



HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR

March 7, 2024

STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE None

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Budget Update – Michelle Taylor presented an update on the 2024-25 Budget. She reported that she has met with all Department heads and negotiations with both CSEA and HLTA are ongoing. She said they are doing their best to maintain current programs and staff but they will know more when the state budget is passed. She said Hadley-Luzerne is slated to see a \$1 million reduction in aid cuts.

5. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION) (PA)

A. Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution #153

Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the February 1, 2024 regular/committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Corinth Central School District

Resolution #154

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School to approve the agreement dated February 5, 2024 between the district and Corinth Central School District for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for twenty-two (22) children residing in said school district and attending a non-public school in the Corinth Central School District, Town of Corinth, County of Saratoga, New York, to begin on September 7, 2023 and to end on approximately June 25, 2024 as required by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$11,032.12 and directs the board president and district clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. Memorandum of Understanding with Warren County Head Start

Resolution #155

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School Hereby approves the agreement between the District and Warren County Head Start for the purpose of Coordination, Collaboration, Alignment, and Implementation of preschool programs effective February 14, 2024 – February 13, 2027.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

D. Updated District Response to Auditor’s Report (PA)

Resolution #156

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

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

E. **WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program**

Resolution #157

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 2024-2025 school year for the following commodities: Ice cream, Bread & Bread Products, Meat- Canned/Frozen, Produce, 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 Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

A. **Academic Calendar for 2024-2025**

Resolution #158

As recommended by the Superintendent to approve the academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Ovitt asked for this to be tabled until the next meeting to make changes

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. **Policy Second Reading**

Resolution #159

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. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. **Call to Vote and Annual Legal Ad for the Budget Vote and Election**

Resolution: #160

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTIONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District will be held at the Large Group Instructional Room of the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, New York, on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time for the presentation of the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. The budget will be available for review beginning April 30, 2024 at the

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Offices, 27 Hyland Drive Lake Luzerne, New York and posted on the website maintained by the school district www.hlcs.org.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by machine and/or ballot on the following items:

1. To elect two (2) members to the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education, at large, each to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027. The Hadley-Luzerne Central School Board of Education member incumbents are Justin Hunt and Shana Graham, whose terms expire on June 30, 2024.
2. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Trustees of the Rockwell Falls Public Library, at large, two to three (3) year terms, commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027 due to the expiration of terms for former trustees Kathleen Jones and Janet Silburn, and two to (1) year terms, commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2025 d. The two candidates with the highest votes will fill the two three-year terms and the third and fourth highest votes will fill the one-year terms.
3. To adopt the annual budget of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
4. To adopt the following proposition(s):

PROPOSITION I – PURCHASE OF THREE (3) SCHOOL BUSES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire three school buses, (1) 66 passenger school bus and (2) two 22 passenger handicap accessible school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$456,500, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$456,500 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2024-2025 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays and Sundays or holidays, at District school buildings during business hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm , prevailing time and also at said Annual District Meeting. Copies shall also be posted on the website maintained by the District (www.hlcs.org).

The election and budget vote shall be by machine and/or ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to fill two (2) expired terms for three (3) years, must be filed with the Hadley Luzerne School District Clerk at the Superintendent's office, not later than April 22, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or 2% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater and must state the name and residence of the candidate that shall fill the vacancy "At Large". Nominating petitions

may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees of the Rockwell Falls Public Library to fill four (4) expired terms, two vacancies (2) for three (3) year terms expiring on June 30, 2027 and two (2) vacancies for one (1) year terms expiring on June 30, 2025 must be filed with the Hadley Luzerne School District Clerk at the Superintendent's office, not later than April 22, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or 2% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater and must state the name and residence of the candidate that shall fill the vacancy "At Large". The two candidates who receive the first and second highest total number of votes cast in their favor shall fill the (3) three-year terms ending in 2027 and the (2) two candidates who receive the third and fourth highest total number of votes cast in their favor shall fill the (1) year terms ending in 2025. Nominating petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for early mail and absentee ballots will be obtainable and are returnable no earlier than April 21, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, May 14, 2024; or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, May 20, 2024. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on **May 21, 2024**

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a list of all persons to whom early ballots, absentee ballots and military ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 19, 2024, and only by appointment on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge against an early mail ballot cannot be based on the reason that the voter should have obtained or applied for an absentee ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas early mail and absentee ballot applications and early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail or in person, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accordance with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than 25 days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, must request an application for a military absentee ballot from the District Clerk and return such military absentee ballot application to the District Clerk by mail to Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Clerk, P.O Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846. In order for a military voter to be issued a military absentee ballot, a valid military absentee ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Military absentee ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military absentee ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education

Law. The application for military absentee ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military absentee ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's military absentee ballot must be returned by mail to the office of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Clerk, P.O Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846. Military absentee ballots will be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered should visit <https://www.dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> in order to do so online or military voters may apply to personally register as a qualified voter of the school district by requesting a Military Voter Personal Registration from the HLCS District Clerk and return such military voter registration to the District Clerk by email visscherm@hlcs.org or fax sent to (518) 734-0726.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has already registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law; has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. District residents may register with Warren or Saratoga County Board of Elections or apply to personally register as a qualified voter of the school district by completing a Personal Voter Registration Card with the District Clerk at 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne by May 14, 2024, by calling (518) 696-2378 Ext. 1108. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to Education Law at the District Office, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive on May 14, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on the Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, the prospective voter is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The Register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District, on each of five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 19, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet May 14, 2024, 12:00 pm -3:00 pm, prevailing time, at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School in the Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County, New York, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, or placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 21, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District on or before April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by fifty (50) qualified voters, or 5% of the registered voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election of Board members, whichever is greater; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all

persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a nondriver identification card, a redacted tax return or any identification containing the person's physical address. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

A. **RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENT**

Marion Allan - Resignation

Resolution #161

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Teaching Assistant, Marion Allan, effective February 26, 2024.

