HL: 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 28 others.

Others in Attendance - Corinth:  
Superintendent – Dr. Starr, MS Principal/CSE Chair – Lisa Mead, HS Principal – Brian Testani, School Business Administrator - John Hales

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**HADLEY-LUZERNE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Correspondences to be read at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting from Teacher, Linda Barber and the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

Student Comments-none

**HADLEY-LUZERNE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

MOTION by Mr. Plante to approve Resolutions #109 through #124:

OLD BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution #109

Approve the February 25<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

STAR Reading Program Agreement

Resolution #110

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated February 27, 2013 between the District and Renaissance Learning, Inc., for the purpose of providing a subscription to the STAR Early Literacy and Reading software effective for

the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year for the amount of \$5,678.43 and directs the Board President to sign the Quote, Initial Hosting Agreement, and  
Be It Further Resolved, to approve the renewal agreement in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2013-2014 school year and directs the Board President to sign the Quote.

2013-2014 School year Calendar

Resolution #111

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2013-2014 School Year Calendar.

Budget Workshop – 3/25/13

Resolution #112

Approve the addition of a Board of Education meeting for the purpose of a Budget Workshop for March 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

2013 Legal Ad - Annual School Vote and Election

Resolution #113

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, hereby approves for publication the Legal Ad of the Annual School Vote and Election on May 21, 2013 and directs the District Clerk to publish four (4) times on: April 5, 2013, April 20, 2013, May 12, 2013 and May 19, 2013:

*TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION*

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2013-2014 Budget for the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District shall be held in the Middle School Large Group Instructional Room of the Hadley-Luzerne Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, 27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time. Copies of the budget will be available for review commencing on May 7, 2013 at the District Office, School Business Office and the main office of each school building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.*

*AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by machine or ballot on the following items:*

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.*
- 2. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education each to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2016.*
- 3. To adopt the following proposition(s):*

*PROPOSITION I – ONE MINIVAN*

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire one (1) minivan at a maximum estimated cost of approximately \$25,000 and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$25,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.*

*PROPOSITION II – TWO SCHOOL BUSES*

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire one (1) 66 passenger school bus and one (1) wheel chair bus at a maximum estimated cost of approximately \$240,000 and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the*

Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$240,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2013-2014 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the School Business Office and the Main Office of each school building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing. Copies shall also be available at the Annual District Meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education to fill two (2) expired terms of three years each, must be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office, not later than April 22, 2013 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or 2% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater and must state the name and residence of the candidate that shall fill the vacancy "At Large". A copy of such petition may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk, Stuart M. Townsend Middle school, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, applications for absentee ballots for election of Board Members and voting on the budget and propositions may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2013. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in said office of the District Clerk at the Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 19, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has already registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Personal registration for all qualified voters of the District pursuant to Education Law shall occur at the District Office, Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, 27 Hyland Drive during business hours of the school, but no later than May 16, 2013, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on the Register, provided that during such registration, the prospective voter is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared.

Please take further notice that the register prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk; that such register shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District, on each of five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 19, 2013, and that the hours during which such register shall be open for inspection shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet during the annual meeting, at the Stuart M.

Townsend Middle School in the Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County, New York, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, or placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 21, 2013.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District on or before April 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 5% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election of Board members, whichever is greater; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Health and Welfare Services – Corinth Central School District  
Resolution #114

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated January 30, 2013 between the District and Corinth Central School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for approximately 26 children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the Corinth Central School District, Town of Corinth, County of Saratoga, New York, to begin on September 5, 2012 and to end on June 21, 2013 as required by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$8,867.20 and directs the Board President and District Clerk to sign the agreement.

APPOINTMENTS

HLTA

Resolution #115

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District hereby approves the following persons who are granted appointment to the positions indicated below as outlined in the agreement between the District and the HLTA. 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/Wage</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Jay Connelly      | HS Summer School Teacher  | Summer of 2013  | \$30 per hour       |
| Barbie Eichorst   | HS Summer School Teacher  | Summer of 2013  | \$30 per hour       |
| Cindy Cook        | K-2 Summer School Teacher | Summer of 2013  | \$30 per hour       |
| Jennifer Bourdeau | K-2 Summer School Teacher | Summer of 2013  | \$30 per hour       |
| Amy MacEwan       | K-2 Summer School Teacher | Summer of 2013  | \$30 per hour       |
| Brianne Martin    | Interim CSE Chair         | 2012-2013 School Year<br>(20 Additional working days) | \$263.98 per diem   |

