



**Date:** August 12, 2014

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan (6:35), Kim Sharpe and Randy Weatherby

**Members Absent:** Martin Sweeney

**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 6:31 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, the proposed lease of real property know as Hartnett Elementary located on Academy Street, Truxton, NY due to the fact that publicity might substantially affect the fair market value thereof, and one specific parent concern regarding two related children's assignments.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mr. Quinlan entered the meeting-6:35 PM)

Returned from Executive Session at 7:02 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.
- **Student Achievement**-Liam George and Jared Pace were recognized and presented with certificates for being recognized for their entries into the National Ayn Rand essay contest. Congratulations to both!

#### **Community Voices**

- Dialogue continued from numerous community members on what is best for the future of Hartnett Elementary. Ideas were submitted on various options including a K-12 New Tech School and a Charter School.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the July 22, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	2	(Dwyer/Sharpe)

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Apker, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 28, 2014-July 22, 2014 Board meetings Community Voices section be reviewed as it was suggested during Community Voices at this meeting by a Truxton community member that they are biased.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

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

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio wanted to recognize Scott Cavellier for the outstanding job he did on the landscaping around the marquee at the High School. Mr. Cavellier donated his own time to planting the various shrubs.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

#### **Five Year Budget Estimate**

- Director of Business & Finance Falls presented the Homer Central School District 5 year Budget Projections.

#### **Hartnett Financial Review**

- Director of Business & Finance Falls presented financial information on Hartnett Elementary.

#### **New Business**

##### **Items Requiring Board Action**

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

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

##### **Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

##### **Siemens Contract**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve Contract with Siemens for automated controls for our Utility Systems. (Board Notes Item D)

Mrs. Apker asked if other vendors submitted proposals. Mr. Falls stated that one other vendor submitted a proposal.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

##### **SCO Family of Services/Westbrook Agreement**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Agreement with SCO Family of Services/Westbrook for instruction of students with disabilities. (Board Notes Item E)

Ms. Mathey asked the tuition for this student and was told that it is \$85,000.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

##### **2014-15 Certification of Initial Contract (AS-7)**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the OCM BOCES Certification of Initial Contract (AS-7) for the 2014-15 school year. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**OCM BOCES Agreement for Communication Services**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the Resolution between the District and OCM BOCES for communication services. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Disposal of Surplus Items**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the disposal of items as provided by Ms. Llewellyn and Mr. Cavellier. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Cortland Sports Complex Rental Agreement**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Agreement with the Cortland Sports Complex for facility use for the Cortland/Homer Golden Eagles Hockey Program. (Board Notes Item I)

Ms. Mathey asked if there was an increase in the cost from last year. Mr. Falls noted that it was the same fee.

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Tax Levy/Collection Period**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the 2014-15 Tax Levy/Collection Period. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Personnel**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Weatherby, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved as amended:

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Instructional:**

1. Accept the letter of resignation from **Toby Clark** from her position of Elementary Teacher effective July 31, 2014.
2. Accept the letter of resignation from **Amy Lalla** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective July 21, 2014.
3. Accept the letter of resignation from **Ashley Gilbert** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 15, 2014.
4. Accept the letter of resignation from **Stephanie Petfield** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2014.
5. Accept the letter of resignation from **Marjorie Larkin** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2014.
6. Approve the leave of absence without pay request from **Renee Homer** for the 2014-15 school year.
7. Approve the appointment of **Alexa Ward** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin February 4, 2014, to be completed February 3, 2017 at a salary per contract.
8. Approve the appointment of **Pamela Russell** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014, to be completed August 31, 2017 at a salary per contract.

