

HADLEY- LUZERNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2020  
STUART M. TOWNSEND ES LGI 6:30 pm  
“BOARD OF EDUCATION APPRECIATION NIGHT”

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, LGI  
Members Present: Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Visscher, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Braico, Mr. Novotarski  
Members Absent: None  
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, Transportation Director-Ricky McFarlane, SRO-James Trottier and 7 others.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Moulton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letters as noted below.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Superintendent Beecher Baker Sr. introduced the board members and thanked them for all the work they have to do throughout the year. The financial stability of the district is due to their hard work. Not all districts are financially stable. He thanked them for providing the staff we need during the Covid crisis.

The 2019 Independent Audit, as conducted by Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP Certified Public Accountants was presented by School Business Manager, Michelle Taylor: we are in a good position with minor findings- we are over the 4% allowed for fund balance and the school lunch fund is in the negative; more so this year due to the Covid crisis and delivering meals. Mr. Baker noted there were additional costs this including paper products year due to the crisis and we are thankful we have that additional fund balance due to the 20% cut from the governor.

Athletic Director, Gary Wilson: Athletic Merger – Discussed the Football merger will be three schools with Lake George and Corinth for next fall. He is asking for an official resolution regarding this football merger. Since we are not the host school we really have no say. If we vote no, we would be out of the merger for football. We will be moving to class c and there still will not be enough for JV football, we have 10 students in 7-12 signed up.

The topic of a possible Track n Field team has been requested by a family. Merging with Lake George is not an option since they already have 70 plus athletes in the sport. We will need a survey of students who would be interested if we decide to have our own team. The baseball coaches have expressed concern over a competing sport. If there is enough interest in a track and field team, we will have to have the paperwork in by November.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #55

As recommended by the Superintendent - to approve the September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Revised HLCS Academic Calendar 2020-2021

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Resolution #56

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the revised District Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. (November 18 & 19 and March 11 from PK-6 to K-12 half days, all PK references removed, March 18 two hour delay removed and June 14-15 Local Exams removed.)

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Independent Auditors Report & District Response

Motion by Mrs. Bracio

Resolution #57

Resolved, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2019-2020 Independent Audit Report conducted by Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP. Certified Public Accountants and approves the District's response thereto.

Be It Further Resolved to publish the legal notice and submit to NYS Comptroller's Office as required.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

ES and HS Building Level Safety Plan

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #58

Recommend the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, following their review; approve the Building Level Emergency Response Plans for the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School and the Hadley-Luzerne Junior-Senior High School.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Advanced Therapy Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Visscher

Resolution #59

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the October 19, 2020 Advanced Therapy Agreement, for the purpose of providing physical and speech therapy services to district students, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for the terms and amount outlined in the agreement.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

LearnWell Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Braico

Resolution #60

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District hereby approves the September 14, 2020 LearnWell Agreement, for the purpose of providing educational services to district student(s) hospitalized at Ellis, effective September 14, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for the terms and amount outlined in the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL  
RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman

Partial Resignation – Shelly McClaskey

Resolution #61

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Shelly McClaskey, from the position of part time Food Service Helper, effective at the close of business on September 25, 2020. Shelly will continue to work as a Bus Driver.

Resignation – William J. Finnegan

Resolution #62

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from William J. Finnegan, from the position of Bus Driver, effective at the close of business on September 25, 2020.

Resignation – Francis B. Allen

Resolution #63

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District to accept, with appreciation the letter of resignation from Francis Allen, from the position of Varsity Bowling Coach, effective October 7, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski followed by a brief discussion.

Yes: 5            No: 0            Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS-CSEA

Motion by Mr. Novotarski

Bus Monitor (PT 10 mo.) – Darcie Anderson

Resolution #64

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Darcie Anderson be appointed to a six month probationary period according to Warren County Civil Service reporting requirements, as a part time Bus Monitor, due to a resignation, for the hourly wage (\$12.51 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective October 19, 2020. Darcie’s probationary period shall begin on October 19, 2020 and end on April 18, 2021, at which time the board authorizes she be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Ricky McFarlane.

Teacher Aide (PT 10 mo.) – Lindsay Brower

Resolution #65

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Lindsay Brower be appointed to a six month probationary period according to Warren County Civil Service reporting requirements, as a part time Teacher Aide, due to a resignation, for the hourly wage (\$12.51 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective October 5, 2020. Lindsay’s probationary period shall begin on October 5, 2020 and end on April 4, 2021, at

which time the board authorizes she be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Principal, Jonathan Baker  
Food Service Helper (PT 10 mo.) – Tonya Beach  
Resolution #66

As recommended by the Superintendent - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District that Tonya Beach be appointed to a six month probationary period according to Warren County Civil Service reporting requirements, as a part time Food Service Helper, due to a resignation, for the hourly wage (\$12.51 per hour) as stated in the CSEA agreement, effective October 19, 2020. Tonya's probationary period shall begin on October 19, 2020 and end on April 18, 2021, at which time the board authorizes she be granted permanent appointment with written approval from the immediate supervisor, Food Service Director, Jaclyn Adler.

Seconded by Mrs. Hoffman

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman  
Resolution #67

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the CSE recommendations dated 10/19/2020.

Seconded by Mrs. Braico

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Bracio  
Resolution #68

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept warrants #10 (\$2,275.82), #11 (\$114,488.18), #12 (\$413,971.91), #13 (\$135,660.08), #14 (\$35,902.83), #15 (\$123,041.01), #16 (\$408,442.59).

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Hoffman  
Resolution #69

As recommended by the Superintendent, for the board of education to accept the August 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Mr. Novotarski

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

#### PUBLIC/STUDENT COMMENTS

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD COMMENTS

The administrators thanked the board members for their support.

Superintendent Baker thanked Mr. Ovitt for his handling of the Covid case in the high school. The high school is a harder place to conduct contact tracing. He also thanked the health department and for the on-going testing by Hudson Headwaters.

Mrs. Visscher thanked the PTSA, HLTA and students for the goodies. The feedback she has received from the community has been nothing but positive in how we are dealing with the crisis.

Mrs. Hoffman thanked everyone for the gifts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Visscher to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

All were in favor

Yes: 5          No: 0          Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

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*Respectfully Submitted by Regina York – District Clerk*