

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
December 7, 2023



STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Moulton called the meeting to order. Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Weiss
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
Mr. Moulton acknowledged a letter from a parent regarding the outstanding service provided to their child by bus driver Sal Mannino.
4. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**  
Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Ovitt reported that the committee has met twice in the last month and discussed safety items, outdated winches in the gym that they want to remedy right away, heating and ventilation issues in the Elementary building and they discussed planning for a future building project with the architects  
  
Athletic Committee Report – Gary Wilson said the committee met last week. The football merger is being approved tonight and the Cross Country Merger will be done in January  
  
Senior Trip Presentation – Ben Reynolds presented the options for this year's senior trip. The Board supported all the options presented.
5. **OLD BUSINESS** (ACTION) (PA)  
  
Mr. Hunt made a motion to approve Old Business items A-F. Seconded by Mr. Novotarski  
  
Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0
  - A. **Saratoga County Voting Machines** (IMAGE CAST)  
Resolution #102  
As recommended by the Superintendent-BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, that the said Board approve the continued use of two optical scan voting machines for the May 21, 2024 annual vote and election as provided by Saratoga County Board of Elections and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the annual user agreement, when received.
  - B. **Mahoney Alarms Service Contract** (PA)  
Resolution #103  
As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby approves the service contracts and terms within, between the District and Mahoney Alarms effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and directs the Superintendent to execute the agreement.
  - C. **Board Meeting Minutes** (PA)  
Resolution #104

Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the November 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

**D. Independent Auditors Report (PA)**

Resolution #105

Resolved, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2022-2023 Independent Audit Report conducted by Raymond Preusser, CPA, P.C. Certified Public Accountants.

**E. District Response to Auditor's Report (PA)**

Resolution #106

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2022-2023 District Response to the Independent Audit Report conducted by Raymond Preusser, CPA, P.C Certified Public Accountants.

**F. Authorization of participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity and Gas**

RESOLUTION #107

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby approves the agreements and terms within, between the District and NYSMEC effective May 1, 2024 for at least one year but no more than three years and directs the Director of Facilities to execute the agreements.

**6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve New Business items A-E. Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**A. Approval of Football Merger with Corinth CSD as a Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity in Section II (PA)**

Resolution #108

As recommended by the Superintendent-BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District, that the said Board approve the merger of the Varsity/JV/Modified Football Programs between the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, and the Corinth Central School District under the jurisdiction of the Section II Merger Committee effective July 1, 2024.

**B. Board of Education 2024 Advocacy Priorities Resolution**

Resolution #109

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby approves the Board of Education 2023 Advocacy Priorities Resolution as received.

**C. Waterstone Educational Advisors Consultant Approval**

Resolution #110

As recommended by the Superintendent – BE IT RESPOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby approves the agreements and terms within, between the District and Waterstone Educational Advisors for consultant services effective November 7, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**D. Approval CSEA MOA**

Resolution #111

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 November 1, 2023 and approves the execution and implementation of the agreement.

**E. Surplus Items**

Resolution #112

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

- 1) (1) Passthrough Refrigerator- 1439

**F. Board Member Resignation**

Resolution #113

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District accept the resignation of Board Member Lia Braico.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**G. Board Member Appointment**

Resolution # 114

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District appoint Shana Graham to fulfill the remaining term of resigned board member Lia Braico which expires June 30, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

**A. APPOINTMENTS-CSEA/SASTA**

Resolution #115

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Lisa Necatera	Sub. Cafeteria	11/20/2023	As per CSEA Contract
C.Randy Allen	Groundskeeper	11/06/2023	As per CSEA Contract
Jake Osgood	Sub. Cleaner	11/27/2023	As per CSEA Contract
Michael Bosford	School Monitor	10/31/2023	As per CSEA Contract

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**B. APPOINTMENTS – HLTA/Extra Curricular**

Resolution #116

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>
Cody York	Wrestling Volunteer	11/14/2023	No Compensation
Kassidy Plummer	Girls Basketball Volunteer	11/14/2023	No Compensation
Brian Miller	Chaperone	11/14/2023	\$60/event
Taylor Keys	Tutor	11/20/2023	\$30/hour
Diana Berrigan	Tutor	11/01/2023	\$30/hour

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

C. **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**– Michael Hayes

Resolution #117

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation of Groundskeeper Michel Hayes for the purpose of retirement effective 11/29/2023.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

Mr. Ovitt thanked Mike for his 20+ years of service to the District.

8. **RE-LEVY UNPAID TAXES TO THE COUNTIES** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #118

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to approve the list of assessments and taxes that is re-levied to Saratoga and Warren Counties effective November 14, 2023 in the amount of \$ 1,891,660.08 = (Taxes \$1,879,769.84 + Penalties \$11,890.24). If any payments come in postmarked by the 11/2/2022 deadline, the Tax Collector has permission to adjust these totals hereafter.

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4      No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #119

As recommended by the Superintendent - accept warrants #20 (\$156,072.25),#21 (\$5,376.39),#22 (\$158,893.37), #23 (\$565,420.75), #24 (\$156,492.55), #25(\$449,795.00)

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4      No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #120

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the October 2023 District Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4      No: 0    Abstain:0

11. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #121

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated 11/21/2023.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4      No: 0      Abstain:0

12. **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS**

Roni Shuman inquired about community members being able to use the building to walk after school. Mr. Ovitt advised her to fill out a Building Use Form and he would review it. She also asked if the music department had ever considered having the band and the choral concerts on the same night. Mr. Ovitt said they would have to ask the Music Department.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Baker thanked the Music Department for their hard work for the upcoming holiday concerts. He thanked the PTSA for having the Holiday Shoppe for kids and thanked the Fire Department for making Christmas special for the community. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Hamm reported that concerts were tonight and Tuesday night. He said winter sports have started and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Robert Mark wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Michelle Taylor reported that Budget work has begun and thanked the PTSA and the community for all that they do.

Mr. Ovitt thanked the PTSA as well. He also reported that he had received a great letter about bus driver Sal Mannino for going above and beyond for kids each day. Mr. Ovitt also reported that the grades 3-8 testing results were in and we are meeting all standards. He also expressed his regret about the passing of French teacher Gerald Goulet.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hunt made a motion to adjourn @ 6:50pm. Mr. Weiss seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Visscher, District Clerk