

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE/REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2025

STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LIBRARY 6:30 pm



MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Moulton-present, Mr. Novotarski-present, Mr. Hunt-present
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
4. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS** – Mr.Ovitt welcomed everyone and congratulated everyone on tonight's tenure appointments.
5. **OLD BUSINESS** (ACTION) (PA)
 - A. **Board Meeting Minutes**
Resolution #109
Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the January 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0
6. **NEW BUSINESS** (ACTION) (PA)
 - A. **Contract For Health Services – Corinth CSD**
Resolution #110
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement between the District and Corinth Central School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for approximately 18 children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the school district of Corinth, County of Saratoga, New York, to begin on September 5, 2024 and to end on June 27, 2025 as required by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$9,615.42 and directs the Board President and District Clerk to sign the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0
7. **PERSONNEL** (ACTION) (PA)
 - A. **APPOINTMENTS – HLTA**
Tenure Appointment-Nia Ketter
Resolution #111
BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Nia Ketter, a probationary School Counselor, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Nia Ketter, effective July 13, 2025 in the School Counselor tenure area.

Mr. Hamm said Nia is new to the High School and she has done a fantastic job. HE said she is great with students, staff and parents and is a welcome addition.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Emma Wuerdeman

Resolution #112

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Emma Wuerdeman, a probationary School Psychologist, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Emma Wuerdeman, effective June 30, 2025 in the School Psychologist tenure area.

Mr. Mark said Emma has stepped up. He said she is committed to the students and their success.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Christina Wester

Resolution #113

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Christina Wester, a probationary PreK-6 Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Christina Wester, effective August 12, 2025 in the PreK-6 tenure area.

Mr. Baker said Christina is a Kindergarten teacher who is very flexible and helps out whenever needed. He said she works well with students, staff and parents and he appreciates her hard work.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Kindra Scofield

Resolution #114

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Kindra Scofield, a probationary PreK-6 Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Kindra Scofield, effective September 30, 2025 in the PreK-6 tenure area.

Mr. Baker said Kindra is a Kindergarten teacher who is great with students, staff and parents. He said she is visible at events, is a Summer Success teacher and congratulated her.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Siera Persons

Resolution #115

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Siera Persons, a probationary Library Media Specialist, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Siera Persons, effective August 12, 2025 in the Library Media Specialist tenure area.

Mr. Baker said Siera is a Librarian in both buildings who is also very involved with plays and musicals at the school and does a great job.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Jessica Curry

Resolution #116

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Jessica Curry, a probationary PreK-6 Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Jessica Curry, effective June 30, 2025 in the PreK-6 tenure area.

Mr. Baker said Jessica is a 3rd grade teacher who is also great with students, staff and parents. He said she is involved in Battle of the Books and Summer Success as well and congratulated her.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Taylor Keys

Resolution #117

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Taylor Keys, a probationary Elementary Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Taylor Keys, effective November 28, 2025 in the Grades 1-6 tenure area.

Mr. Baker said Taylor is a 4th grade teacher who is involved in the ski program, Battle of the Books as well as tutoring. He said she communicates well and is always helpful in covering for other teachers when needed.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tenure Appointment-Nicole McFarlane

Resolution #118

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the

Superintendent of Schools, that Nicole McFarlane, a Special Education Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Nicole McFarlane, effective September 28, 2025 in the Special Education tenure area.

Mr. Hamm said Nicole is a Special Education teacher who still helps out in the Math Department and is great with students and is a PBIS program leader.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

Resolution #119

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 according to the CSEA/HLTA Agreement;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brittany R. Mosher	PT Teacher Aide	1/21/2025	\$16.11/hr.
Maria Hoose	Sub. Food Service Helper	1/16/2025	\$15.50/hr
Kim Greco	Chaperone	1/31/2025	\$65/event
Marshelle Beach	Chaperone	1/13/2025	\$65/event
Jennifer Gilbert	Chaperone	1/8/2025	\$65/event
Shari Fisk	Typist	1/27/2025	\$16.88/hr

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. CONFIDENTIAL SUPERVISORS & CLERICAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Resolution #120

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District hereby approves the Terms and Conditions for the following positions effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;

- 1) Director of Facilities, Brian Gereau
- 2) Account Clerk, Secretary to the Business Official, Tax Collector, Darcey Hastings
- 3) Account Clerk, Marcia Miller
- 4) Superintendent's Secretary/District Clerk, Mary Visscher
- 5) Food Service Director, Courtney Scheff
- 6) Dean of Students, Megan Moulton
- 7) District Treasurer, Amber Mercure

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

D. SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Resolution #121

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, to approve the employment agreement between the District and the School Business Official effective July 1, 2025- June 30, 2028.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

E. **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT ADDENDUM**

Resolution #122

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Superintendent's addendum to his employment agreement, dated February 10, 2025 effective through June 30, 2030.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

F. **HADLEY-LUZERNE ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT**

Resolution #123

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District and the Hadley-Luzerne Administrators' Association effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

G. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CSEA**

Resolution #124

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, Teaching Assistant, Angela Pidgeon, for April 7-8, 2025, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #125

As recommended by the Superintendent – for the Board of Education to accept warrants #30 (\$149,436.67), #31 (\$82,467.96), #32 (\$139,830.63), #33 (\$649,755.12), #34 (\$161,763.80)

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

9. **DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #126

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the December 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

10. **CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS** (ACTION) (PA
Resolution #127

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated January 29, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain:0

11. **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS** - None

12. **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS** - The entire administration congratulated everyone on their tenure appointments.

Mr.Ovitt reminded everyone that there will be a P.D. day on March 10th. He reported that budget development is going well and they should have solid numbers by March that will include adding one Special Education teacher next year.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Novotarski made a motion to go in to Executive Session @ 6:45pm for specific personnel. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. Motion carried.

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to come out of Executive Session @ 7:40pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. Motion carried.



APPROVED