



**Date:** November 5, 2013

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** High School

**Members Present:** Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe (6:40), Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

**Members Absent:** Sonia Apker

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

**Emergency Action**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, to appoint Luke Morenus as the temporary acting chair for the purpose of conducting the business of the November 5, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Board Member Morenus called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

**Executive Session**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and real property.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mrs. Sharpe entered the meeting)

Returned from Executive Session at 7:07 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**President's Comments**

- **Remarks**-Mr. Morenus welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

**Community Voices**

- None heard.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 22, 2013- regular meeting be approved as amended. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio shared the sad news of Mrs. Falls father passing away unexpectedly.

- Superintendent Ruscio also announced that Chris DiFulvio (Junior High English Teacher) has been highlighted as the CNYRIC Featured Teacher for November. Mr. DiFulvio was picked for this honor as a result of his extensive use of technology in the classroom. Congratulations Chris!
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

**Dignity for All Students**

- Superintendent Ruscio and the building principals presented Dignity for All Students. Each principal highlighted activities and trainings that have or are currently taking place within their buildings to promote an educational opportunity for all students that is free of harassment, bullying and discrimination.

**Old Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Policy for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Final Approval**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the following policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Final Approval: (Board Notes Item B)

- Policy 7420-Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances
- Policy 7440-Searches and Interrogations of Students
- Policy 7470-Suspension of Students
- Policy 8263-Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources
- Policy 8265-Student Use of Personal Technology
- Policy 6551-Family Medical Leave Act
- Policy 7360-Student Records: Access and Challenge

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Warrants and Claims Auditors Report**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Quinlan, that the Board approve the following Warrants: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Warrants**

Warrant T and A	\$2,008,993.75
General Fund #1 Sept.	\$ 92,787.51
General Fund #2 Sept.	\$ 291,874.99
School Lunch #1 Sept.	\$ 23,358.14
School Lunch #2 Sept.	\$ 1,150.00
Federal Fund #1 Sept.	\$ 3,800.00
Federal Fund #2 Sept.	\$ 66,207.43
Capital Fund #1 Sept.	\$ 18,514.02

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the following Treasurers' Reports: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Treasurers' Reports**

General Fund	September
Capital Fund	September
School Lunch	September
Trust & Agency	September
Federal Fund	September
Workers' Compensation	September
Payroll	September

**Investment Summary:** No action required. (Board Notes Item E)

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

**Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Special Education: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Ice Hockey Field Trip Request**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Ice Hockey field trip to Lake Placid from December 13-14, 2013 for a tournament. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Acceptance of Donation-Instrument**

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board accept the donation of a Trombone from Mrs. Longnecker. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Acceptance of Donation-Puzzle Solvers**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board accept the donation of various items from Puzzle Solvers. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Budget Transfers**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Budget Code Transfers. (Board Notes Item L)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Disposal of Surplus Items**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the surplus items for disposal. (Board Notes Item M)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Personnel**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sharpe, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved including the addendum item:

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Instructional:**

Approve the following **Mentor** updates for the 2013-14 School Year:  
Remove Kimberly Casullo as the Mentor for Valerie Reynolds  
Appoint Stephanie Feldman as the Mentor for Valerie Reynolds

Approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2013-14 school year:

*Athletics*

Chad Totman-Varsity Ice Hockey  
Kevin Ayer-Varsity Ice Hockey  
Jeff Beal-Girls Basketball  
Jason Graves-Boys Basketball  
Ashley Wirges-Indoor Track

*Elementary*

Barry Kerner  
Jody Poole  
Tammy Sickmon

*Intermediate*

Stacey Kidder  
Tammy Sickmon  
Elke Wright

*Hartnett Elementary*

Lydia Aris-Brown  
Elaine Sturgis

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
<b>Sean Riley</b>	Spec. Ed.
<b>Eugene Forehand</b>	Elem. Ed.

**Non-Instructional:**

Accept the resignation from **Laird Updyke** from his position of Director of Facilities III effective November 20, 2013.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:

**Dennis Redfield**-Cleaner

**Informational Items**

- **Fundraising Updates**-Updates from Mr. Van Etten, Mrs. Falls and Mr. McGory were provided.
- **October Report**-The annual report of all instructional activity throughout the district was shared.
- **Budget Development Calendar Draft**-Mr. Falls is provided a draft of the 2014-15 budget development calendar.
- **Letter from Senator Seward**-A letter from Senator Seward regarding our Testing Resolution was discussed.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

**District Committee Reports**

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-Ms. Llewellyn stated that Carrie Whitney attended the last meeting and discussed vaccines, the annual Blue Pride Challenge and health food idea.
- *Safety*-Superintendent Ruscio noted the group recently met and discussed safety issues from last year, as well as Raptorware, the software that every visitor is searched through at time of entry to any district building, and last, the idea of a protective film being placed on ground-floor windows.

- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

#### **Board Member Activities**

- Mrs. Dwyer attended the Intermediate School LAP meeting and Awesome Apple Day.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Homer Business Association (HBA) meeting where Superintendent Ruscio presented the proposed capital project, as well as a CNYSBA Director's meeting and the Cortland-Madison SBA Fall Dinner.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the HBA meeting and Cortland-Madison SBA Fall Dinner as well.
- Ms. Mathey attended the Common Core Book Club and the last Varsity Football game vs. Oneida.

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### *November*

5-Board of Education  
 11-Veteran's Day-No School  
 18-K-12 Conference Day-No School  
 19-Board of Education  
 22-23-HS Shakespearean Play  
 26-Red Cross Blood Drive  
 27-29-Thanksgiving Recess/No School

##### *December*

3-IN 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert  
 5-HS Instrumental Concert  
 6-Christmas on the Green  
 10-Board of Education  
 11-IN Holiday Concert  
 12-Capital Project Vote  
 12-HS Vocal Concert  
 13-IN Parent Visitation Day  
 17-JH Holiday Concert  
 18-HT Winter Concert  
 23-31-Holiday Recess/No School

#### ***Capital Project Presentations***

##### ***Community Presentations***

Town of Truxton  
 @ Truxton Municipal Office Building  
 Nov. 20-7:00 PM

Homer Elementary Cafe  
 Dec. 4-6:30 PM

High School Auditorium  
 Dec. 9-6:30 PM

##### ***Presentations at Specific Organizations/Municipalities Meetings***

Scott Senior Center  
 @ Scott Church  
 Nov. 8-8:30 AM

Preble Town Board  
 @ Preble Town Hall  
 Nov. 11-8:00 PM

Breakfast Rotary  
 @ Briggs Hall  
 Nov. 20-7:00 AM

Town of Homer  
 @ Town Hall  
 Dec. 4-7:45 PM

**Closing Remarks**

- Several Board members noted how nice the capital project display boards look. The group also congratulated the football program with all their success this year.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	