

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE/REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP

February 1, 2024

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MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – all Board members were present

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

Michelle Taylor, Business Manager reported that she had met with the Department Heads and that there will be no real changes from last years budget other than contractual costs. She reported that Hadley-Luzerne will see a more than \$1million reduction in State Aid along with a 12% increase in health insurance. The plan is to put a freeze on spending. She said they hope to see a change on the projected State Aid.

5. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

- **Athletics** – Gary Wilson – recognized the two female wrestlers who competed in the NY state Wrestling Tournament along with recognizing one of our girls' basketball players that reached 1000 points. Gary also reported that the winter sports are winding down and post-season will start soon.

Mr. Ovitt reported that there has been money put in the budget to move forward with a girls wrestling program. He said they would now have to look for a coach. Mr. Wilson said it will be a separate program and the girls will no longer be able to compete with the boy's' team.

- **Buildings & Grounds** – Mr. Ovitt said that with the State Aid cuts that they are no longer considering a building project. He said they will fix what they can with Capital Outlay Projects.

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

A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

Resolution #137

Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the January 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

A. **Policy First Reading** (PA)

Resolution #138

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne School District hereby accepts the recommendation of Superintendent, Burgess Ovitt to review as the First Reading of the following new policies and policy updates:

5460 Workplace Violence Prevention

Motion by Mr. Hunt Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. Independent Contractor Agreement – Jennifer Bashant (PA)

Resolution #139

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 Jennifer Bashant effective January 4, 2024 for Trauma-Informed Classrooms Training and directs the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Secoded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment (PA)

Resolution #140

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that the said District hereby grants permission to dispose of the following items in the most economic means possible:

- (1) Milling Machine - EMCO Maximat Super11 Tag #003262
- (1) Piano – Packard Upright- #131735

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Secoded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

8. PERSONNEL (ACTION) (PA)

A. APPOINTMENTS – HLTA/EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Tenure Appointment-Dana Paton (PA)

Resolution #141

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Burgess Ovitt, the Superintendent of Schools, that Dana Paton, a probationary Speech/Language Pathologist, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Dana Paton, effective June 30, 2024 in the Speech and Hearing Handicapped tenure area.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Secoded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #142

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 positions below according to the HLTA Agreement;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Marcia Kittredge	French Honor Society Advisor	11/20/2023	\$500/yr
Marcia Kittredge	Modified Softball Coach	1/22/2024	E-2 \$2372
William McMurray	Varsity Softball Coach	1/22/2024	B-2 \$3932
Tyler Ecuyer	Chaperone/Shot Clock	1/24/2024	\$60/event
Mary Visscher	Chaperone	1/24/2024	\$60/event

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Ovitt introduced the new softball coach – Will McMurray

B. APPOINTMENTS – CSEA

Resolution #143

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 positions below according to the CSEA Agreement;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Preston Allen	FT Cleaner	1/10/2024	\$16.51/hr.
Alyssa Allen	PT Teacher Aide	1/22/2024	\$15.41/hr

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CSEA

Resolution #144

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for an unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teaching Assistant, Mary Alice Barnaby, for January 24,2024, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #145

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for an unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teacher Aide, Roxanne Whaley, beginning February 5, 2024 through February 16, 2024, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #146

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for intermittent unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teacher Aide, Mara Spotswood, beginning January 3, 2024 through the end of the 2023-24 school year, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #147

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teaching Assistant, Courtney McNeil, for January 9, 2024 for two hours, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

D. **RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Resolution #148

Gretchen DeLong – PT Aide

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation of part-time Teacher Aide, Gretchen DeLong, effective January 12, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #149

Daniel Culver – PT Bus Monitor

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation of part-time Bus Monitor, Daniel Culver, effective January 12, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #150

As recommended by the Superintendent – for the Board of Education to accept warrants #30 (\$148,705.14), #31 (\$263,644.19), #32 (\$150,478.74), #33 (\$489,526.88)

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #151

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the December 2023 Treasurer’s Report.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

11. **CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS** (ACTION) (PA)

Resolution #152

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated January 19, 2024.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

12. **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS**

Carrie Wilson reminded everyone of the Brooks BBQ and Circus Fundraiser.
Allison VanGuilder spoke in support of the Girl's Wrestling Program and said she hope H-L will continue the program for years to come.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Ovitt and Mr. Moulton thanked everyone for coming and for their passion in supporting girls wrestling.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to adjourn @6:40pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. Motion Carried.

Submitted BY: Mary Visscher, District Clerk