



Date: April 14, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

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

Members Absent: Sonia Apker and Martin Sweeney

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

Vice President Morenus called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and negotiations of Teaching Assistants, Nurses and Bus Driver Contracts.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Yes	5	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	2	(Sharpe, Weatherby)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - A Poverty Video created by Karen Lang from Staff Development Day was shown.
 - Hartnett Transition Committee-Planning continues and is going well. A Meet & Greet activity is being planned for June 11th for Hartnett Students and Parents.
 - New Tech South-A lease is in the works for a Cortland County location. The school will house 100 students and is expected to open in 2016.
 - Bid Opening-The capital project bids will be opened April 17th.
 - Test Refusal-A statement has been placed on the district web site.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Blue Pride

- Principals discussed several highlights and events happening in their buildings.

2015-16 Budget Presentation

- Superintendent Ruscio and Director of Business & Finance Falls presented the 2015-16 District Budget.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

2015-16 District Budget and Propositions

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the 2015-16 District Budget and Propositions: (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$2,186,974.40
General Fund 1	\$554,416.26
General Fund 2	\$89,059.44
School Lunch Fund	\$46,288.50
Federal Fund 1	\$5,159.17
Federal Fund 2	\$915.64
Capital Fund 1	\$22,471.42

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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

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

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Donation of 5 ipads from Puzzle Solvers: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Fire Inspection Report

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Quinlan, that the Board approve the 2015 Fire Inspection Report: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Books

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Disposal of Books from the High School Library: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Joshua Martin** from his position of Science Teacher effective April 30, 2015.

Accept the resignation from **Renee Homer** from her position of Special Education Teacher effective July 1, 2015.

Accept the resignation from **Christopher DiFulvio** from his position of English Teacher effective July 1, 2015.

Rescind the appointment of **Martha Riley** as a Long-term Substitute Teacher effective February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Approve the appointment of **Martha Riley** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Elementary Tenure area to begin February 1, 2015, to be completed January 31, 2018 at a salary per contract. Ms. Riley has Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Approve the leave of absence request from **Alexa Ward** from her position of Teaching Assistant from January 4, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Approve the appointment of **Alexa Ward** to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher effective January 5, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Approve the following as **Volunteer(s)** for the 2014-15 school year:

- High School*
- Laurie McEvoy
- Nathan Cole
- Cathleen VanOrden
- Sherrie MacNeill
- Dina Kote
- Jennifer Jennings
- Linda Hartsock
- Paul Gugerty
- Denise Gilbert
- Joseph Gilbert
- Dan Potter
- Amy Keefe
- Brenda Brown
- Monica Willsey
- Betsy McMullin
- Julie Campbell
- Sara Brazo
- Nasrin Parvizi
- Carlita Withers

Mark Haskins
Anna Maria Sprague

Approve **James McGory** as the 2015 Summer School Administrator.

Approve the change in appointment for **Pamela Russell** from a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to a 2 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014, to be completed August 31, 2016. Ms. Russell was previously tenured at the Cincinnati Central School District.

Approve the following as **Student Teachers**:

Athletics

Kevin Makarewicz with Sean Malone

High School

Jenna Fleury with Thomas George

Junior High

Erika Jackson with Timothy Biernacki

Ken Kusactay with Justin Brodeur

Intermediate School

Emily Horner with Connie Martin

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Carol Lewis	Music

Non-Instructional:

Approve the **Agreement** between the Homer Central School District and the Bus Drivers' Association from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School and the Intermediate School.
- **Head Start Staff Update**-A Head Start staffing change was noted.
- **Property Owner Letter**-A letter recently mailed to property owners who border the district was shared. The letter invited owners to an informational meeting on April 16, 2015 regarding the capital project.
- **Letter from NYS Education Department**-A letter from the State Education Department regarding recent advocacy efforts regarding capital project approvals from Cortland County Superintendents was provided.
- **2015-16 Tentative Board Meeting Dates**-The 2015-16 tentative Board meeting dates were discussed.
- **2014 Accountability Summary**-Superintendent Ruscio provided the 2014 Accountability Results.

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*-No report.

- *Instructional Leadership*-Director Llewellyn noted that the group recently met and reviewed the Parent Resource portion of the district website. The group also discussed forming a committee to review the NYS “B” Modules.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Dwyer attended Bingo Night at Hartnett Elementary.
- Mrs. Sharpe attended the 8th grade Career Day where she presented the Nursing Profession.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Annual OCM BOCES Meeting.
- Mr. Morenus has attended several JV Boys Lacrosse Games.
- Superintendent Ruscio added a big KUDOS to the Maintenance Department for their snow removal and field prep efforts.

Upcoming Events

April

14- Board of Education
 14-24 Grades 3-8 State Exams
 15-JH Orientation
 20-Special Board of Education
 27-Board of Education
 27-Music Dept. Demo Concert

May

1-IN 5th Grade Musical
 1-JH Class Night
 2-Jr./Sr. Prom
 4-Special Board of Education
 4-National Honor Society Induction
 6-EL 2nd Grade Play
 8-9-HS Shakespearean Play
 12-Board of Education
 12-JH Concert
 14-HS Instrumental Concert
 19-School Budget Vote
 20-Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Test
 20-HS Vocal Concert
 21-Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Test
 22-No School
 25-Memorial Day-No School
 25-Marching Band @ Memorial Day Parade
 26-Board of Education
 27-IN-4th & 5th Grade Chorus Band
 28-Music Booster Award Ceremony
 29-EL Kindergarten Visitation/Screening

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	