



Date: January 13, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer Junior High School

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

Members Absent: Katie Dwyer

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 Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:33 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person and the medical history of a particular student.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:06 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-President Apker noted that Community Voices was moved on the agenda in order for the Board to have an initial unpressured dialogue on the defeated capital project vote from December 16, 2014.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the December 9, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the December 16, 2014- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sharpe)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - *Superintendent Ruscio discussed the following:*
 - Tracy Durkee and her students were congratulated on their national award for earning the most accumulated points for reading informational articles in Achieve 3000.
 - A discussion took place on having a special Board meeting to discuss/view presentations on options for Hartnett Elementary. A Special Board Meeting will be held on January 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Hartnett Elementary Gymnasium.

- Also discussed were a Board work session scheduled for February 2nd and an HTA meet and greet on January 26th.

- **Correspondence:**

- The OCM BOCES Annual Report was shared.
- A flyer from CNYSBA promoting community forums was provided. The community was also encouraged to attend.

Budget Presentation-Revenue/Expenses and Draft Budget Guidelines

- Director of Business and Finance Falls presented the start of the 2015-16 budget highlighting revenues and expenditures. The budget guidelines were also presented.

Discussion of Capital Project Vote/Options Presentation

- Kate Hill, an attorney from Harris Beach reviewed options available to the Board of Education for the Hartnett Building. Following, a discussion of those options as well as what the Board felt the December 16, 2014 capital project vote meant took place. It was noted that Ms. Hill's presentation will be posted to the district website.

Capital Project Update by Hunt and Lend Lease

- Representatives from Hunt Architects and Lend Lease presented drawings of the new space for the 21 million dollar renovation project. The bidding process, timelines and the phasing of the project were also reviewed. The project is scheduled to start in March 2015.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

- Policy 3213-Non Discrimination & Anti-Harassment in the School District
- Policy 6161-Sexual Harassment of District Personnel
- Policy 7110-Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy 7621-Sexual Harassment of Students

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$2,195,012.43
General Fund 1	\$457,085.40
General Fund 2	\$38,615.62
School Lunch Fund	\$64,168.95
Federal Fund 1	\$659
Federal Fund 2	\$264
Capital Fund 1	\$22,471.42
Capital Fund 2	\$22,471.42

Treasurer's Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers' Reports

General Fund	November
Capital Fund	November
School Lunch	November
Trust & Agency	November
Federal Fund	November
Workers' Compensation	November
Payroll	November

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

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

Reports from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pres-School Special Education: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$6,942.51 from the Homer Education Foundation for Staff Mini Grants: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items-Café

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the surplus of items as noted by Mr. Kennedy: (Board Notes Item K)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items-Maintenance

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the disposal of items as listed by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item L)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

SEQRA Resolution for Capital Outlay Project

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the SEQRA Resolution for the Capital Outlay Project: (Board Notes Item M)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

High School Field Trip Request-FFA

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Kathy Pratt to take several FFA Students to Long Pond, NY from March 13-15, 2015 to attend the District 7 Winter Weekend: (Board Notes Item N)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Course Proposals

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the 2015-16 Course Proposals as outlined by Ms. Llewellyn: (Board Notes Item O)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the following staff for **Tenure:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathryn Cristaldi	Special Education	February 26, 2015

Accept the letter of resignation from **Veronica Boehm** from her position of Special Education Teacher effective January 4, 2015.

Approve the leave of absence request from **Jaelyn Giamichael** following her post partum disability period through May 8, 2015.

Approve the leave of absence request from **Gina Kinsella** following her post partum disability period through June 30, 2015.

Approve the change in appointment of **Thomas Chrysler** from a .4 to a .5 FTE in order for him to assist us in providing required ESL services.

Approve the **Hartnett Assistant Play Director** position.

Approve the appointment of **Karen Keefe** to the position of Hartnett Assistant Play Director.

Approve the appointment of **Regina Montez** to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher effective January 5, 2015 through June 25, 2015. Ms. Montez will be in for Tracy Durkee.

Approve the appointment of **JaLynne Smith** to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher effective January 5, 2015 through June 25, 2015. Ms. Smith will be in for Colleen Redenback.

Approve the following as a **Translator** for the 2014-15 school year:

Timothy Gerhardt

Approve the appointment of **Steve Komanecky** to the position of Graduate Assistant in Adaptive P.E. effective January 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

Hartnett

Brandi Hollenbeck

Intermediate

Kristen Fuller

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

High School

Stephen Birkmire with Melanie George

Intermediate School

Nicole Comer with Lisa Higgins

Caroline Touby with Stacy Brown

Samantha Mayer with Jennie Guy

Victoria Londner with Lisa Ryan

Kristin Marzo with Katie Totman

Approve the following **Practicum Student**:

Elementary
Kaci Sciarabba
Sarah Arbia

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Andrew Cortese	Science
Colleen Gardner	Psychology
Gregory Moller	English
Brett Pond	Music
Frank Thomas	Health
Sarah Harden-Marshall	English
Janet Witter	Literacy/Elem. Ed.
Terisa O’Gorman	Teaching Assistant
Lynn Johnson	Teaching Assistant
Kristen Fuller	Teaching Assistant
Marc Mauzy	Teaching Assistant

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Paula McMahon** to the position of Food Service Helper effective January 14, 2015.

Approve the termination of **Joseph Malchak** from his position of Garage Attendant effective December 22, 2014.

Accept the resignation from **Angela Blake** from her position of Aide effective December 9, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Angela Blake** to the position of Bus Driver effective December 10, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Corey Romans** to the position of Bus Driver effective December 15, 2014.

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

Christine Sahn-Food Service Helper
Kristen Fuller-Aide
Terisa O’Gorman-Aide
Lynn Johnson-Aide
Janice Moore-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided for the High School and Hartnett Elementary.
- **2014-15 Snapshot of BOCES Services**-The 2014-15 Snapshot of BOCES Services were provided.
- **Veteran’s Exemption**-Mr. Falls provided information on the Veterans’ Exemption.
- **Course Program of Studies 2015-16 (Draft)**-Mr. Van Etten provided the 2015-16 Course Program of Studies.

Community Voices

- There were ten community voices.

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

- Ms. Mathey attended the Junior High Musical.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Naming Committee meeting.

Upcoming Events

January

- 13-Board of Education
- 14-Superintendent’s Forum
- 17-Winterguard Home Show
- 19-Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 21-JH 8th Grade Parent Night
- 23-24 All-County Choir Festival
- 27-Board of Education
- 30-Early Release Day
- 31-HS Area All-State

February

- 6-JH Musical
- 10-Board of Education
- 11-Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 16-20 President’s Day/Winter Recess (No School)
- 24-Board of Education
- 26-IN and HT Science Fair
- 27-28 All-County Band/HS Jazz

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 10:14 PM to discuss the lease of office space; law enforcement investigation and negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 11:34 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	