OTHER

Resolution #116

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, hereby appoints Donna Lemelin as a substitute typist, effective

March 19, 2013 at her regular hourly rate for a maximum of 20 days through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

ESD/ESD 2013 Summer Program  
Resolution #117

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District hereby approves the following persons who are granted appointment to the positions indicated below as outlined in the Extended School Day Grant and postings. 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</u>        |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| James Kneeshaw     | ESD Program Director        | 2013-2014 School Year<br>(2hrs. x 5 days per week) | \$35 per hour      |
| Sue Ostrander      | Math Teacher (3-4)          | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Mandy Hughes       | ELA Teacher (3-4)           | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Jack King          | Math Teacher (5-6)          | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Lisa West          | ELA Teacher (5-6)           | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Matthew Fauler     | Math Teacher (7-8)          | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Sue Hartman        | ELA Teacher (7-8)           | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| H. Lee Firlit      | Special Education Teacher   | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Sue Thompson       | Substitute ESD Teacher      | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Patti Cook         | Substitute ESD Teacher      | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |
| Christine Willmart | Substitute ESD Teacher/Dir. | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30/\$35 per hour |
| John Parsons       | Substitute ESD Teacher      | Summer of 2013                                     | \$30 per hour      |

RETIREMENT

Resolution #118

Accept with gratitude the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Elementary Teacher, Linda Barber effective June 30, 2013.

Mrs. Barber has worked 24 years in the District.

HLTA LEAVE REQUESTS

Kristine Burrell

Resolution #119

As Approved by the Superintendent – that the Board of Education acknowledge the “non-precedent setting” unpaid Personal Leave Request of Elementary Teacher, Kristine Burrell, for four days, from approximately May 5, 2013 to May 9, 2013.

James Kneeshaw

Resolution # 120

As Approved by the Superintendent – that the Board of Education acknowledge the a “non-precedent setting” partial leave request for HS Technology Teacher, James Kneeshaw, effective approximately Monday, March 11, 2013 to March 28, 2013 for the purpose of attending NYS Peace Officer Training.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Resolution #121

As Recommended by the Superintendent to accept warrants, #38 (\$11,608.89), #39 (\$346,767.76)

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution #122

As Recommended by the Superintendent for the Board of Education to accept the CSE Recommendations, effective March 18, 2013.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Resolution #123

As Recommended by the Superintendent for the Board of Education to accept the February 2013 Treasurer's Report.

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Resolution #124

As Recommended by the Superintendent - accept budget transfer schedule #7.

Seconded by Mr. Othmer

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carried

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Paul Berry, Superintendent of Schools  
Hadley Luzerne Central School District

Dr. Dan Starr, Superintendent of Schools  
Corinth Central School District

**PRESENTATIONS**

Update on Efficiency Grant Application– Elizabeth Hayes, HLCS, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment/K-2 Principal presented the power point attached.

Update on Academic Program Sharing & Update on Athletic Program Sharing – Beecher Baker, HLHS Principal and Brian Testani, CHS Principal, presented the second half of the power point attached.

**JOINT BOARD DISCUSSION REGARDING EFFICIENCY GRANT**

There were discussions on class offerings, cost neutral sharing, transportation, athletics, distance learning, nano technology, Tech Smart, special education, pick up times, state funding of study, enrollment, maintaining both academic and athletic programming, the timeline, sharing being student driven, scheduling, current sharing in special education, student awareness, community support and awareness, board awareness of any sharing that is not cost neutral, learning from the process, student tuition issues, logistics, and that the state is forcing all districts to share as state aid decreases.

**JOINT RESOLUTION (#125)**

Motion by Mr. Othmer

HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND

CORINTH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM REGARDING A STUDY OF  
SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, The governing boards Hadley-Luzerne Central School Board Of Education (“Hadley-Luzerne CSD”) and Corinth Central School District Board of Education (“Corinth CSD”) shall designate a lead applicant contact person and authorize Paul Berry, Superintendent of Schools at Hadley-Luzerne CSD and designee Elizabeth Hayes, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment/PK-2 Principal at Hadley-

Luzerne CSD, to submit an application to the Local Government Efficiency grant program for the 2013-2014 program year, and

