

**HADLEY-LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JULY 13, 2021 STUART M. TOWNSEND ES – 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, Library
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Novotarski, Mr. Hunt
Members Absent: Mrs. Braico
Others in Attendance: Superintendent – Beecher Baker, Jr./Sr. HS Principal-Burgess
Ovitt, ES Principal-Jonathan Baker, Director of Special Education-Robert Mark and
School Business Manager – Michelle Taylor; and no others.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE DISTRICT CLERK at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOMINATION OF SUPERINTENDENT AS ACTING CHAIRMAN

Motion by Mr. Moulton

RESOLVED, that Beecher Baker is appointed Chairman of the Board of Education of the
Hadley-Luzerne Central School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN:

**NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

RESOLVED, that Eddie Joe Moulton be elected President of the Board of Education of the
Hadley-Luzerne Central School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

**D. CLERK ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO PRESIDENT AND NEW TERM BOE
MEMBER –JUSTIN HUNT**

**NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Mr. Moulton

RESOLVED, that Greg Novotarski be elected Vice President of the Board of Education of the
Hadley-Luzerne Central School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Susan Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

CLERK ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD VICE PRESIDENT-GREG NOVOTARSKI

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mr. Moulton

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 indicated below for the 2020-2021 school year.

DISTRICT TREASURER	Kathryn Bailey-Brewer
DEPUTY TREASURER	Michelle Taylor
DISTRICT CLERK	Mary Visscher
TAX COLLECTOR	Darcey Hastings
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Taylor
CLAIMS AUDITOR	Jenny DeCarli
CENTRAL TREASURER for Extra-classroom Fund	Darcey Hastings
SCHOOL REGISTRAR	Stephanie Gordon

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

BONDING OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present insurance policy carried by the district covers bonding for the H-L District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,000,000., in additional to standard \$100,000 per employee amount.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ISSUE OF RECEIPTS BY DISTRICT TREASURER:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the H-L District be required to issue receipts for all monies received by her for the district from all sources; these receipts to be of an approved form and in duplicate; the original copy to be delivered to the person from whom payment is received, the second copy to be retained in the files of the District Treasurer.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

METHOD OF REPORTING BY TREASURER:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the H-L District Treasurer shall be required to make reports to the Board of Education each month showing the balance in her hands at the close of the month and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the close of the school year the books be properly audited.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

DESIGNATE DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Luzerne Branch of the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company be, and they are hereby designated, the official depository of funds of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District No. 1 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ISSUE OF VOUCHERS:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall adopt and use an approved form of voucher checks for the payment of all monies expended, which shall require the signature or facsimile signature of the District Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer to make them valid and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be and hereby is directed to notify the Luzerne Branch of the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company, the regular designated depository of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, to honor only such checks that the signature of the following officer with the proper title for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kathryn Bailey-Brewer, DISTRICT TREASURER
Michelle Taylor, DEPUTY TREASURER

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

CERTIFY PAYROLLS/ISSUE PAYROLL CHECKS:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 2021-2022 school year a single check to be used for all payrolls, requiring only the signature of the District Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check from the General Fund, Federal Fund, and the School Lunch Fund or other District Fund as applicable to cover all payrolls as they fall due which are properly certified by the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SET ALLOWABLE MEAL REIMBURSEMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the allowable meal reimbursement will be set at a maximum of \$30 per meal, reimbursable after submission of a claim voucher to the District Treasurer. Amounts in excess of \$30 must be substantiated by documentation and attached detailed receipts and subject to the discretion of the Superintendent and Business Official.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SET MILEAGE RATE:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 mileage reimbursement rate for staff and Board members for use of their personal vehicles on official business shall be the rate set by the Federal Internal Revenue Service.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SET APPROVED TUITION RATE FOR 2021-2022:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020-2021 tuition rate will be based upon the calculation derived from the New York State Non-Resident Tuition Worksheet.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT PURCHASING AGENT:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District appoint Michelle Taylor, as the Purchasing Agent for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District appoint Superintendent Beecher Baker Sr. to authorize attendance at all conferences, conventions, workshops, with expenses and the like for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District appoint Michelle Taylor as Records Management Officer for the 2021-2022 school year with no additional stipend.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT RECORDS ACCESS (FOIL) OFFICER:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District appoint Mary Visscher as Records Access Officer for the 2020-2021 school year with no additional stipend.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT RECORDS DISTRICT DATA OFFICER:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District appoint Leonard Locke as District Data Officer for the 2021-2022 school year with no additional stipend.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT RECORDS APPEAL OFFICER:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District appoint Superintendent, Beecher Baker Sr., as Records Appeal Officer for the 2021-2022 school year with no additional stipend.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND DASA COORDINATORS

