

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP/ADOPT BUDGET**  
**April 7, 2025**  
**STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 PM**  
**27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, NY**

**AGENDA**  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER –** All Board members present

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4. **PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

*Athletic Committee Report – Mr. Ovitt said Mr. Wilson was coaching so there would not be a report*

*Buildings & Grounds Committee Report – Brian Gereau said the last meeting they had with BCA architects went well and they discussed a capital project. He said prices are expected to increase. He reported that BCA spent some time on campus evaluating buildings. Brian also said they discussed a capital outlay project that would include a new divider in the gym. Mr. Ovitt some things were built in to next year's budget.*

*Budget Presentation to BOE – Michelle Taylor presented the 2025-26 budget of \$25,083,860.00 which is a 3.6% budget to budget increase and a 1.62% tax levy. Mr. Ovitt thanked everyone for their hard work on putting this budget together.*

5. **OLD BUSINESS** (ACTION) (PA)

A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

Resolution #145

As recommended by the Superintendent to approve the February 28, 2028 and March 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

B. **Data Reporting Service Agreement**

Resolution #146

As recommended by the Superintendent – BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated March 17, 2025 between the District and Precision Data Reporting, LLC for data reporting services for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$43,200 annually.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

C. **Approve Amended Legal Ad**

Resolution #147

As recommended by the Superintendent – BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the amendment of the Call to Vote and Annual Legal Ad for the Budget Vote and Election previously approved on March 10, 2025 to reflect the following changes:

- 1) Amend Proposition I reducing the bus purchase from three to two

**PROPOSITION I – PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 66 passenger diesel school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$418,579 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, to expend such sum for such purpose, 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 \$418,579 and levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

- 2) Removing Proposition II – Purchase of one (1) Heavy Duty Work Truck

Motion by Mrs. Graham      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION) (PA)**

**A. 2025-2026 Final Proposed Budget**

Resolution #148

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby adopts the annual proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$25,083,860.00 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district. (Represents an estimated 1.62% tax levy increase)

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**B. New York State Property Tax Report Card**

Resolution #149

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card for submission to NYSED.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**7. PERSONNEL (ACTION) (PA)**

**A. APPOINTMENTS – Other & Extra Curricular**

Resolution #150

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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Stipend/Wage</u>
Donna Shippee	Café Substitute	03/11/2025	As per CSEA Contract
Elizabeth Mabb	Teacher Aide	01/13/2025	As per CSEA Contract
Kristin Byrnes	Varsity Baseball Assistant	2024-25	As per HLTA Contract
Bobbie Jo Allen	Teaching Assistant	04/07/2025	As per CSEA Contract

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain:0

**B. CSEA LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Resolution #151

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for an unpaid leave of absence requested by School Nurse, Jessica Palmatier, 5/27/2025 for 6 weeks, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain:0

**C. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Resolution #152

**Elaine Winslow**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Elementary Teacher, Elaine Winslow for the purpose of retirement effective 6/30/2025.

**Diana Berrigan**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Elementary Teacher, Diana Berrigan for the purpose of retirement effective 6/30/2025.

**Lori Bouton**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Elementary Teacher, Lori Bouton for the purpose of retirement effective 6/30/2025.

**Jeannine Bieber**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Science Teacher, Jeannine Bieber for the purpose of retirement effective 6/30/2025.

Motion by Mrs. Graham      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain:0

Mr. Ovitt and Mr. Hamm thanked Jeannine Bieber for her years of dedication to our students and said she will be greatly missed.

Mr. Baker thanked Lori Bouton, Diana Berrigan and Elaine Winslow for always being there for kids and going above and beyond and said they will be missed.

**8. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT (ACTION) (PA)**

Resolution #153

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the March 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Mrs. Graham      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**9. SCHEDULE OF BILLS (ACTION) (PA)**

Resolution #154

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept warrants #38(\$162,429.84), #39(\$240,249.63), #40 (\$149,709.80), #41 (\$534,472.60)

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**10. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS (ACTION)**

Resolution #155

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated March 21, 2025

Motion by Mrs. Graham      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5      No: 0      Abstain:0

**Superintendent Statement: Mr. Ovitt read the following statement:**

"In February, the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education received a complaint about over spending, wasting resources and harassment within our transportation department.

The District Treasurer and School Business Official are completing an investigation on the spending of the transportation department and claims of harassment. The Board of Education has been kept apprised of the interim findings.

The Transportation Department's spending has not been unusual in nature this year compared to previous years. There was a spike in spending in September and October of 2025 as snow removal equipment was serviced and prepared for winter along with the purchase of power tools. Nevertheless, going forward, two mechanics will be required to sign off on any vehicle repairs, and transportation department purchase orders will require the approval of the School Business Official.

There are no findings that parts for personal vehicles were purchased on the District's account.

The allegations of harassment are a personnel matter, and as legally required, must be kept confidential."

11. **STUDENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Laurie Morrill-Lake Luzerne spoke and asked if the Board was calling Eric Towers a liar. Mr. Ovitt responded that employment or personnel matters cannot be discussed in public. The District's attorney said the investigation is on-going.

Sara Kenna - teacher – invited the Board to the Red Cross blood drive on the 25<sup>th</sup>. She said students could earn a \$1000 scholarship.

12. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13. **ADJOURNMENT** Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. Motion carried.

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Submitted By; District Clerk, Mary Visscher