WHEREAS, Hadley-Luzerne CSD and Corinth CSD authorize Paul Berry and designee Elizabeth Hayes to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program, and

WHEREAS, The project title known as “Joint Efficiency Feasibility Study” is described as a feasibility study between the two district for the purpose of identifying all methods available to share services for the purpose of saving funds in each district which clearly shows an efficient and cost effective outcome, and

WHEREAS, It is indicated that the Hadley-Luzerne CSD, PO Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 and Corinth CSD, 105 Oak Street, Corinth, NY 12822 will be co-applicants and will enter into the Inter-municipal Memorandum of Agreement, and

WHEREAS, It is indicated that the grant will pay 90% of the feasibility study costs while Hadley-Luzerne CSD and Corinth CSD will pay the remaining 10% or \$5,000, now; Split 50% between the districts, in the amount of \$2500 each, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Hadley-Luzerne CSD and the Corinth CSD, that the Superintendent of Schools of Hadley-Luzerne and designee is authorized to submit a grant application for funding in the amount \$50,000 (“Amount of Grant Requested”) to the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program regarding A Efficiency Feasibility Study, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hadley-Luzerne CSD Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Board of the Hadley-Luzerne CSD is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate Officials by April 10, 2013.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Unanimously Adopted by the Corinth CSD Board of Education and Hadley-Luzerne CSD Board of Education Members

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| CCSD -   | Yes: 6 | No: 0 | Abstained: 0 |
| HLCS D - | Yes:5  | No: 0 | Abstained: 0 |

Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emily Heald, HL, Senior: Expressed this topic as hard for her as she came from a larger school and loves the small town school. The students will be afraid but there are benefits and opportunities by sharing. The students will be driven by success. The sharing of sports should be started at 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sonja Harris, HL, Parent, employee, PTSA officer: Questioned the years schedule and how it would work when Hadley-Luzerne closes and Corinth does not. There was a response that the students would have an excused absence. Sonja continued noting that both Corinth parents and HL parents of students in youth football as sad that they cannot continue on after that level. Currently they’re sharing other youth sports including dance.

Jean Romer-Cieslik, HL, Parent, employee: Currently students are involved in youth football, hockey, soccer and softball. It would be the parents that will need to adjust. She questioned the DL Schedule and how this affects the scheduling. There was a response that the new schedule in Corinth will work well and will fit better in the schedule.

Toni Springer, HL, Parent, PTSA President: Questioned if it would be possible for the teachers to travel for the classes rather than the students and if any joint teams would share a joint team name. There was a response that due to contractual obligations teachers traveling would not be an option and that at this time there is no plan for changing the names of the sports teams.

Tom Hughes, HL, Grandparent, employee: Asked the board not to worry about the athletics and to concentrate on the academics.

Allen Spieldenner, Corinth employee, CTU President, HL Resident: Sees a cost neutral benefit for both districts however he expressed to both boards that should any sharing cause the elimination of current staff that the board should keep in mind that these employees are members of the community and pay taxes too. There were many responses with the tone that no one would lose their current job but that resignations and retirements will drive the positions that may be shared. Sharing would eliminate a job, but those funds would be used for programming. President of the Corinth Board assured no one would be losing their current position.

Thomas Fuss, HL Parent: Supported the sharing and suggested the student survey be directed at students in grades 7-9. Asked the board to be more productive with budget funds, noted sports are already being shared at the youth level and thanked both boards.

Mary Backus, HL, Parent: Questioned the HS course offerings to students as being secretive and there may be numbers that are not accurate. There were responses noting that the students who may choose a course not offered at their own campus would be individually counseled should the opportunity arise in the overall schedule. The course offerings were just preliminary.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Dan Starr, Superintendent of Schools, Corinth Central School District, thanked both boards; principals and guidance staff for their hard work already accomplished and is the onset of the good work to come.

Mr. Paul Berry Superintendent of Schools, Hadley Luzerne Central School District, thanked Dr. Starr and both boards. We are all stewards of our communities and trying to offer greater benefits to our students. Reconfiguration, management and good leaders will try to implement those opportunities when they exist and feel we will be rewarded financially.

There was agreement to meet annually with the next joint board meeting being in July for an update.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hanlon to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Plante

All were in favor:

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| CCSD -  | Yes: 6 | No: 0 | Abstained: 0 |
| HLCSD - | Yes: 5 | No: 0 | Abstained: 0 |

Motion Carried

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