Motion by Mr. Hunt

RESOLVED, The Board of Education affirms its commitment to non-discrimination and recognizes its responsibility to provide an environment that is free of harassment and intimidation as required by federal and state law.

WHEREAS, the said board appoints the District Wide Title IX/Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer, Michelle Taylor (SMTES 696-2378) Address: 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 for the 2020-2021 school year. Student reports of harassment shall be forwarded to the District Wide DASA Coordinator and Building level DASA Coordinators:

WHEREAS, the said board appoints the District Wide DASA Coordinator, Counselor-Samantha Godfrey (Jr. HS 696-2112) and Building level DASA Coordinators, Principal – Burgess Ovitt(HS 696-2112 and Principal – Jonathan Baker (ES 696-2378) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT HOMELESS LIASION – Samantha Godfrey

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Samantha Godfrey be appointed as Homeless Liaison for the District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT BUILDING/DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS**

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to appoint the following members to the 2021-2022 Building and ****District Safety Committees:**

SMT Elementary School – Jonathan Baker

Counselor, Stephanie Gordon

Teacher, Julia Bradley

Teacher, Timothy Brown

Parent, Lauren Wittenberg

****Warren County Sherriff, ES SRO, Christopher Eggleston**

Junior-Senior High School – Burgess Ovitt

**** Athletic Director, Gary Wilson**

**** Warren County Sherriff, HS SRO, Jim Trottier**

**** Teacher, Joseph Winters**

**** Parent, Community Member, Lonnie Willett and Kevin Wheaton**

Student, Gabriella M. Mosher

Guidance Counselor, Ashley Osborne

**** District Wide Safety Team Members**

Superintendent of Schools, Beecher Baker Sr.

School Business Official, Michelle Taylor

Transportation Director, Ricky McFarlane

Director of Facilities, Brian Gereau

HS Principal: Burgess Ovitt

ES Principal: Jonathan Baker

Director of Special Education: Robert Mark

BOCES Safety Officer: Lynette Holman

Community Member: Colin Hagadorn

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

SET DATE/TIME AND PLACE FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves regular meetings be generally held on the First Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, unless they conflict with holidays or school vacations and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board approves the attached board meeting schedule for the 2021-2022 school year inclusive of one public hearing and one vote as follows:

Thursday, May 5, 2022 for the Public Hearing on the proposed budget

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 for the Annual Budget Vote and Election.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

After discussions there was a motion by Mr. Moulton to approve the following committees:

1. Athletic; Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. Moulton
2. Negotiations; Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. Moulton
3. Finance/Audit; Mrs. Braico
4. Policy/Programs; Mrs. Braico

5. Scholarship; Mrs. Hoffman
6. Technology; Mrs. Braico
7. Facilities and Grounds; Mr. Novotarski and Mr. Hunt
8. Committee on Special Education; *Whole Board*

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPECIFIC POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY EDUCATION AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAWS;

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

- Code of Conduct on School Property #3410
- Investments #5220
- Purchasing #5410
- Student Attendance #7110
- Student Records: Access & Challenge #7240
- Code of Conduct #7310

