



**Date:** January 27, 2015

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Public Hearing-2015-16 Budget**

- A public hearing was conducted in order to solicit public input on the 2015-16 budget.

President Apker called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Character Education Partnership Signing**

- The following five new Character Education Community Partners were honored with a plaque and signing of the community partnership board. Superintendent Ruscio noted how much the district appreciates all that these partners do to support the school and Blue Pride in our community.

*Cub Scouts-Pack 85  
 Boy Scouts-Troop 79  
 YWCA of Cortland  
 NYS Police Department  
 Super Cream Dairy Bar*

**President's Comments**

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the January 13, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Dwyer)

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the January 21, 2015- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Weatherby)

**Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - There were no Superintendent Remarks.

- **Correspondence:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio provided information on a Safety Meeting that all the Bus Drivers voluntarily attended regarding Pick-up and Drop-off Zone Safety.

**Project Lead the Way**

- Mr. DiMattei and Mr. Nagel along with several of their students presented Project Lead the Way.

**Quarterly Report**

- Principals highlighted data points from their buildings for the first quarter of this school year.

**Budget Presentation-Employee Benefits, Salaries & Debt Service, Review of Tax Cap/Discuss Tax Levy Limit Percentage**

- Director of Business and Finance Falls presented several sections of the budget process including employee benefits, salaries, debt service and a review of tax cap and the history of the tax levy limit for the district.

**Hartnett Facts & Figures**

- Superintendent Ruscio did a detailed presentation on *Hartnett Facts and Figures* including financial information associated with ideas presented at a Special Board meeting on January 21, 2015 in which presenters offered ideas on what to do with the Hartnett building.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Reports from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education**

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

Yes	9	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 D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**2015-16 Budget Guidelines**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the 2015-16 Budget Guidelines: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Tax Refund**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the tax refund in the amount of \$84.88: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**High School Field Trip Request**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Mrs. Zimmerman to take several International Club Students to New York City on May 22, 2015: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Personnel**

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Dwyer)

**Instructional:**

Approve the **Contract for the Superintendent of Schools** effective January 28, 2015 through January 27, 2019.

Approve the appointment of **Martha Riley** to the position of Long-term Elementary Teacher Substitute effective February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 or until Ms. Perine returns to work.

Approve the change in **Co-curricular** for the 2014-15 school year:

Remove Karen Keefe as Hartnett Director

Approve the following **Coaching Recommendations** for the Spring 2015 season:

**Baseball**

Robert Nasiatka-Varsity  
Michael DiMattei-Junior Varsity  
Kevin Douglass-Junior High

**Track**

George Schneider-Varsity  
Jeremy Cook-Assistant Varsity  
Ashley Wirges-Assistant Varsity  
Jennifer Jones-Junior High

**Softball**

Christine Colasurdo-Varsity  
Cheryl Carboine-Junior Varsity  
Chris DiFulvio-Junior High

**Tennis**

Nancy Cavellier-Varsity

**Girl's Lacrosse**

Ed Porter-Varsity  
Geoff Sorenson-Junior Varsity  
Jessica Young-Assistant Junior Varsity  
Caitlin Mack-Junior High  
Shannon Kostuk-Junior High Assistant

**Boy's Lacrosse**

Thomas Cottrell-Varsity  
Mark Ferrito-Assistant Varsity  
Nick Patriarco-Junior Varsity  
Sean Mack-Assistant Junior Varsity  
Rich Barnes-Junior High  
Dustin Morris-Assistant Junior High

Rescind the appointment of **Regina Montez**. Ms. Montez was previously appointed at the January 13, 2015 Board meeting.

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

*Elementary*  
Kim Walsh

*Intermediate*  
Samantha Edinger

*High School  
Winterguard:*  
Janet White  
Katelynn Rogers  
Erica Hurchla  
Amanda Davis  
Cheryl Hicks  
Jessica Shirley  
Stacy Shirley  
Evan Shirley  
Lisanne Kuss

*Music Boosters:*  
Brenda O’Gorman  
Michael Kilmer  
Timothy Perfetti  
Suzanne Murphy  
Gary Harrington

Approve the following as **Practicum Students:**

*Elementary*  
Lindsay Wigderson with Kelly Reppenhagen

Approve the following **Student Interns:**

*Elementary*  
Graduate:  
Rena Hesse

Under-Graduate:  
Emily Mears  
Brittney St. John  
Colleen Hinrichs

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
<b>E. Dylan Scheemaker</b>	P.E.
<b>Christopher Baldwin</b>	English
<b>Sarah Bonnell</b>	Elem. Ed.
<b>Heather Casey</b>	Elem. Ed.

**Non-Instructional:**

Accept the resignation from **Douglas Ross** from his position of Food Service Worker effective January 23, 2015.

**Informational Items**

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided for the High School.
- **Mid-year *Plan for Excellence* Update**-Superintendent Ruscio updated the Board on the Management Plan for Excellence.
- **Elementary PTO Audit/Control Document**-The Board was provided with Audit/Control Procedures for the Elementary PTO serving as a Corrective Action Plan to minimize potential financial issues.

**Community Voices**

- There were three 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*-Mr. Sweeney updated the group on several initiatives that the Character Education Committee is working on. He also praised the five new Community Character Education Partners that were recognized earlier in the meeting.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Ms. Llewellyn noted that the Instructional Leadership Committee recently met and reviewed the Curriculum Procedural Manual.
- *Facilities*-No report.

**Board Member Activities**

- Mr. Sweeney highlighted a newspaper in which several Homer and Marathon students were recognized for their art work. Mr. Sweeney also thanked Board Member Mathey for her creation of a State Budget Resolution which he asked the Board to consider.
- Ms. Mathey has attended Junior High girls’ basketball games and also worked on the State Budget Resolution. Ms. Mathey asked the Board to review the Resolution and provide her with any updates/changes prior to our next meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

*January*

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 Presidents’ 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.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	