



Date: October 9, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Hartnett Elementary School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Nicole Sprouse, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, Director of Business and Finance Hearton, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:06 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**There was no correspondence provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**It was noted that there is an update to the agenda for personnel.

Community Voices

- None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the September 25, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio read a comment from a Mexico parent regarding one of our cross-country coaches. The note praised Coach Jim Baldwin for his positive demeanor with both teams at a recent match.
 - It was noted that the Superintendent Forum held on October 6th was an engaging experience with great conversation.
 - Superintendent Ruscio thanked Linda Llewellyn for the planning and coordination of the October 9th Staff Development Day. It was also noted that the Principals did a great job leading folks with their SLO's.
- **Correspondence:**
 - No correspondence provided.

Hartnett Elementary Highlight

- Principal Harris presented a slideshow where Author Fred Durbin was a guest at Hartnett for Author's Day. Two of his books were showcased and the presentation included student conducted interviews about what they liked about his books.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the following Warrants: (Board Notes Item B)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Warrants

T and A \$1,116,760.23
General #1 August \$ 95,017.35
General #2 August \$ 185,185.47
School Lunch #1 August \$ 1,134.39
Federal #1 August \$ 28,020.73
Federal #2 August \$ 7,975.43

Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the following Treasurers’ Reports: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Treasurers’ Reports

General Fund August
Capital Fund August
School Lunch August
Trust & Agency August
Federal Fund August
Workers’ Compensation August
Payroll August
Extra-classroom Activity Fund July and August

Investment Summary/Attendance Report: No action required.
(Board Notes Item D)

Budget Status Report/Revenue Status Report: No action required.
(Board Notes Item E)

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated September 13, 19, 24 and 28, 2012 and amendments dated September 25 and October 2, 2012. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Tax Refund

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the tax refund in the amount of \$6,928.07. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Hockey Agreement

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the Ice Hockey Program Agreement between the District and Cortland City Schools for a combined Interscholastic Varsity Boys Hockey Team. (Board Notes Item H)

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board *Table* the Ice Hockey Program Agreement until further information is gathered.

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Sweeney, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved:

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Timothy Robideau** from his position of Elementary Teacher effective November 3, 2012.

Accept the resignation from **Jamison Drab** from his position of Psychologist Intern effective September 25, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Caitlin Mack** to a 2 year probationary appointment in the Elementary Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Mack has Initial Certification in Elementary Education effective February 1, 2010.

Approve the appointment of **Whitney Fien** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 28, 2012, to be completed September 27, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Fien has Initial Certification in Adolescent Education (7-12) effective September 1, 2010.

Approve the following **Early Morning Program** Teachers:

Intermediate School

Jeanne Stevens
Karen Shirley
Tracy Durkee
Deb McGee
Kate Fulton
Elizabeth Ludwig
Carole Robinson
Carolyn Withiam
Connie Martin
Melissa Sugamele
Substitutes: Denise "Penny" Curtis and Candie Ostrander

Hartnett Elementary School

Kathi Williams
Alison Mastroe
Karen Keefe
Krystal Poplawski
Substitute: Jennifer Clark

Approve the following as a **Mentor** for the 2012-13 school year:

Gina Kinsella mentoring Carrie Whitney

Approve the following as **Translators** for the 2012-13 school year:

Hongli Fan
Tim Gerhard

Approve the attached list of **Graduate Credits**.

Approve the following as receiving their **Master's Degree**:

Jessica Tarry

Approve the following as **Practicum Students** for the fall term:

Athletics

Lindsey Plank, John Reilly, Joseph Lisa and Suzanne Leslie with Allison Cook
Daniel Miller with Jeremy Cook and Sean Malone
Hannah Johnson and Gregory Sullivan with Sean Malone
Ramsey Hassen with Jeremy Cook and Geoff Sorenson

Elementary School

Victoria Giambrone and Kyriaki Dimitrakakis with John Edleman

Hartnett Elementary

Kendalyn Withey with Allison Mastroe and Krystal Poplawski

Intermediate School
Danielle Sweetman

Junior High
Emily Neiderman with Jim Barry

High School
Jessica Williams with Lori Anderson

District
Jessica Parmiter with Matt Hartl

Approve the following as **Volunteers** for the 2012-13 school year:

Elementary
Marian Guy
Merrily Heyer
Dee Dee Gallagher
Debbie Underwood

Intermediate School
Sara Brazo
Emily Brown
Jaclyn Yonta
Sarah Rice
Kaylee Langtry
Ryan Kuhn
Ann Iacopelli
Matthew Giafone
Kathryn Bruno
Rhonda Bissoondath

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Sara Bailey	Art
Jonathan Park	P.E.
Lyubov Kostiv	Math
Andrew Snide	P.E.

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Jeffrey DeLia** from his position of Bus Driver effective October 13, 2012.

Accept the resignation from **F. Jay Forbes** from his position of Garage Attendant/Mechanic effective October 12, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **F. Jay Forbes** to the position of Transportation Assistant effective October 13, 2012.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:

John Lasette-Bus Driver
David Halme-Cleaner
Michelle Hernandez-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **Non-Resident and Resident Student Information**-A list of Homer students attending other non-public schools and other public schools was shared.
- **Donation to More Than a Game Foundation**-Mr. Carboine provided a copy of a letter he sent to the More Than A Game Foundation regarding the \$2,350 donation from the High School Football Program.
- **NYS Art Teachers Association Letter**-Notification was provided to us that once again our students have art work on display at the NYS School Boards Association Conference. The conference is being held in Rochester this year.
- **October 9th Staff Conference Day Agenda**-Agenda's for the Staff Conference Day were provided by Ms. Llewellyn.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-Mrs. Sprouse noted that she and Mr. Pedrick attended the Superintendent Forum and offered kudos to Superintendent Ruscio for a very informative meeting.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-Director Llewellyn recently met with the Teaching Assistants to set priorities for the year. She noted that the Teaching Assistants are very eager to work with our students.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-The first Character Education meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 3:45 PM.
- *Instructional Leadership*-The first Instructional Leadership meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 4:00 PM.
- *Facilities*-The first Facilities meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 6:30 PM.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Morenus has attended two Junior High Football games.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Hartnett Author’s Day presentation, the OCM BOCES Open House, the High School Open House, an OCM BOCES Board Retreat, Homer’s Superintendent Forum as well as the Superintendent Conference Day.
- Mr. Sweeney attended a conference with Municipal Historians.
- Mrs. Apker has attended Varsity and JV Football games as well as the High School Open House. She noted that the presentations were excellent.
- Mrs. Sprouse attended the Superintendent Forum.

Upcoming Events

- October*
- 9-Staff Development Day/No School for Students
- 11-Elem. Open House
- 23-Board Meeting
- 25-Int.-Parent visitation Day
- 31-Early Release Day
- November*
- 9-K-8 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 12-Veteran’s Day/No School
- 13-Board Meeting
- 16-K-8 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 21-HS Red Cross Blood Drive
- 22-23-Thanksgiving Recess/No School
- 27-Board of Education

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:49 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:44 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	