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT SCHOOL PHYSICIAN:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District appoint Hudson Headwaters as the provider of the School Physician (Director of School Health Services) for 2021-2022 and set the salary at \$15,300 plus \$100 per physical for greater than ten physicals as noted in the terms and directs the Superintendent to sign and implement the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Mrs. Braico)

Motion Carried

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Motion by Mr. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District appoint Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP as External Auditor extending their services for the 2021-2022 the Superintendent may execute the auditor's agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

INVESTMENT RESOLUTION:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer be authorized, to transfer monies from the General Fund for the purpose of investing surplus monies when they are available, pursuant to the guidelines of the State Comptrollers Office and review and approval of the Superintendent of Schools. The monies may be invested in a financial institution, other than Glens Falls National Bank, should the interest rate be more favorable.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

BOND ISSUE INTEREST PAYMENT RESOLUTION:

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer and the District Deputy Treasurer be authorized to issue checks in the payment for all bond issues as they fall due during the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ESTABLISH PETTY CASH FUNDS:

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED that the total petty cash fund for the District will be set at two hundred seventy five dollars (\$275);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the petty cash fund amounts will be designated, dispersed as follows:

K-6 Principal responsible for - Fifty Dollars (\$50), 7-12 Principal responsible for – One Hundred Dollars (\$100), Food Service Department responsible for - Fifty Dollars (\$50), Central Office Treasurer responsible for - Fifty Dollars (\$50) and the Transportation Department will be designated and be responsible for Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board Designates The Post Star as the official school newspaper for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT HOME-SCHOOL LIAISON

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board appoints Merrill Durham, as Home School Liaison for the 2021-2022 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT ASBESTOS (LEA) DESIGNEE AND DESIGNATED PERSON (DP): AHERA

Motion by Mr. Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board appoints Brian Gereau, as Asbestos (LEA) Designee: AHERA of the District and Asbestos (LEA) Designated Person (DP): AHERA for the school year 2021-2022.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board appoints Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. be appointed Financial Advisors for the school year 2021-2022.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT BOND COUNSEL

Motion by Mr. Moulton

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board appoints Barclay & Damon, LLP, 80 State Street, Albany, N.Y. 12207, be appointed Bond Counsel for the school year 2021-2022.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL ATTORNEY:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint BARTLETT, PONTIFF, STEWART & RHODES, P.C., located at 1 Washington Street, Glens Falls, New York, as HL School Attorney for the 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent may execute the fee and legal counsel agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

MULTI-YEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Hunt

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School “District” may desire to enter into multiple Multi-Year Lease-Purchase Agreement(s) throughout the 2021-2022 school year with the Washington-Saratoga-Hamilton-Essex (“WSWHE”) BOCES to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 504 Instructional Technology Services.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District may enter into agreements for the lease-purchase of instructional equipment with the WSWHE BOCES, in accordance with section 1725-a of the Education Law, with the payments to be applied against the purchase price of the equipment. Said agreement(s) will be reviewed by Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to ensure that any Multi-Year Lease Purchase Agreement(s) are in the best financial interest of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District.

WHEREAS, the Multi-Year Lease Purchase Agreement(s) with the WSWHE BOCES will not exceed five year terms and not exceed \$46,000.00 per each Lease-Purchase Agreement. The Multi-Year Lease Purchase Agreement(s) may include related borrowing fees, support and coordination fees, and insurance costs for the duration of each contract, subject to the approval of the

Commissioner of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District authorizes the District to enter into Multi Lease-Purchase Agreement(s) throughout the 2021-2022 school year with the WSWHE BOCES for the provision of Instructional Technology Services to the District in an amount or amounts not to exceed \$110,000.00, subject to approval of the Commissioner of Education.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING:

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

- I. BE IT RESOLVED, by said board to approve payment to Stony Creek Library following the collection of taxes for the amount approved by school district voters on May 18, 2021 - \$19,500 annually.
- II. BE IT RESOLVED, by said board to approve payment to Rockwell Falls Public Library following the collection of taxes for the amount approved by school district voters on June 25, 2019 - \$190,000 annually.

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Visscher – District Clerk