



**Date:** January 21, 2014

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

**Members Absent:** Katie Dwyer

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Business & Finance Falls, Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guest

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, litigation and specific student issues.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

#### **Public Hearing**

- A public hearing was held for public discussion on the 2014-15 district budget.

#### **President's Comments**

- **Remarks**-Mrs. Apker 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 January 7, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Morenus)

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio discussed the Governor's budget proposal and noted that it is disheartening for schools.
  - Superintendent Ruscio also updated the group on the capital project. She and other district administrator's recently attended a meeting with Hunt Architects and Lend Lease to start the planning process for the project. Project planning meetings with various district employees will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Superintendent Ruscio announced that ELA grade 8 Teacher, Chris DiFulvio has been selected by Expeditionary Learning to be taped as a model lesson and posted on EngageNY. Congratulations Chris!

- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

**Blue Pride**

- Principal’s highlighted events and activities happening within their buildings.

**Budget Presentation**

- Superintendent Ruscio and Director of Business and Finance Falls presented employee salaries and benefits, debt service and tax cap, in regards to the 2014-15 district budget.

**Old Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

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

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

- Policy 3250-Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

- Policy 3249-Use of Facilities by the Boy Scouts of America and Patriotic Youth Groups

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

- Policy 8460-Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	1	(Mathey)

- Policy 8550-Parent Involvement for Students with Disabilities

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

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

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**2014-15 Budget Guidelines**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the 2014-15 Budget Guidelines as presented. (Board Notes Item E)

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:

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Instructional:**

Approve the leave of absence request from **Ashley Gilbert** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective September 30, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Ashley Gilbert** to the position of Long-term Special Education Teacher at Hartnett Elementary effective October 1, 2013 through March 7, 2014.

Accept the resignation from **Kurt Kleefeld** from him position of Teaching Assistant effective February 1, 2014.

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

*High School*  
Amy Whittington  
Liesl Moheimani

Approve the following as **Practicum Students** for the Spring Semester:

*Elementary*  
Nicole Madia and Lauren Hecht with Jennifer Berthelot  
Lauren Mikelinich and Melissa Neher with Pam Tuttle

*Intermediate*  
Victoria Manna and Allison Haskell with Lisa Ryan  
Amanda Boyd with Katie Totman  
Alexandria Olsen with Amanda Behnke  
Caitlin Carr with Amanda Dembowski  
Kaitlyn Lyons, Andrea DeCaires, Kaitlyn Orr and Ashley Mannina with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Boyan Cox with Brianna Bibbens  
Davon Clarke, Hannah Eggleston and Rachel Kolod with Erin Podsiedlik  
Chrissanna Hickey, Anthony Schiotis and Taylour Connelly with Karen Exelby

Approve the following as **Student Teachers** for the Spring Semester:

*High School*  
Chelsea Wood with Joe Cortese

*Junior High*  
Ashley Marshall with Janice Grassi

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>Matt Ochs</b>	Theological Study
<b>Maria Costello</b>	Biology
<b>Samantha Randall</b>	Spanish

**Non-Instructional:**

Approve the **Creation** of an Aide.

Approve the appointment of **Jennifer Fox** to the position of Transportation Assistant effective February 10, 2014.

Accept the resignation from **Jeff Ferri** from his position of Garage Attendant effective January 21, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Jeff Ferri** to the position of Mechanic effective January 22, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Doug Long** to the position of Cleaner effective January 22, 2014.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:  
Gina Marsh-Aide, Food Service Worker

### Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Mr. Van Etten provided details of new fundraising activities happening in the High School.
- **2014-15 Budget Calendar**-Mr. Falls provided a revised budget calendar.
- **Partnership Agreement**-Superintendent Ruscio highlighted the “Partnership Signing” ceremony to be held on February 12 at 5:00 PM in the High School Library. It was also noted that 36 letters have been mailed to potential partners.
- **Mid-year Plan for Excellence Update**-A mid-year update on the Strategic Plan was provided by Superintendent Ruscio.

### Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-Policies were recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final approval.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

### District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn noted that the group continues to work on an upcoming parent survey that will be sent home in report cards. She also noted that teachers will be doing tutorials via YouTube in an effort to assist parents in the shift to the Common Core Curriculum.
- *Facilities*-No report.

### Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick wanted to remind folks of the OCM BOCES Facilities Vote on January 23, 2014 from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. Polling places are LGP Career Training Center, Henry Campus Administration Building and Cortland McEvoy Center. Mr. Pedrick has attended a CNYSBA Directors’ meeting, the Superintendent’s Forum and an OCM BOCES Board meeting.
- Mr. Sweeney discussed the Character Education process and how excited he is about the potential partners in the community.

### Upcoming Events

#### *January*

21-Board of Education  
22-JH 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night  
25-Harlem Wizards  
31-Early Release Day (1/2 day of school)

#### *February*

4-Board of Education  
7-8 JH Musical  
8-HS Area All State  
12-Partnership Signing Celebration  
17-21-Winter Recess/No School  
25-Board of Education  
27-IN Science Fair  
28-HS Musical

### Closing Remarks

There were no closing remarks other than stay warm, it is cold outside!

### Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sharpe, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	