9. Approve the appointment of **Martha Riley** to the position of Long-term Elementary Teacher Substitute at the Junior High effective September 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.
10. Approve the following **Student Teachers**:
  - Elementary*  
Terisa O’Gorman with Chrissy Hartnett
  - Intermediate*  
Rachel Crosley with Tracy Durkee
11. Approve the attached list of **Co-Curricular Appointments** for the 2014-15 school year.
12. Approve the following **Advisor Positions** for the 2014-15 school year:
  - Chris Colasurdo-Diversity Council-Unity Club
  - Robert Nasiatka and Jason Graves-Environmental Science Club
  - Joseph Cortese and David DiGennaro-Link Crew
  - Tammy Stokoe and Nick Patriarco-Quiz Team
  - Mike Carboine-Varsity Club
  - Janine Giordano and Chris Buttino-YMCA Youth and Government
13. Appoint the following people as **Returning Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

**Teachers**

Janice Bacon  
John Baden  
Catherine Bishop  
Diane Brady  
Philomena Brady  
Gregory Brown  
Thomas Chrysler  
Roxanne Crumb  
Kate Currie  
Debbie Czarnecki  
Jan Darr  
Arlene Dean  
Nicholas Dunn  
Suzanne Dutcher  
Nancy Eddy  
Megan Faughnan  
Leesa Ferris  
Ingrid Fox  
Valerie Galante  
Nancy Gazek  
John Gizzi  
Barbara Goodale  
Christine Hadzicki  
Gary Harrington  
Kristen Hayes  
Gina Heller  
Henry Host-Steen  
Cassandra Howard  
Martha Howlett  
Tomi Jacobs-Ziobro  
Nathan Jebbett  
Kenneth Kaplan  
Renee Keane  
Sarah Kleefeld  
Ulyana Kostiv  
Bobbi Lansdowne  
Kara Leubner  
Nichole Lucas

Ashley Marshall  
Elizabeth Martin  
Maryjo Mashlykin  
Zoey Mawhir  
Kayla McIntosh  
Jennifer McMasters  
Debbie Merriman  
MaryFaith Miller  
Daniel Miller  
Regina Montez  
Diana Moreland  
Judy Morris  
Michael Moshkowski  
Milo Muirhead  
Margaret Murphy  
John Natoli  
Karen Nobel  
Carl Nye  
Monica Oaks  
Janet Oechsle  
Brenda O’Gorman  
Jane O’Shea  
Amoret Ouimette  
Jonathan Park  
Erin Patch  
Parveen Paul  
Deborah Putman  
Elizabeth Rehbein  
Ellen Reilley  
Martha Riley  
Kelsey Roe  
Aaron Scoccia  
Emily Shepard  
Erika Sherman  
Cynthia Simonet  
JaLynne Smith  
Michelle Soule  
Margaret Stevens  
Andrea Sutherland  
Brandy Thompson  
Lynn Timmons  
Joanne Trombley  
Kathy Updike  
Gordon Valentine  
Heather Valentine  
Shirley VanVer Veur  
Robert Vidulich  
Kimberly Walters  
Alexia Ward  
Samuel Watrous  
Sara Watrous  
Lindsay Wilson  
Elizabeth Wood  
Elke Wright  
Valerie Xenakis  
Joel Zangari

**Teaching Assistants**

Colleen Bentley  
Philomena Brady  
Christopher Butino  
Jan Darr  
Suzanne Dutcher  
Jacky Fahey  
Constance Francis

Sasha Francis  
Barbara Goodale  
Christine Hadzicki  
Gina Heller  
Martha Howlett  
Sarah Kleefeld  
Sharon Lanphear  
Gina Marsh  
Elizabeth Martin  
Nancy McBride  
Christine McGory  
Diana Moreland  
David Nourse  
Monica Oaks  
Brenda O’Gorman  
Nicholas Potter  
Kathleen Quinlan  
Lynn Schmidt-Bonacker  
Emily Shepard  
Erika Sherman  
Rebecca Stockwin  
Lynn Timmons  
Heather Valentine  
Karin Valentine-Casolare

14. Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
<b>Nancy Lee</b>	Special Education
<b>Amy Lalla-Ferrito</b>	Teaching Assistant
<b>Valerie Chapman</b>	Teaching Assistant

