



Date: November 18, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School-Library

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Kim Sharpe and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: David Quinlan and 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 6:32 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person; Law enforcement investigation; Administration of exams.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group and highlighted the following student achievements by presenting each with a Certificate of Excellence:
 - *Bradley Keith* for his outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2013.
 - The entire 2014 *Varsity Football Team and Coaching Staff* were honored for their outstanding season as well as the enormous amount of *Blue Pride* that each coach and player exemplifies.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- There was one community voice.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 28, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Mathey)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio discussed/updated the Board on the following:
 - The Commissioner's Advisory Council meeting in Albany.
 - A court ruling regarding funding/mandates.
 - The recent CNYRIC brochure in which the District was highlighted for their Chromebook project.

- A correction to an incorrect quote from an editorial in the Cortland Standard.
- The correction of numerous inaccuracies in a flyer distributed by community members regarding the New Tech High School. The updated document can be found on the District website located at www.homercentral.org.

- **Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence.

Blue Pride

- Principals highlighted events and activities happening within their buildings.

Potential Solar Project

- Representatives from Hunt Engineers and NEXtera Energy presented an overview of a Power Purchase Agreement. This agreement would include solar panels being installed at an off-campus location resulting in future reduced power costs to the district.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

Warrant T and A	\$2,127,875.72
General Fund #1	\$ 49,099.80
General Fund #2	\$ 382,596.27
School Lunch #1	\$ 20,751.84
School Lunch #2	\$ 4,169.76
Federal Fund # 1	\$ 38,333.47
Federal Fund #2	\$ 5,631.40
Capital Fund #1	\$ 109,777.90
Capital Fund #2	\$ 22,471.42

Treasurer's Report

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

Yes	7	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 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 Dwyer, seconded by Sharpe, 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 Mathey, seconded by Morenus, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Special Education: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Environmental Club Trip Request

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the request from the Environmental Club Representatives to take several students to Alaska from June 30, 2016-July 8, 2016 for a Geologic, Environmental and Biological Study of Alaska: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Surplus Books

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the disposal/surplus of several books at the Elementary School. (It was noted that the books will given to the Elementary students): (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the disposal of items as listed by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the List of Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors for the December 16, 2014 Capital Project Vote: (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Elementary Local Assistance Plan

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Elementary Local Assistance Plan: (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Tricia Yadanza** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin December 4, 2014, to be completed December 3, 2017 at a salary per contract.

Approve the following **Intern** for the 2014-15 school year:
Elementary and Intermediate (Cortland Regional Medical Center)
Mia Thomas with Jeanette Keith

Approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2014-15 school year:
Athletic
Paul Quinlan-Ice Hockey

Hartnett
Meghan Gilbert

Elementary
Aimee Tongue
Julie Hopkins

Approve the following as **Student Teachers** for the spring semester:

Athletic
Kelsey Logan with Lynne Renner
Ross Halpern with Geoff Sorenson

Junior High
Michael Stebbins with Jim Barry
Kelly Fitzsimmons with Kevin Douglass

Intermediate
Hanna Jennings with Matt Hartle

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Julie Partigianoni	Social Worker
Heather Roche	Science
Nolan Sinclair	Health/P.E.
Lynn Tendowski	Elem. Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **John Pierce** to the position of Transportation Supervisor effective December 17, 2014.

Remove **Mary Kabat** as Intermediate/Junior High School Central Treasurer effective November 18, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Lori Fantacone**, according to the Commissioner of Education Regulation, as the Intermediate School Central Treasurer for extra classroom activity funds effective November 18, 2014. The Board authorizes the investments of extra classroom activity funds in accordance with Board policy and over seen by the School Business Official.

Approve the appointment of **Thomas Turck**, according to the Commissioner of Education Regulation, as the Junior High School Central Treasurer for extra classroom activity funds effective November 18, 2014. The Board authorizes the investments of extra classroom activity funds in accordance with Board policy and over seen by the School Business Official

Accept the resignation from **Delores Phillips** from the position of Food Service Worker effective October 31, 2014.

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

Steven Berry-Bus Driver
Leann Brown-Aide
Kenneth Wright-Cleaner
David Sherman-Cleaner
Douglas Ross-Cleaner
Ashley Barnard-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates from the High School, Junior High and Intermediate Schools were provided.
- **Costa Rica Trip Update**-Mr. Van Etten updated the group on the upcoming trip to Costa Rica.
- **Budget Development Calendar Draft**-Mr. Falls reviewed the 2014-15 Draft Budget Development Calendar.
- **Voting Location**-Superintendent Ruscio provided details of the District's voting location after receiving a request from the Town of Truxton to have voting machines at a location in Truxton.

- **Absentee Ballot's**-A sample of an absentee ballot application and an actual absentee ballot for the December 16, 2014 capital project vote was provided as requested.
- **Advance Math Process**-Mr. Van Etten discussed math options for the 2015-16 school year.
- **2013-14 Graduation Rate**-The 2013-14 School Year Graduation Rate was provided at 92.4%.
- **BOCES Star Staff Update**-A staff update for the Elementary BOCES Star classroom was provided.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-The Community Relations members have actively been working on materials to be distributed to the public regarding the New Tech High School and the Capital Project vote scheduled for December 16, 2014.

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*-The Character Education Committee recently met and is in the process of organizing a speaker for grades 6-12. The group also is working on 10 new partners for the Community Character Partnership.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Dwyer: Hartnett Transition Team meeting
- Mr. Pedrick: CMSBA dinner; Section B Championship Football game; Statewide School Finance Consortium Finance Symposium; OCM BOCES Committee meeting
- Mrs. Apker: Varsity Football games; Junior High Boys Basketball games; Parent/Teacher Conferences

Upcoming Events

November

18-Board of Education
 21-22-HS Production...*The Hollow by Agatha Christie*
 26-28-Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

December

2-IN 3rd Grade Concert
 4-HS Instrumental Concert
 5-Christmas on the Green
 9-Board of Education
 10-IN 5th Grade Concert
 11-HS Vocal Concert
 12-IN Parent Visitation
 16-JH Concert
 17-HT Concert
 Dec. 24-Jan. 2-Holiday Recess (No School)

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	