Sarah Allen - Retirement

Resolution #162

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Bus Driver, Sarah Allen for the purpose of retirement, effective March 1, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Melissa Facteau – Resignation

Resolution #163

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from School Monitor, Melissa Facteau, effective February 3, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Brittany Mosher

Resolution#164

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Teacher Aide Monitor, Brittany Mosher, effective February 1, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Tonya Beach

Resolution #165

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with appreciation the resignation from Food Service Worker Tonya Beach, effective February 29, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

B. **APPOINTMENTS – HLTA/TENURE** (PA)

Tenure Elementary Teacher – Jed Bierman

Resolution #166

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 Jed Bierman, a probationary PreK-6 Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Jed , effective June 30, 2024 in the Elementary PreK-6 tenure area.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Baker and the Board congratulated Jed and said he is always here for the kids and does a great job. Mr. Ovitt agreed and said he’s pleased to have him on his team.

Tenure English Teacher – Sara Kenna

Resolution #167

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 Sara Kenna, a probationary Secondary English Teacher, having been appointed to such position by this Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, does hereby grant tenure to Sara, effective July 31, 2024 in the Secondary English tenure area.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Mr. Hamm and the Board congratulated Sara and said she’s a leader in the Junior High and is always there to support kids.

Resolution #168

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that effective March 7, 2024 that all current and future members of the Hadley-Luzerne Teacher’s Association, upon hiring, be automatically approved as Tutor’s and as a Chaperone’s. Salary as per current HLTA contract.

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

C. **APPOINTMENTS – CSEA** (PA)

Resolution #169

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 pending any clearances.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Robert Johnson	PT Bus Monitor	2/5/2024	as per CSEA contract
Drew Cornell	PT Bus Monitor	2/15/2024	as per CSEA contract
Melissa Facticeau	Teacher Aide	2/5/2024	as per CSEA contract
Tonya Beach	Substitute Cafeteria	3/1/2024	as per CSEA contract
Brianna Allen	FT Bus Driver (pending training)	3/4/2024	as per CSEA Contract

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

D. APPOINTMENTS – OTHER & EXTRA-CURRICULER (PA)

Resolution #170

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:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Kevin	Trapasso	HS Musical Play Assistant	2023-2024	\$1500/yr
Jordan	Mjaatvedt	Long-term Substitute	2023-2024	As per SASTA contract
Benjamin	Reynolds	Post Prom Director	2023-2024	\$2000/yr
Jay	Ellis	Football Coach (Var.)	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Tyler	Ecuyer	Football Coach-Modified	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Tim	Brown	Cross-Country Varsity/JV Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Jack	Conway	Modified Cross Country Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Jay	Connelly	Golf Coach (Var.)	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Gary	Wilson	Modified Golf	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Tyler	Byrnes	Boys Varsity Soccer Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Robert	Horvath	Boy's Modified Soccer Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Elizabeth	Lent	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Craig	Trombley	Modified Girls Soccer	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Kristen	Byrnes	Varsity Volleyball Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Stephanie	Gordon	JV Volleyball Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Emily	Szelest	Modified Volleyball Coach	2024-2025	As per HLTA Contract
Michaela	Robertson	Art Advisor for Productions	2023-2024	\$750

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

E. LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CSEA

Resolution #171

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, Teaching Assistant, Mary Alice Barnaby, 2/6/2024 and 2/7/2024, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #172

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for five days unpaid leave of absence requested by, Bus Driver, Anthony Lomenzo, 3/18/2024 and 3/22/2024, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #173

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the request for seven days unpaid leave of absence requested by, Teacher Aide, Karen Lionarons, 5/15/2024 and 5/23/2024, Pursuant to the CSEA Agreement Article XVII – Other Leave, Section 2.

Motion by Mr. Weiss Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

F. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE-HLTA**

Resolution #174

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hadley-Luzerne School Board hereby approves an unpaid Extended Leave of Absence for Kindra Scofield approximately April 8, 2024 – June 26, 2024 pursuant to HLTA Agreement Article VII – F. Extended Leave.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

Resolution #175

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hadley-Luzerne School Board hereby approves an unpaid Extended Leave of Absence for Ashley Torda-Ecuyer approximately June 19, 2024 – June 26, 2024 pursuant to HLTA Agreement Article VII – F. Extended Leave.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #176

As recommended by the Superintendent - accept warrants #34 (\$159,845.42), #35 (141,777.15), #36 (148,554.70), #37 (\$707,558.86)

Motion by Mrs. Graham Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #177

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the January 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #178

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated February 27, 2024

Motion by Mr. Novotarski Seconded by Mrs. Graham

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain:0

11. PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS - NONE

12. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Baker thanked the Fire Department who so quickly responded to a false alarm. He expressed his appreciation for all they do.

Mr. Hamm said things are going well in the High School and stated Winter sports are over and Spring sports have begun. He also reported that the Brooks BBQ Fundraiser was a hit and 500 meals were sold.

Mr. Ovitt congratulated the newly tenured teachers and thanked the Board for their continued support with the budget. He thanked Michelle Taylor for all her hard work on the budget. Mr. Ovitt also reported that he has met with legislators regarding state aid cuts and hopes the situation will change. He also said he has met with them regarding the electric bus mandate and said it will not be good for taxpayers in NY. Lastly, Mr. Ovitt reported that there are 4 snow days left that will be used beginning with April break.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Specific Personnel @ 6:50pm. Seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion carried.

Mr. Novotarski made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30pm. Seconded by Mrs. Graham. Motion Carried.