

**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2024
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES MEDIA 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Graham, Absent: Mr. Novotarski

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Brian Gereau reported that the Queen Anne definitely needs to go through NYSED for permitting and will also need an architect. Mr. Ovitt said that you can count on the estimate doubling. Brian also said that the cafeteria roof repair is a priority and they have been working with the architects and will have specifications tomorrow. He said it would be considered an emergency project and monies can come from the repair reserve. He said once the Board approves it they can move forward and he expects it to be between \$150,000 and \$175,000. Brian also reported that a hot water boiler in the elementary building needs replacing and he is getting quotes but said it should be between \$13k and \$18k. Mr. Ovitt said they had budgeted money for this. Brian also reported that he received one estimate to widen Homer Drive to accommodate parental student pick-up and drop-off and it came in at \$22k. Mr. Hunt said they should do a wetlands survey first,

5. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION) (PA)

A. Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution #56

As recommended by the Superintendent - to approve the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes and September 27, Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. Approval of Track and Field Merger with Corinth CSD

Resolution #57

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, that the said Board approve the merger of the Track and Field program between the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District and Corinth Central School District under the jurisdiction of the Section II Merger Committee effective November 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. Budget Development Calendar

Resolution #58

Resolved, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

A. **Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

Resolution #59

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, the following obsolete equipment be disposed of in the most economic means possible:

- 1) Large wooden cabinet – 007859
- 2) Delta planer – 1419
- 3) Metal lathe- 1457

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. **Saratoga County Pre-K Assessment Agreement**

Resolution #60

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 Saratoga County for the 2024-2025 school year as per the terms outlined in the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

A. **RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Resignation – Sue Bullard

Resolution #61

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Sue Bullard, from the position of Teacher Aide, effective September 18, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from John Allen for the purpose of retirement, from the position of Groundskeeper, effective October 26, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Fotini Stathopoulos, from the position of Teaching Assistant, effective October 11, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Ovitt said John Allen had been at H-L since 1991 and he will be greatly missed.

B. APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Resolution #62

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 probationary positions below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Brittany Mosher	Substitute-Cafe	9/3/2024	\$15.11/hr
Eric Towers	Transportation Mechanic	9/3/2024	\$24.19/hr
Victor Moffitt	Substitute Cleaner	9/9/2024	\$16.21/hr
Christine Muserilli	School Monitor	9/3/2024	\$16.11/hr
Melissa Middleton	Teacher Aide	9/3/2024	\$16.11/hr
Samantha Marcotte	Teacher Aide	9/30/2024	\$16.11/hr

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution #63

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hadley-Luzerne School Board hereby approves an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jill Spear November 25th & 26th, 2024 and December 2nd-December 6th, 2024 pursuant to CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Unpaid Leave.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for one and a half days unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teacher Aide, Kimberlyn Horn, approximately October 18, 2024 – December 9, 2024. Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Unpaid Leave.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Ovitt said going forward the Board will only get requests for family and medical leave.

D. APPOINTMENTS-HLTA/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SASTA

Resolution #64

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(s) below; *Such appointments and the employment of the following individual(s) are subject to the existence of the activity.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend/Wage</u>	
Jamie	Jenkins	Long-term Substitute	9/3/2024	As per SASTA
Jennifer	Dobsroski	.5 6 th Period Health Class	2024-2025	\$1250
Jack	Conway	Varsity Tennis Coach	Spring 2025	C10+=\$5230
Wayne	Strong	Modified Tennis Coach	Spring 2025	D1=\$3006

Jay	Ellis	Modified Baseball Coach	Spring 2025	D9=\$4066
William	McMurray	Varsity Softball Coach	Spring 2025	B3=\$4183
Tyler	Ecuyer	Varsity Track Coach	Spring 2025	C2=\$3620
Marcia	Kittredge	Modified Softball Coach	Spring 2025	D3=\$3189
Gary	Wilson	Varsity Softball Program Assistant	Spring 2025	\$1500
Alexandra	Carney	Modified Girls Basketball	2024-25	D1=\$3006
Jennifer	Dobroski	Unified Basketball Assistant	2024-25	D1=\$3006
Jay	Connelly	Varsity Baseball Coach	Spring 2025	B10+=\$5868
Tyler	Byrnes	JV Baseball Coach	Spring 2025	C5=\$4224
Shannon	McLean	6 th Period Class	2024-25	\$2500

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

E. **APPROVAL - CSEA MOA**

Resolution #65

As recommended by the superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, to approve the memorandum of agreement between the district and the H-L Civil Service Employees Association dated October 16, 2024 and approves the execution and implementation of the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

8. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #66

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the CSE recommendations dated 10/1/2024.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #67

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept warrants #10 (\$40,628.62), #11 (\$424,983.87), #12 (\$142,877.10), #13 (\$550,499.84), #14 (\$149,292.95), #15 (\$161,719.31)

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

10. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #68

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

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

11. **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS** – Student reported that the National Honor Society is having a clothes collection on November 2nd at the High School and the Red Cross is having a blood drive on November 20th and invited the Board.
12. **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS** - Mr. Baker thanked the Board for all that they do and for their support. He also thanked the Fire Department for their excellent presentation for Fire Prevention Week. He reminded everyone that the Fall Festival was this weekend.

Mr. Hamm also thanked the Board and said things were going well at the High School.

Mr. Mark and Mrs. Taylor each also thanked the Board for their continual support.

Mr. Ovitt said he met with Assemblyman and spoke about the electric bus mandate and state aid formulas and how each of those will cripple school districts. He said he also went to Lake Placid for Regionalization meeting and reported that the governor wants to see school districts investigate becoming regional schools. Mr. Ovitt thinks that would not happen with us due to how large our district is geographically but he said they could consider sharing services. He said he has 3 more meetings to go. Mr. Ovitt also said he attended a conference in Minnowbrook where they discussed climate control in schools. He said that he expected it to be vetoed by the governor due to the high cost of air conditioning city schools. He said the EV bus purchase proposal will be moved out until 2029 instead of 2027 and they are considering hybrids. Smartphone usage was also discussed and Mr. Ovitt expects a state-wide ban in schools but isn't sure if it will apply to students only. Lastly, he reported that there was a state aid formula presentation and how the aid is figured out that was interesting. He said H-L's problem is our high property wealth.
13. **ADJOURNMENT** Mr. Hunt made a motion to adjourn @ 6:50pm. Seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion Carried

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Visscher, District CLerk