

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2022
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES MEDIA 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30pm

Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Hunt Absent: Mrs. Braico
SBO, Director of Facilities, Transportation Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director and 1
other

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Mr. Ovitt asked Facilities Director Brian Gereau for an update on current and upcoming projects and reported that he would be here for future Board meetings and that it is established that any District expenditures over \$5,000.00 will come before the Board to be voted upon. Mr. Ovitt also said he will be looking at our bid process and that he believes anything over \$10,000.00 is required to go out for bid.

Brian updated the Board on Elementary School and High School work that is being done:

Elementary School

- * Tennis court removal and replacement-hopes to be done by the opening of school
- * Sealing and striping of parking lot
- * working on fields and reported that the water wheel has been extremely helpful in irrigating the fields and hopes it will help with grub control
- * working on getting new scoreboards for softball, soccer and football fields
- * has ordered new mulch for playground as per insurance requirements for new swing set
- * Superintendent's office renovation is near completion inclusive of new HVAC system, flooring and security film
- * Purchasing new cafeteria tables
- * Upgrade to Business Office entrance

High School

- * Asked to install foul ball netting due to excessive loss of baseballs
- * reported that stamped concrete was being done today at the entrance of the High School along with painting and stairs repair
- * cafeteria entrance flooring has been replaced due to being old and broken along with the hallway by the art room
- * reported he is replacing vinyl runners in the auditorium with carpet due to slip/trip hazards
- * lots of painting is being done at the HS and replacing corner guards
- * gym floor was refinished but would like to have the paint re-done next year to better match our school colors
- * performed some tree trimming and cleaning of eaves and second story windows

Mr. Novotarski asked about the salt shed that is being built and wondered if it will be accessible in the winter. Brian said yes that the road out to it is good. He said he is hoping to be able to store enough for the entire winter 30-40 tons is the usual. Mr. Hunt asked for an email updating the board as these projects get done for better communication and transparency. Gary Wilson – Athletic Director said the baseball netting will be \$1600-\$1700. Mr. Ovitt asked Gary's opinion about the athletic mergers with Corinth for Track, football, wrestling and cross country as recently Corinth has said they prefer co-coaches as opposed to the original agreement of having head coaches. Mr. Ovitt said everyone seems ok except in the area of wrestling as H-L's wrestling coach has many more years' experience as a head coach than Corinth's

coach. Mr. Ovitt wants to provide opportunities for kids but does not agree with co-coaches. Gary said co-coaches with Lake George was a pain when it came to communication. He said he would prefer having head coaches and the agreement can be revisited in 1 year. He said he feels in regards to wrestling that Corinth's coach is already doing things that a head coach would do and taking a lead role. He thinks everyone should meet and discuss. Mr. Ovitt said he has no problem meeting next week. Mr. Moulton said that Corinth's coach – Chad Bardin – has run a summer program and has fears that Larry will want to take kids to big tournaments. Gary said that Larry knows that he is starting over with this program. Mr. Moulton said there should be one point of contact and it should be Larry Rounds. Mr. Ovitt said they will meet next week.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** (ACTION)

A. **Board Meeting Minutes** (PA)

Resolution #18

As recommended by the Superintendent to approve the July 5, 2022 Organizational & Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. **NYSSBA Annual Policy Service** (PA)

Resolution #19

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the policy service with NYS School Boards Association from August 2022 to July 2023 in the amount of \$900.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. **Adirondack Area School Boards Association** (PA)

Resolution #20

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2022-2023 membership between the District and the Adirondack Area School Boards Association in the amount of \$400.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

D. **Saratoga County School Boards Association** (PA)

Resolution #21

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2022-2023 membership between the District and the Saratoga County School Boards Association in the amount of \$250.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

E. **Contract for Health Services with Glens Falls City School District** (PA)

Resolution #22

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the invoice dated June 15, 2022 between the district and Glens Falls City School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for approximately four (4) children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the

Glens Falls City School District, City of Glens Falls, County of Warren, New York, to begin on September 7, 2021 and ended on June 24, 2022 as required by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$2,659.20

