



**Date:** July 8, 2014

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

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

**Members Absent:** Katie Dwyer and Mary Beth Mathey

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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:09 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, a specific student issue and contract negotiations.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

Returned from Executive Session at 6:47 PM.

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

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

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

#### **Community Voices**

- Members from the Truxton community continued their dialogue reiterating their views on transforming Hartnett Elementary to a New Tech High School.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the June 24, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

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

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio provided Board members with the book Mindset to be read in preparation of the Board retreat.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Warrants and Claims Auditors Report**

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

Yes            7            Motion Carried  
No             0

**Warrants**

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| Warrant T and A    | \$2,747,495.62 |
| General 1 May      | \$ 72,163.58   |
| General 2 May      | \$ 513,778.80  |
| School Lunch 1 May | \$ 35,950.65   |
| Federal 1 May      | \$ 7,081.42    |
| Federal 2 May      | \$ 1,844.22    |
| Capital 1 May      | \$ 106,175.65  |
| Capital 2 May      | \$ 44,707.11   |

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

Yes            7            Motion Carried  
No             0

**Treasurers’ Reports**

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| General Fund                  | May |
| Capital Fund                  | May |
| School Lunch                  | May |
| Trust & Agency                | May |
| Federal Fund                  | May |
| Workers’ Compensation         | May |
| Payroll                       | May |
| Extra-classroom Activity Fund | May |

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

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

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

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

Yes            7            Motion Carried  
No             0

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

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

Yes            7            Motion Carried  
No             0

**Cortland County Community Action Program, Inc. (CAPCO) Agreement**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Agreement between the District and Cortland County Community Action Program, Inc. for the Head Start Program. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes            7            Motion Carried  
No             0

**BOCES Agreement for Facility Use**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Agreement for Facility Use between the District and OCM BOCES. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 7 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Disposal of Books**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Disposal of Books from the Elementary School as outlined by Ms. Llewellyn. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 7 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Personnel**

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Instructional:**

Accept the letter of resignation from **Kate Buttino** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective June 25, 2014.

Approve the following for the **2014 Summer School Session:**

- Valerie Holcomb-Teaching Assistant
- Ashley Gilbert-Teaching Assistant

**Non-Instructional:**

Approve the termination of the probationary appointment of **Tanner Nelson** from his position of cleaner effective July 8, 2014.

Appoint the following as a **2014 Summer Worker:**

- Transportation*
- Joseph O’Mara

- Maintenance*
- Nathan Cole
- Greg Field

**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*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *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/Additional Comments**

- Mr. Pedrick complimented the student speakers as well as Hal Fuller on their speeches at graduation. Mr. Pedrick also attended a CNY SBA Director’s meeting, the Alternative High School graduation and the Homer graduation which was excellent.
- Mrs. Sharpe echoed Mr. Pedrick’s graduation comments noting that she has heard numerous compliments about Homer’s graduation ceremony.
- Mrs. Apker complimented the band who played during graduation.
- Mr. Sweeney asked the group additional questions/clarifications on the Hartnett proposal. He inquired about the Lease from OCM BOCES. Superintendent Ruscio noted that she met with officials from OCM BOCES earlier in the day and the lease has been requested. Mr. Sweeney also asked about the feasibility of the Homer Elementary becoming the New Tech High School as suggested by Truxton folks. It was noted that renovation costs to the Elementary School would be significantly greater, making it an unlikely option.

**Upcoming Events**

*July*

8-Re-org Meeting

22-Board Meeting

28-Board /Administrative Retreat

29-Administrative Retreat

*August*

12-Board of Education

26-Board of Education

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |