


**HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
December 1, 2022  
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm**



**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Present: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Novotarski Absent: Mrs. Braico

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**Buildings and Grounds Committee Report** – Mr. Ovitt reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met Tuesday and looked at the Buildings condition report as presented by the architects. He said they started to work on a 5-year improvement plan with the administration and prioritized putting health and safety first. The committee also discussed a possible building project in the future. Brian Gereau updated everyone at the committee meeting on the status of the salt shed along with staffing updates and reminded the committee that the lease on the loader is up in April.

**Athletic Committee Report** – Athletic Director, Gary Wilson reported that the fall sports season finished strong and winter sports have begun. He said the football merger is on this agenda and the track merger should be approved as well for spring. He also said the committee is recommending a bigger equipment shed to be able to store football equipment. He said this will be built by our students in shop class.

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

A. **Saratoga County Voting Machines** (IMAGE CAST)

Resolution #91

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 16, 2023 annual vote and election as provided by Saratoga County Board of Elections and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the annual user agreement, when received.

Motion by Mr. Hunt                      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

B. **TBS Maintenance Service Agreements** (PA)

Resolution #92

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 Technical building Services (TBS) effective December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 and January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and directs the Director of Facilities to execute the agreements.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski                      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

C. **Mahoney Alarms Service Contract** (PA)

Resolution #93

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, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and directs the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #94

Recommended by the Superintendent, to approve the November 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #95

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2021-2022 District Response to the Independent Audit Report conducted by Beecher & Bethel, LLP Certified Public Accountants.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

F. **Hudson Headwaters School-Based Health Agreement**

Resolution #96

As recommended by the superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the agreement between the District and Hudson Headwaters Health Network for school-based health services provided to district students for the 2022-2025 school years for the amount and terms outlined in the agreement.

Mr. Novotarski asked about the price. Mr. Ovitt said it was \$31,000 each year for the next 3 years and every year after there will be a 3.5% increase not to exceed \$40,000.00

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

6. **NEW BUSINESS** (ACTION)

A. **Intramural Grade 3 Battle of the Books Club Approval** (PA)

Resolution #97

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the HLTA Intramural Grade 3 Battle of the Books Club request from Advisor Melanie Brooks for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$500.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

B. **Intramural Grade 4 Battle of the Books Club Approval** (PA)

Resolution #98

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the HLTA Intramural Grade 4 Battle of the Books Club request from Advisor Siera Persons for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$500.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**C. Intramural Grade 5 Battle of the Books Club Approval (PA)**

Resolution #99

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the HLTA Intramural Grade 5 Battle of the Books request from Advisor Gordon Haynes for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$500.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**D. Intramural Grade 6 Battle of the Books Club Approval (PA)**

Resolution #100

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the HLTA Intramural Grade 6 Battle of the Books request from Advisor Jessica Curry for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$500.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

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

Resolution #101

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/Modified Football Programs between the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, Ft. Edward UFSD and the Corinth Central School District under the jurisdiction of the Section II Merger Committee effective July 1, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**F. First Baptist Church Thrift Shoppe Donation (PA)**

Resolution #102

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with gratitude a monetary donation of \$500.00 from First Baptist Church Thrift Shoppe, Inc. for students and families.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**G. Holy Mother & Child Parish Donation (PA)**

Resolution #103

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with gratitude a monetary donation of \$260.00 from the Holy Mother & Child Parish in support of the Share the Warmth Program.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain:0

**H. Hudson Sacandaga Post 5836 Auxiliary Donation (PA)**

Resolution #104

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with gratitude a monetary donation of \$500.00 from the Hudson Sacandaga Post 5836 in support of the Share the Warmth Program.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

I. **H-L Wesleyan Church Donation (PA)**

Resolution #105

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept with gratitude a monetary donation of \$1,600.00 from Hadley-Luzerne Wesleyan Church in support of the Backpack Bonanza Program.

Motion by Mr. Weiss      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

A. **RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS**

**Teacher Aide – Angela Doetsch**

Resolution #106

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to approve the termination of part time Teacher Aide, Angela Doetsch, effective November 7, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

B. **APPOINTMENTS-CSEA/SASTA**

Resolution #107

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Joseph Telesco	PT School Monitor	11/8/2022	\$14.71/hr as per CSEA Contract
Connie Allen	PT School Monitor	11/7/2022	\$14.71/hr as per CSEA Contract
Brian Miller	PT School Monitor	11/28/2022	\$14.71/hr as per CSEA Contract
Jenny DeCarli	PT Teaching Assistant	11/17/2022	\$16.88/hr as per CSEA Contract

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

**APPOINTMENTS – HLTA/Extra Curricular**

Resolution #108

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>
Andrea Palmer	Tutor	10/16/2022	\$30/hr
Kenny Carner (Amended)	Sub Driver	9/13/2022	\$21.30/hr
Kenny Carner	FT Driver	10/31/2022	\$22.30/hr

Mr. Novotarski asked how we were doing with drivers. Mr. Ovitt deferred to Rick McFarlane who said they have had 1 leave and 1 retiree come back as a sub. He said there's another retiring in January but that he would also come back as a sub. Mr. Ovitt said we need at least 2 drivers. Rick said we train

them and we pay for the training and that they even posted a driver/cleaner position to get more interest and no one applied. Mr. Ovitt said he was going to get trained to be able to help out.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #109

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 17, 2022 in the amount of \$ 1,958,746.26 = (Taxes \$1,946,194.90 + Penalties \$12,551.36). 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. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #110

As recommended by the Superintendent - accept warrants #17 (\$153,040.21,#18 (\$263,205.72),#19 (\$156,439.99), #20 (\$787,945.19), #21 (\$2,888.97)

Motion by Mr. Hunt      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #111

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the October 2022 District Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Weiss

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

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

Resolution #112

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the Board of Education to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations dated 11/15/2022.

Motion by Mr. Novotarski      Seconded by Mr. Hunt

Yes: 4    No: 0    Abstain:0

12. **PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS** -

A student asked for clarification on the comments about the bus drivers.

A parent expressed her concerns with the JV basketball coaching staff and asked why Bob Horvath wasn't coaching. Mr. Ovitt explained that the teachers in the district have first refusal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS** - Mr. Baker said he was looking forward to the upcoming holiday events this weekend: Breakfast with Santa, Vendor Fair and the many concerts in the next couple of weeks. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Mr. Hamm said the first quarter is done and they celebrated many successes academically and also held the Peace Poster Contest and said he was looking forward to a busy December.

Michelle Taylor reported that she has begun the budget development process meeting with administrators. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Ovitt reported that there will be 45 vendors and the Vendor fair this weekend and is happy that things are back to normal. He said the administration will all be there on Saturday for Breakfast with Santa and that he's looking forward to the upcoming concerts. He thanked everyone for their donations that were accepted this evening and appreciated their support of our kids. He also reported that the State Report Card is out and we are showing improvement and we are on or above average. He also said he had met with the CASDA representatives and we will probably be on the watch list again as they keep changing their measurements.

Mr. Weiss thanked the student council for sending cards to the veterans.

Mr. Novotarski thanked the various organizations for their donations and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Moulton thanked everyone also for their donations and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also thanked Ricky and Courtney for showing up and thanked Courtney for the food tonight.

Mr. Ovitt thanked Ricky and Courtney for always showing up.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn @ 7pm. Seconded by Mr. hunt. Motion carried.

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SUBMITTED BY: Mary Visscher, District Clerk