



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

**February 2, 2023**

**STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Moulton – present, Mr. Novotarski – present, Mr. Weiss – present, Mr. Hunt – present  
Mrs. Braico - absent

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

2023-2024 Budget Presentation – Michelle Taylor – reported that she has met with all department heads and they have given her their wish lists and all will be considered when the administration and Board sit down and go over the budget line by line. Mr. Ovitt said the Governor talked about districts offering full day Pre-K. He said in our District we have a morning and afternoon session to accommodate all students who want to go. He said if a full-day was offered there would have to be a lottery and some students would not get in. He said we do not have the room or the staff. A community member said it would be easier for parents if their children attended a full day program.

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

- **Athletics** – Gary Wilson – Gary said the committee met Tuesday and he presented the winter sports report that included a full cross-country ski team this year. He said softball numbers were discussed and he’s unsure if there will be enough participation for a varsity team. He said fall coaches were recommended and they talked about the athletic mergers we currently have with Corinth.
- **Buildings & Grounds** – Mr. Ovitt said the committee met and discussed the options for leasing/purchasing a loader, they are getting quotes for turf management and also quotes to have a company come in and refinish our gym floors.

**6. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION)**

**A. Board Meeting Minutes (PA)**

Resolution #130

Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the January 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes

**Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss**

**Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0**

**B. Educational Data**

Resolution #131

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby approves the agreement between the district and Educational Data Services, Inc. effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and directs the superintendent to execute the agreement.

**Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt**

**Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0**

**C. Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Saratoga Springs City School District (PA)**



**Resolution #132**

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated December 13, 2022 between the district and Saratoga Springs City School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for approximately three (3) children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the Saratoga Springs City School District, City of Saratoga Springs, Town of Saratoga, County of Saratoga, New York, to begin on September 8, 2022 and to end on approximately June 23, 2023 as required by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$1,872.84 and directs the board president and district clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

7. **NEW BUSINESS** (ACTION)

A. **WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program**

Resolution #133

As Recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School hereby authorizes District participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCES for the 2023-2024 school year for the following commodities: Ice cream, Bread & Bread Products, Meat-Canned/Frozen, USDA Commodity-Fee for Service, Copy Paper/Envelopes, Custodial Paper Products, Cafeteria Paper Products. The Board directs the Cafeteria Manager through the Superintendent to coordinate the participation in the program and the clerk to sign the resolution.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

B. **Policy Second Readings** (PA)

Resolution #134

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            Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
- 5460(R)        Child Abuse, Maltreatment of Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation
- 9605            Social Media Code of Conduct for Employees (new)

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

8. **PERSONNEL** (ACTION)

A. **APPOINTMENTS - HLTA**

**Extra-Curricular**

Resolution #135

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>
Linda Seber	Itinerant Special Ed Teacher	1/2/2023	\$60/hr
Maya Puchkoff	Art Advisor for Production	2/3/2023	\$750/yr



Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**B. APPOINTMENTS – CSEA**

Resolution #136

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>
Amy Barrett	Substitute Bus Driver	1/03/2023	\$21.30hr.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

Mr. Novotarski asked how short we are on drivers at this time. Rick McFarlane said everyone is still driving including himself and the mechanics and Pam.

**C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CSEA**

Resolution #137

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, School Nurse, Kaycie Trombley, for approximately February 20,2023 through the end of the school year; Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

Resolution #138

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, Gretchen DeLong, beginning January 13, 2023 until further notice; Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**D. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - HLTA**

Resolution #139

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hadley-Luzerne School Board hereby approves an unpaid Leave of Absence for Samantha Godfrey approximately March 5, 2023 - May 22,2023 pursuant to HLTA Agreement Article VII – F. Extended Leave.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Resolution #140

Lauren Scutari – FT Bus Driver

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation of full-time Bus Driver Lauren Scutari, effective January 10, 2023.



Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #141

As recommended by the Superintendent – for the board of education to accept warrants #26 (\$152,837.12), #27 (\$95,186.24), #28 (\$143,325.30), #29 (\$642,388.02), #30 (\$156,805.44), #31 (\$294,982.67)

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #142

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the December 2022 Treasurer’s Report.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

11.     **CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Resolution #143

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated January 24, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

12.     **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS**

Denise Williams – Community Member – asked why the ECCA – Early College Career Academy program was being dropped and who makes that decision and how is it decided. She wanted to know why we weren’t partnering with Corinth if transportation is an issue. She handed out information to the Board members and said she would be back next month for answers to her questions.

Shannon Fornier – Community Member – asked how the low athletic numbers are being addressed and wanted to know if it was in the teachers’ contract that they work with the younger students. Mr. Ovitt said their contract covers 7-12 and that sometimes the coaches volunteer in the younger grades but parents and community members are encouraged to do this. Shannon asked if meeting with the town boards to talk about it would be possible and said maybe it could be put in the teachers contract to encourage involvement. Mr. Ovitt said they could talk about it during negotiations.

Christina Masrianni – Community Member – asked about a BOCES presentation that was mentioned at the December meeting. Mary Visscher said prior to COVID BOCES would do a CTE presentation annually with our students. Christina thanked the administration for the Battle of the Books program.

Alexandra Ghent – Community Member – asked what is being done to improve discipline strategies as she believes discipline is a big issue and the kids feel bad behavior is being rewarded and the good kids aren’t being recognized in the elementary. Mr. Ovitt said she should stop in to see Principal Baker. Alexandra said kids have no fear of consequences. Mr. Baker said there are many programs in his building to encourage positive behavior and that a standard behavior plan is not for all students and varies based on the student because all kids are different. He said his goal is to change the behavior and he meets with a lot of families and counselors to achieve that. He said his door is always open and he encouraged anyone with concerns to stop by and talk with him. Denis Williams said the problem is in the high school too and poor behavior is rewarded on our sports teams as well. Mr. Moulton said discipline starts at home.



13. **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Novotarski thanked Mr. Gereau and his team for doing a good job on the walkways and parking lots this winter.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to go in to executive Session at 7:25pm for specific personnel. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:10pm seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Visscher, District Clerk