**Non-Instructional:**

1. Approve the **Creation** of an Aide position.
2. Approve the appointment of **Edward Lake** to the position of Night Watch Person effective September 1, 2014.
3. Approve the appointment of **Heather Lellig** to the position of Food Service Worker effective August 13, 2014.
4. Approve the change in **Conditions of Employment** for the Secretary to the Superintendent as attached.
5. Approve the following **Volunteers:**  
*Transportation*  
Corey Romans  
Edward Wilcox  
Jamison Sponaugle  
Laurie Shutt
6. Approve the following **Summer Worker:**  
*Transportation*  
Gerry Seamans  
  
*Maintenance*  
James Durkee
7. Appoint the following people as **Returning Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:  
**Food Service Workers:**  
Barbara Chace  
Ellen Steele  
Mary Caughey  
Bonnie Knout

Sue Long  
Joan Lieber

**Bus Drivers:**

Randy Austin  
Jay Forbes  
Richard Kilmer  
Jamie Lumley  
Timothy Maxson  
Gerald Neuman  
Joseph O'Mara

**Transportation:**

Mary Jo Frost

**Nurse:**

Katina Allen  
Tammy Anderson  
Amber Lawrence  
Annette Neuman  
Suzanne Schmitz  
Kelly Settineri

**Aide:**

Colleen Bentley  
Philomena Brady  
Christopher Butino  
Jan Darr  
Suzanne Dutcher  
Jacky Fahey  
Constance Francis  
Sasha Francis  
Barbara Goodale  
Christine Hadzicki  
Gina Heller  
Martha Howlett  
Sarah Kleefeld  
Sharon Lanphear  
Gina Marsh  
Elizabeth Martin  
Nancy McBride  
Christine McGory  
Diana Moreland  
David Nourse  
Monica Oaks  
Brenda O'Gorman  
Nicholas Potter  
Kathleen Quinlan  
Lynn Schmidt-Bonacker  
Emily Shepard  
Erika Sherman  
Rebecca Stockwin  
Lynn Timmons  
Heather Valentine  
Karin Valentine-Casolare  
Alexia Ward  
Elke Wright

8. Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

**Amy Lalla-Ferrito-Aide**

**Valerie Chapman-Aide**

**Jodi Long-Cleaner**

**Tonya Yerian-Cleaner**

**Christine Sahn-Aide/Office**

**Informational Items**

- **Head Start Employees for 2014-15**-A list of Head Start staff was provided.
- **Educational Presentation Schedule for 2014-15**-Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn provided the Board with a list of presentations at Board meetings for the 2014-15 school year.
- **NYSIR Recommendations**-Director of Business and Finance Falls shared a recent letter he received from NYSIR regarding their recent underwriting survey of the district.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide School Finance Consortium**-A flyer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide School Finance Consortium was shared.
- **Homer Resolution for Repurposing of Hartnett**-Questions and comments between Board members were discussed in detail including proposals from the public, on the repurposing of Hartnett Elementary School.
- **OCM BOCES Lease Agreement**-Mike Conlon, a real estate attorney with Harris Beach fielded questions from Board members on the proposed Lease Agreement between the District and OCM BOCES.

It was noted that the Board will hold a Special Meeting on August 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the High School to act on the resolution to repurpose Hartnett and to act on the lease to BOCES for the use of Hartnett beginning September 2016.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The next meeting was scheduled for August 21, 2014 at 4:00 PM.
- *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**

- Mrs. Dwyer noted that she has finished her required Board trainings.

**Upcoming Events**

*August*

26-Board of Education

*September*

1-Labor Day

2-Staff Development Day

3-First Day of Classes

25-Bill Daggett Presentation for OCM BOCES Component Boards of Education

26-Early Release Day (1/2 Day for Students)

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 9:00 PM to discuss proposed leasing of real property, a parent request and possible litigation.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:58 PM.



**Adjournment**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	