

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2020  
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 PM  
27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, NY

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI  
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Novotarski, Mrs. Visscher, Mrs. Braico  
Members Absent: None  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, Jr./Sr. HS Principal- Burgess Ovitt,  
School Business Manager – Michelle Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

The attached budget was presented to BOE Members by Michelle Taylor. The saving were highlighted including the special education budget, HLTA Salaries due to retirements, and allocated items to the correct budget lines. It was noted by Mr. Beecher Baker that the Governor is have three look backs at the budget that will reset the school aid coming to the district. The first being Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore there were discussions on holding off on approving the budget till after Friday. A failed budget would require a contingency budget to be put in place and all non-essential items would need to be cut. The current budget is at an estimated tax levy of 1% and is less than all other area school districts. The district has continued to deliver meals to all students who requested since March and either learning packets or online classes have been conducted. If the lookback takes away funding then we will have to spend savings and make cuts to balance the budget. This coming year will be the year of “NO” spending. There were discussions regarding the voting timeline, mailing absentee ballots, and the BOCES Newsletter that is printed. It was agreed that the budget approval would be tabled to next Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> after the look back. The virtual public hearing will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Vehicle

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #181

As recommended by the Superintendent, that the Hadley-Luzerne Board of Education declare 2008 Ford Pickup Truck and plow as surplus and authorize district administration to properly dispose of the items in the most economic means possible.

Seconded by Mr. Novtarski followed by a lengthy discussion. It was requested by the board that a regular maintenance program be set up and run by the mechanics on all district vehicles.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

All agreed to table Resolution 182 and 183 to Monday, May 18, 2020:

2020-2021 Final Proposed Budget

Resolution #182

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 2020-2021 school year

in the amount of \$21,559,438.00 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district. (Represents an estimated 1% tax levy increase)

#### New York State Property Tax Report Card

##### Resolution #183

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card for submission to NYSED.

#### Public Library Election (Rockwell Falls)

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

##### Resolution #184

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the said Board acknowledges the following candidate to run for ONE (1) opening on the Board of Trustees of the Rockwell Falls Public Library Board to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023 to be included on the June 9, 2020 ballot.

STEPHANIE LANSBURG

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### OLD BUSINESS

Amended Agreement with Warren County Contract

Motion by Mr. Novortarski

##### Resolution #185

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, hereby approves the amended agreement dated April 16, 2020 between Warren County for the provision of SRO's and the accepts the amended terms within and directs the superintendent to execute the agreement.

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher followed by a brief discussion and clarification. Mr. Trottier was hired by the county to replace Mr. Keane. The salary was reset at \$40,000 due to the change in state law.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### Pesticide Management

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

##### Resolution #186

As recommended by the superintendent, WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District declares that the insects in and surrounding the Hadley Luzerne playing fields present a problem that cannot be eradicated by the use of green products, and in particular green insecticides;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law 409-k, the Hadley Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is entitled to declare an emergency situation, whereby the use of pesticides to eliminate unsafe insects is necessary to ensure the safety of students on District property; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that an emergency situation exists on the Hadley Luzerne playing fields warranting the application of pesticide control and specifically grub control, to manage and eradicate harmful stinging and biting insects, spiders, bees, wasps, hornets and any other insects that may potentially harm the students during the use of these playing fields and to ensure the safety and integrity of the playing fields on approximately June 30, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #187

As recommended by the superintendent to approve the April 21, 2020 BOCES minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

### PERSONNEL

#### APPOINTMENTS - HLTA

English Teacher – Sara Kenna

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #188

Be It Resolved by the Hadley-Luzerne School Board of Education accepts the recommendation of Superintendent Beecher Baker to appoint Sara Kenna to a four year probationary period as a full time English Teacher in the English tenure area, commencing on August 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2024. Sara holds a NYS Professional Certificate in English.

Sara's 2020-2021 salary will be Step 1C (\$45,018) of the HLTA 2019-2020 Salary Schedule as contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Hadley-Luzerne Teachers' Association.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico followed by an introduction by Mr. Ovitt.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Social Studies Teacher – Jeremy Duers

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #189

Be It Resolved by the Hadley-Luzerne School Board of Education accepts the recommendation of Superintendent Beecher Baker to appoint Jeremy Duers to a four year probationary period as a full time Social Studies Teacher in the Social Studies tenure area, commencing on August 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2024. Jeremy holds a NYS Initial Certificate in Social Studies; this appointment is pending his receipt of a professional certificate in Social Studies.

Jeremy's 2020-2021 salary will be Step 7C (\$52,575) of the HLTA 2019-2020 Salary Schedule as contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Hadley-Luzerne Teachers' Association.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski followed by an introduction by Mr. Baker.

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### APPOINTMENTS - OTHER

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #190

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 position listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Leonard Locke	Data Privacy Officer	2019-2020	No Additional
Lynn Gebo	Substitute Cleaner	2019-2020	\$11.80 per hour

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Resolution #191

As recommended by the superintendent for the board of education to accept warrants

#45 (\$121,023.15), #46 (\$45,466.66)

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### STUDENT/PUBLIC COMMENTS

*None*

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was a discussion regarding the graduation this year. Mr. Ovitt handed out the attached list of options that were discussed in detail by the board. It was concluded that pending approval by the Warren County Department of Health that the option listed to have a ceremony at the Painted Pony in the area would allow for the proper social distancing and there would be a shortened ceremony as well. The second option will be a car parade to be held at the elementary school allowing cars to line up down Homer and Hyland Drive.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM

Seconded by Mrs. Visscher

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

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Respectfully Submitted by Regina York – District Clerk