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

F. **District Wide Safety Plan (PA)**

Resolution #23

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the Updated District Wide Safety Plan.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

G. **OMNI Agreement (PA)**

Resolution #24

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and OMNI – Preferred Provider Program, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$1500.00.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

H. **Preferred Group Agreement (PA)**

Resolution #25

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and The Preferred Group, effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 as per the terms outlined in the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

I. **Adirondack Education Associates Agreement (PA)**

Resolution #26

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and Adirondack Education Associates – Lorraine Thompson, up to 10 days during the 2022-2023 school year as per the terms outlined in the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

J. **Hudson Headwaters Health Network Service Agreement (PA)**

Resolution #27

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and Hudson Headwaters Health Network for services provided to district students for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount and terms outlined in the agreement

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

K. Building Level Emergency Response Plans

Resolution #28

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2022-2023 Building Level Emergency Response Plans for the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School and the Hadley-Luzerne Jr/Sr. High School.

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to go in to Executive Session for Building Level Emergency Response Plan review. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion – Motion passed 7:01 pm

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:08pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt – Motion carries

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

A. Abolish Instructional Position (PA)

Resolution #29

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley- Luzerne Central School District hereby abolishes the following position due to low enrollment, effective September 1, 2022.

- One (1) Full-time position in the 7-12 Business tenure area

Mr. Ovitt said this is due to low enrollment – 3 students enrolled

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. SEQRA Resolution Re: 2022-23 Capital Project – Flooring Replacement Jr/Sr High School (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #30

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has had the opportunity to review the Capital Project (hereinafter the “Project”) proposed for the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District’s Junior High/High School building. This Project includes the following:

Flooring reconstruction of at the Junior/Senior High School building.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has had an opportunity to review the Project with regard to its classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter referred to as “SEQRA”) and whether it will have any significant adverse environmental impacts;

WHEREAS by resolution, the Board of Education has declared itself the lead agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) and (8), the Board of Education hereby declares that this Project be classified as a Type II Action under SEQR because it is a replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, in kind, and it is therefore exempt from SEQRA.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. 2022-2023 School Year-Tax Warrant Approval

2022-23 School Year – Tax Warrant

WHEREAS: Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended Section 1318, subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law; and
WHEREAS: the unencumbered, unreserved fund balance at the close of the last fiscal year must be applied in determining the amount of school tax levy except for an amount not to exceed 4% of the current school year budget of \$22,530,022.00 and
WHEREAS: this latter amount may be held as surplus funds during the current school year; now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED: that Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education retain as surplus funds \$ 901,201 from the estimated restricted and unrestricted fund balance of \$7,337,077.00, thereby applying \$1,093,446.00 to the reduction of the levy,

To the Collector of Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, Towns of Day, Edinburg, Hadley, Lake Luzerne, Stony Creek, Warrensburg, Counties of Warren and Saratoga, New York State.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED:

1. To give notice and start tax collection on September 1, 2022. (In accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law)
2. To give notice that tax collections will end on November 2nd, 2022.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of **\$11,546,034.00 (\$11,336,534 + \$19,500 Stony Creek Free Library + \$190,000 Rockwell Falls Public Library)** in the same manner that Collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.
5. To forward by mail to each owner or real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail without interest penalties, to the office of the County Treasurer on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Section 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax roll without interest penalties when such sums are paid on or before October 3rd, 2022, to add two percent (2%) penalties to all taxes collected from October 4th, 2022, to November 2nd, 2022, and to account for such sum’s income due the school district.
7. To issue numbered receipts on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgment of receipt payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 986 of the Real Property Tax Law.
8. To promptly return this warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts collected and the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

This Warrant is issued pursuant to Section 910, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of the law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the members of the board of education. This warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

7. **PERSONNEL** (ACTION)

A. **RESIGNATIONS**

Resolution #32

Matthew Flint

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation as 7-12 Science Teacher, effective August 30, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #33

Connor West

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation as JV Boys' Basketball Coach 2022-2023, effective July 25, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

