



Date: May 27, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High 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 6:31 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**It was noted that an addition of a new business item (District Treasurer/Signature) will be added to the agenda.

Community Voices

- Several Truxton community members continued to voice their concerns on the proposed idea of converting Hartnett Elementary to a New Tech High School.
- Ms. Austen inquired about current P.E. requirements at Hartnett Elementary.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Clerk's minutes of the May 13, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Clerk's minutes of the May 20, 2014-special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - There were no remarks.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Blue Pride

- Principals highlighted several happenings within their buildings during this very busy and wonderful time of year. Mrs. Durkee along with several of her Intermediate School students were recognized for winning the National Achieve 3000 contest. Each student was presented with a *Certificate of Achievement*.

APPR Presentation

- Superintendent Ruscio presented the APPR changes in the law made when the state budget passed. It was pointed out that the changes were reviewed by the District APPR Committee, in conjunction with the data from an assessment survey that staff completed. Changes that were agreed upon were highlighted.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the following Policies for 2nd Reading/Final Approval: (Board Notes Item C)

- Policy 1332-Duties of the School District Treasurer

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 3411-Prohibition of Weapons on School Grounds

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 5400-Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 5411-Procurement of Goods and Services

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 5412-Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 5560-Financial Accountability

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 6560-Employment of Retired Persons

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 7200-Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy

Yes	5	Motion Carried
No	3	(Apker, Dwyer, Sharpe)
- Policy 7480-Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
- Policy 8560-Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

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 D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Fire Inspection Report

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the 2014 Fire Inspection Report. (Board Notes Item F)

President Apker requested a list of corrections by building from Mr. Cavellier.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Hockey Agreement

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Agreement with the Cortland City School District for the 2014-15 Hockey Program. (Board Notes Item G)

Mr. Quinlan asked if the District Attorney has reviewed the Hockey Agreement. Superintendent Ruscio noted that it was reviewed last year and there were no significant changes this year.

President Apker asked if “cuts” are made when forming the Hockey team. Mr. Carboine responded that no cuts are made for hockey.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

BOCES Resolution

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the BOCES Resolution for Adult and Continuing Education for the 2014-15 school year. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve Michelle Reale of OCM BOCES as the District Treasurer. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Signature for District Checks

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board authorize Michelle Reale of OCM BOCES as Signature for District Checks. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Approve the following as **Driver Education Teachers** for the summer 2014:

Lynne Renner

Randalin Patterson

Approve the extension of appointment for **Ashley Gilbert** to the position of Long-term Special Education Teacher at Hartnett Elementary from May 23, 2014 through June 26, 2014. Ms. Gilbert is filling in for Renee Homer.

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Zachary Moltion	Tutor
Joel Zangari	Science

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Jeannine Roe** from her position of Bus Driver effective May 30, 2014.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:

Peter Oberst-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **Re-organizational Meeting**-The Re-organizational Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for July 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.
- **NYS Association of School Business Officials Information**-Information regarding an analysis of school district budget votes by the NYS Association of School Business Officials was shared.
- **Grade Configuration Report**-Principal Turck reported on the Grade Configuration Committee's review of moving Grade 6 to the Junior High. Overall, the group feels that the transition has been a success.
- **Character Education Letter**-A letter recently sent to the Character Education Partners thanking them for their participation/partnership was shared.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-Mr. Morenus highlighted 3 topics discussed at the recent Budget & Finance meeting: A discussion on Fiscal Advisors, Solar Power and a Hartnett Cost Presentation. It was agreed that at the June 10, 2014 Board meeting, that a Hartnett Financial Report will be presented in lieu of the originally planned presentation.
- *Policy*-Several Policies were recommended for 2nd reading/final approval.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-The next meeting is May 28, 2014.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-Director Llewellyn reported on the May 22 C-Tag meeting which included updates on technology in the district, a current status of Chromebooks and Windows XP. It was noted that Chromebooks have proven very popular with the classrooms that they are in. The district currently has 500 Chromebooks in use.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Sharpe attended the Truxton Memorial Day Ceremony as well as several baseball and lacrosse meetings.
- Mrs. Dwyer also attended the Truxton Memorial Day Ceremony where she noted the 6th grade speeches were wonderful.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the Homer Memorial Day Parade and he said the Band was GREAT!
- Mrs. Apker attended both the Homer and Preble Memorial Day Parades where she observed that there was a large staff presence.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the a District APPR Committee meeting, an OCM BOCES Board meeting, the Scott District Budget presentation as well as the HTA Meet the Candidates Night.

Upcoming Events

May

- 27-Board of Education
- 27-Music Boosters Awards Ceremony
- 28-IN 4th Grade Chorus & Beginning Band
- 30-EL & HT Kindergarten Visitation/Screening

June

- 2-JH Grade 8 State Science Test
- 2-IN Grade 4 State Science Test
- 2-HS Award Ceremony
- 3-Marching Band at Dairy Parade
- 4-IN/JH Adventure in Arts
- 5-All County Elementary chorus
- 6-HS Jr./Sr. Class Trips
- 9-HS-Senior Banquet
- 10-Board of Education (Retiring Staff Reception)
- 13-EL Grandparent's Day
- 17-25 HS Regents
- 24-Board of Education
- 27-HS Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 28-Graduation

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	