



**Date:** March 10, 2015

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan (6:40 PM), 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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person and the medical record of a particular person.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mr. Quinlan entered the meeting-6:40 PM)

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.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the February 24, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sharpe)

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio held a *Moment of Silence* for Jennifer Perine who recently passed away. Mrs. Perine was an educator in the district since 1988.
  - Superintendent Ruscio updated the group on her NYSCOSS convention in Albany.
  - The group was asked to review their calendars to see if July 13-17, 2015 would work for a 1-2 day retreat.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

#### **Quarter 2 Data Presentation**

- Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn along with each principal reviewed and discussed the data from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year.

**402-a Compliance Discussion**

- Kate Hill an attorney with Harris Beach reviewed the district’s options as well as the legalities of the 402-a process. The Board continued their dialogue on the best process to use in a building closure. The following motion was proposed:

**Old Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**402-a Compliance**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board empower Superintendent Ruscio to negotiate with and hire Philip Martin, an Educational Consultant with Castallo & Silky, as a third party to update and complete the 2009 *Best Use Study* of Hartnett Elementary with fees not to exceed \$9,500.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	2	(Mathey, Weatherby)

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Warrants and Claims Auditors Report**

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Warrants**

T&A	\$2,112,832.12
General Fund 1	\$465,419.31
General Fund 2	\$122,459.74
School Lunch Fund	\$41,017.33
Federal Fund 1	\$760.42
Federal Fund 2	\$235.00
Capital Fund 1	\$523,973.63

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Treasurers’ Reports**

General Fund	January
Capital Fund	January
School Lunch	January
Trust & Agency	January
Federal Fund	January
Workers’ Compensation	January
Payroll	January
Extra-classroom Activity Fund	January

**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 Special Education**

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**2015-16 District Calendar**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the 2015-16 District Calendar: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Floor Cleaner Lease Resolution**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Floor Cleaner Lease between the District and All-Lines Leasing: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Personnel**

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Instructional:**

Approve the following staff for **Tenure:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
<b>Carrie Whitney</b>	Health	8/31/15
<b>Sam Perkins</b>	Elem. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Amanda Dembowski</b>	Elem. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Krystal Poplawski</b>	Elem. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Caitlin Mack</b>	Spec. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Erin Podsiedlik</b>	Elem. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Kristin Barnowski</b>	Spec. Ed.	8/31/15
<b>Rebecca Fernandez</b>	Elem. Ed.	10/28/15
<b>Shannon Kostuk</b>	Elem. Ed.	11/4/15
<b>Marra Piazza Brass</b>	Guidance Counselor	7/7/15
<b>Jason Moore</b>	Teaching Assistant	8/31/15

Approve the agreement dated February 24, 2015, to extend the probationary period of **Melissa Brown** who serves in the School Psychologist tenure area, is hereby approved, and her probationary period is hereby extended to and including March 25, 2016, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the said agreement. A copy of the said agreement shall be filed in Ms. Brown’s personnel file.

Approve the agreement dated March 6, 2015, to extend the probationary period of **Tiffany Solan** who serves in the Foreign Language tenure area, is hereby approved, and her probationary period is hereby extended to and including August 31, 2016, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the said agreement. A copy of the said agreement shall be filed in Ms. Solan’s personnel file.

Approve the request from **Jaclyn Giamichael** to extend her maternal leave of absence from May 9, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Approve the appointment of **Erika Sherman** to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher at the Intermediate School effective December 15, 2014 through June 25, 2015. Ms. Sherman is in for Mrs. Giamichael.

Approve the following Spring **Coaching Appointments:**

- Valerie Ryder**-Junior High Track
- Heather Casey**-Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Approve the following as **Practicum Students:**

- High School*
- Emily MacLaren with Tammy Stokoe
- Aaron Lober with Jae Harris

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>
Jessica Nye	Speech & Hearing

**Non-Instructional:**

Approve the appointment of **Janice Moore** to the position of Bus Driver effective March 11, 2015.

**Informational Items**

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School and the Elementary School.
- **Assemblyman Finch & Senator Valesky Letters**-Superintendent Ruscio provided the Board with response letters from Assemblyman Finch and Senator Valesky.
- **OCM BOCES Annual Meeting**-The next OCM BOCES Annual Meeting is April 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the McEvoy Campus.
- **Winterguard Update**-Mr. Van Etten updated the Board on a field trip change for the Winterguard students.

**Community Voices**

- There were no community voices.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-Scheduled their next meeting.
- *Budget & Finance*-Scheduled their next meeting.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-Mr. Pedrick noted that the committee met prior to the Board meeting where they discussed the impact of compliance options on the community as well as discussed student transition activities from Hartnett to Homer.

**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)*-Ms. Llewellyn noted the committee recently met and is in the process of finalizing their 1-1 device implementation of Chromebooks for every student in grades 3-6.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

**Board Member Activities**

- Ms. Mathey attended the High School production of Bye Bye Birdie.
- Mr. Sweeney attended a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class "Read for Fun Day." Mr. Sweeney also attended the Art Teacher Art Show as well as both the Hartnett and Intermediate Science Fairs.
- Mrs. Apker attended Bye Bye Birdie as well as a Lobby Day in Albany.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Adult Education Graduation, OCM BOCES Facility Naming Subcommittee, OCM BOCES Board meeting and the HTA/Board Breakfast.

**Upcoming Events**

*March*

- 10-Board of Education
- 11-All-District Vocal Concert
- 14-Superintendent's Forum
- 16-Blake Fly Presentation
- 18-EL 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Concert
- 20-Staff Development Day (No School)
- 23-27 EL Kindergarten Registration
- 24-Board of Education
- 25-All-District Instrumental Concert
- 26-JH 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day
- 27-JH St. Mary's & Hartnett Visitation Day
- 28-NYSSMA Solo Festival

28-Cabaret

*April*

3-10 Good Friday/Spring Recess (No School)

14- Board of Education

14-24 Grades 38- State Exams

15-JH Orientation

20-Special Board of Education

27-Board of Education

27-Music Dept. Demo Concert

**Closing Remarks**

- Superintendent Ruscio congratulated the 11 staff members who were granted tenure this evening.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Weatherby, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	