



Date: October 28, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Hartnett Elementary School

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

Members Absent: 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 6:30 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Quinlan, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person; Newton vs. HCSD; Collective Negotiations (HTA/Nurse Unit); An issue dealing with a law enforcement agent/investigation.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:59 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group and noted that a recent article in the Cortland Standard was a guest editorial written by her and Mr. Morenus and were the opinions of such and not the entire Board of Education's opinions. The rest of the board was not conferred with.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Hartnett Highlight

- Several Hartnett students presented their physics projects to the Board.

Community Voices

- There were two community voices.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 14, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - *Superintendent Ruscio discussed the following:*
 - *School Board Recognition Week:* Superintendent Ruscio read a Proclamation that Governor Cuomo has declared School Board Recognition Week from October 27-31, 2014. Superintendent Ruscio thanked Board members for their countless hours of dedicated service to the Homer Central School District and presented each member with the Governor's Proclamation as well as a card from the District.

Principals presented Board members with new books that will be dedicated to each of the District's libraries.

- *Notice of Petition*-Superintendent Ruscio noted that the petition sent to the State Education Department requesting a "stay" in regards to the re-purposing of Hartnett Elementary was denied.
- *Request from the Town of Truxton*-A letter received on October 28, 2014 from the Town of Truxton was read. The letter requested that a voting machine be placed in Truxton for the Capital Project vote. Superintendent Ruscio explained the process of such a request and noted that the request will be on the next Board agenda.
- *Transportation Supervisor*-Mr. Falls outlined his plan and timeframe for the Transportation Supervisor interview process. Mrs. Apker and Mrs. Dwyer volunteered to be the Board member's involved with the interviews.

- **Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the disposal of items as noted by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Utility Interconnection Application

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Utility Interconnection Application: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

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

Approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2014-15 school year:

Elementary

Joy Foster

Dan Foster

Leah McMullin

Athletic
Jeff Beal-Girls Basketball
Roger Sager-Girls Basketball
Jason Graves-Boys Basketball
Ashley Wirges-Indoor Track

Appoint the following people as **Tutors** for the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Elizabeth Cutter	Elem. Ed./Spec. Ed./Science
Marleah Tkacz	English
Renee Keane	English

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Christina Calabro	Health/P.E.
Rachel Rambo	Elem. Ed./Spanish
Cassandra Schneider	Elem. Ed.
Ben Pulver	P.E.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the Assistant School Transportation Supervisor **Pay Adjustment** effective September 1, 2014.

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

Alexandra Mulvihill-Aide
Betsy Root-Aide

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Mr. Van Etten updated the Board on fundraising activities.
- **Regional Summer School 2014 Summary Report**-Information was provided regarding the results of the 2014 summer school program.
- **October 24, 2014 Staff Development Agenda**-Director Llewellyn provided the agenda from the October 24th Staff Development Day.
- **October Report**-The annual October Report, a summary of the K-12 enrollment for the District, was reviewed.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-Mr. Sweeney requested that the Community Relations Committee address the rumors of what a “no” vote means for the Capital Project. It was made clear that as of June 30, 2014, the Hartnett Elementary Building is considered surplus. The signed lease with OCM BOCES will have New Tech operational in August 2016. The committee will work on a Q&A handout addressing several questions being posed on this topic.

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*-Superintendent Ruscio and Director Llewellyn updated the group on the recent ILC meeting.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Sharpe noted that she, Mrs. Apker and Mr. Quinlan all attended a recent social event hosted by the HTA.
- Mrs. Dwyer has attended several athletic events and also visited the Intermediate School.
- Mr. Morenus has attended several JV Football Games noting that the parent support is excellent.
- Mr. Pedrick reminded folks of the Cortland-Madison SBA Fall Meeting on November 3rd at Linani's.

Upcoming Events

October

28-Board of Education

November

1-Varsity Football Playoff Game

3-Cortland-Madison SBA Fall Meeting

7-IN SCA Movie Night

7-8-JH Area All-State

10-K-12 Parent Conference Day (No School)

11-Veteran's Day (No School)

18-Board of Education

21-22-HS Shakespearean Play

26-28-Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio said that the rigor and excitement in all classrooms is outstanding noting that staff and students are doing an excellent job with the curriculum.

Adjournment

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Martin, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	