



**Date:** January 26, 2016

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Dave Quinlan, Levi Sutton, Martin Sweeney

**Members Absent:** Katie Dwyer

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Business & Finance Falls, Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Public Hearing**

- A Public Hearing took place regarding the District's 2016-17 Budget.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:47 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s).

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 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.

**Oath of Allegiance**

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to Dave Quinlan by District Clerk Yacavone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the January 12, 2016- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio extended an invitation to Board members from Governor Cuomo's Office to attend an informational meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the Governor's proposed budget.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

**Blue Pride**

- Principals highlighted events and activities within their buildings. Mr. McGory invited 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Brylee Darnell to be recognized for her random act of kindness. Ms. Darnell demonstrated *Blue Pride* by donating her hair for the creation of wigs for youth who are battling cancer. Way to go Brylee!

**Capital Project Update**

- Lee Stepp of Lend Lease, presented a Construction Progress Report through December 2015.

**Employee Benefits, Salaries & Debt Service; Review of Tax Cap/Tax Levy Limit Percentage**

- Director of Business & Finance Falls presented Employee Benefits, Salaries & Debt Service. Mr. Falls also reviewed Tax Cap as well as the Tax Levy Limit Percentage.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**2016-17 Budget Guidelines**

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Lira, that the Board approve the 2016-17 Budget Guidelines: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Acceptance of Donation**

Motion by Morenus, seconded Sweeney, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Cortland Community Service Club: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Future Business Leaders of America Field Trip Request**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Sweeney, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Ms. Calkins to take several Future Business Leaders of America students to New York City from April 19-20, 2016 to tour the financial district: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Senior Trip Field Trip Request**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Sutton, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Ms. Latten to take the Class of 2016 to Hershey Park for their Senior Trip on June 3, 2016: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Change Order #GC-009**

Motion by Morenus, seconded Sutton, that the Board approve Change Order #GC-009 in the amount of (\$94,500): (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Change Order #GC-010**

Motion by Morenus, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve Change Order #GC-010 in the amount of (\$219,743): (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Change Order #HC-001**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve Change Order #HC-001 in the amount of (66,908): (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Policy for Deletion**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Sutton, that the Board approve the Deletion of the following Policies as they are covered under other policies: (Board Notes Item J)

- Policy 5631-Hazardous Waste
- Policy 6141-Communicable Diseases (Personnel)

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Policy for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Morenus, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: (Board Notes Item K)

- Policy 5630-Facilities, Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
- Policy 5633-Pest Management and Pesticide Use
- Policy 5675-Student Grading Information Systems
- Policy 6111-Testing Misconduct and Mandatory Reporting Requirements
- Policy 6160-Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel
- Policy 6170-Equal Employment Opportunity

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Personnel**

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Instructional:**

Appoint the following as **Volunteers** for the 2015-16 school year:

*Elementary School*  
Michael Norris, Jr.

*High School*  
John Tillotson  
Jeffrey Perry  
Johnson, Tim

Approve the following as **Tutors** for the 2016-16 school year:

Mark Kalish

Appoint the following as **Student Teacher(s):**

*Elementary*  
Ashley Drake with Linda Priest

Appoint the following as **Practicum Student(s):**

*Junior High School*  
Brian Zoll with Rob Nasiatka

*High School*  
Jeremy Thide with Carrie Whitney (HS and JH)  
Jacqueline Petrie with Nick Patriarco

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2015-16 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
Emily Woudenberg	P.E.

**Non-Instructional:**

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2015-16 school year:  
John Pickard-Cleaner

**Informational Items**

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **Mid-year Management Plan-Plan for Excellence Update**-Superintendent Ruscio updated the Board on the Management Plan to date.

**Community Voices**

- There were no community voices.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee recently met and forwarded the policies noted above for deletion and 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
- *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*-Minutes were provided from the January 13, 2016 Character Education meeting.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

**Board Member Activities**

- Mr. Kilmer attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night.
- Mr. Sweeney noted the Homer Gold and Silver Art winners as highlighted in the Post Standard.
- Mrs. Apker attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night as well as the All-county Vocal Concert.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the following OCM BOCES meetings: Special Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

- January*
- 26-Board of Education
- 26-29 Regents
- 29-Early Release Day (1/2 Day for Students)
- February*
- 5-6 HS Area All-State
- 5-6 JH Musical
- 9-Board of Education
- 10-Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 15-19 Winter Recess (No School)
- 23-Board of Education
- 25-IN Science Fair
- 26-All-County Elementary Band/HS Jazz

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	