Resolution #34

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 position below: ***Such appointments and the employment of the following individual(s) are subject to the existence of the activity and not a cancellation due to pandemic reasons.***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Darian Moulton	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Patti Cook	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Nia O'Connor	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Emma Wuerdeman	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Kristi-Ann Shippee	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$16.88/hr
Sue Bullard	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$14.71/hr
Jill Spear	TCIS Training	7/1/2022	\$16.88/hr
Wayne Strong	Summer Curriculum Hours	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Jessica Curry	Sub. Summer Success Teacher	7/1/2022	\$30/hr
Ligon Burlett	FT Bus Driver	7/11/2022	\$22.30/hr
Randi Maxam	ESY Teacher Aide	8/1/2022	\$14.71
Cody Cordova	FT Custodian/Cleaner	8/2/2022	\$15.81/hr

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Weiss – yes, Mr. Hunt – yes, Mr. Novotarski – yes, Mr. Moulton – yes but abstained from appointment of Darian Moulton

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #35

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the Treasurer's Report June 2022

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Hunt asked how things turned out regarding the tractor trailer that hit the power line on the school's property. Michelle Taylor said she reached out and so far, it looks like it is the school's responsibility since it is on our property. Mr. Novotarski disagreed and said he feels it should fall back on the driver. Mr. Hunt agreed. Michelle said she will reach out again and possibly they will split the cost. Brian Gereau said it is considered a travel way. Mr. Ovitt said he can consult with the school attorney if he needs to.

9. SCHEDULE OF BILLS (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #36

As recommended by the Superintendent - accept warrants #54 (\$223,095.48), #1 (\$32,312.49), #2 (\$1,450,140.12), #3 (\$17,137.59), #4 (\$244,956.46)

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

10. CSE RECOMMENDATIONS (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #37

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the CSE recommendations dated 7/20/2022.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski
Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

Seconded by Mr. Weiss

11. PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS

The Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education welcomes district students, residents, parents and other interested persons to its meeting. It is our goals to work together to create an environment of high expectations, high performance and constant improvement, yielding excellent results. Community involvement at board meetings is encouraged so that the board can better understand and represent the views of its constituents. Please be aware that by law individual student information or particular personnel issues cannot be discussed at public sessions of the board. Please reserve comments or questions for the designated time on the agenda. When recognized by the Board President, please state your name and town of residence. Statements are restricted to a maximum of two minutes and speakers will be notified by the Board President when their time has expired. The Board President reserves the right to extend the speakers comment time, if there is no objection. The board and the district staff take public comment very seriously and careful notes of questions and concerns expressed will be taken. However, the board generally does not respond while the meeting is in public session. The board asks the public's cooperation in maintaining a safe and respectful decorum and the Board President does reserve the right to limit individual comments if it is deemed necessary. Thank you.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

John Baker – thanked everyone for supporting the Summer Success program and thanked the TA's and Aides and Teachers, the church and the transportation staff.

Dan Hamm – Dan thanked everyone as well for supporting his summer school program and said it went well. He also said the work at the high school building looks great inside and outside and said he appreciates all the hard work.

Robert Mark – reported that he is working on grants and that he has 1 summer special needs classroom running until next Friday.

Mr. Ovitt reported that Eric Yanis – Special Education teacher resigned and he is going to recommend Nicole McFarlane for the job and we will look for a new math teacher for the junior high. Dan Hamm said he supports this move. Mr. Ovitt said that he has been working on things for the opening of school and he is ahead of schedule. He said they will be looking for 5 Teaching Assistant's to start school and will put out postings next week. He said he has met with all department heads about his expectations.

Mr. Weiss said he would like to see us pay a couple of people to take over the after-prom party since no one has officially done it since Bonnie and Kathy. Mr. Ovitt said he will present a job description in September. Mr. Novotarski said Bonnie and Kathy said they would help out. Mr. Weiss said the advisors meant well and did it for free but there were some issues. Mr. Moulton said we need consistency. Mr. Ovitt asked the Board to think about what the pay should be.

Mr. Hunt said he agrees that better communication is needed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to adjourn at 7:23pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt – Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Visscher – District Clerk