



Date: August 4, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Special

Place: High School

Members Present: Katie Dwyer, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Mary Beth Mathey, Bill Pedrick, Levi Sutton, Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: Sonia Apker and Luke Morenus

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

Appointment of Temporary Board President

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board appoint Martin Sweeney as the Temporary Board President for the August 4, 2015 Special Meeting.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Temporary President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s).

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:08 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Public Hearing

- A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed Solar Lease which is scheduled for public referendum on August 11, 2015 from 12:00-7:00 PM. Three community members offered input on the solar project.

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mr. Sweeney offered condolences and held a *Moment of Silence* for Harley Albro, who recently passed away.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**It was noted that there will be a late executive session added to the agenda to discuss personnel.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Dwyer, that the Clerk's minutes of the July 7, 2015- re-organizational meeting be approved as amended. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the July 7, 2015- regular meeting be approved as amended. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio presented Patricia Yaple with a *Certificate of Excellence* for being selected as the Bus Driver of the Year. *Congratulations Patty!*
- **Correspondence:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio passed a thank you card from the Newman family regarding the positive experience their daughter experienced with the High School Art Department.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$3,802,290.23
General Fund 1	\$233,405.21
General Fund 2	\$502,467.11
General Fund 3	\$146,302.80
School Lunch Fund	\$41,956.09
Federal Fund 1	\$1,303.65
Federal Fund 2	\$2,097.58
Federal Fund 3	\$47.53
Capital Fund 1	\$1,706.52
Capital Fund2	\$114,453.49

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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

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

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the items for disposal: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Budget Transfers

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the Budget Transfers over \$10,000 as noted by Mr. Falls: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

High School FFA Trips

Motion by Mathey, seconded Dwyer, that the Board approve the 2015-16 FFA Field Trips: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Youth and Government Trips

Motion by Kilmer, seconded Dwyer, that the Board approve the 2015-16 Youth and Government Field Trips: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Odyssey Yearbook Conference

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Dwyer, that the Board approve the request for two teachers and one student to attend the Odyssey Yearbook Conference scheduled for August 12-13, 2015 in West Hartford, CT: (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club

Motion by Dwyer, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the proposal to start a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club: (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Rescind Solar Lease

Motion by Lira, seconded Sutton, that the Board Rescind the Solar Lease:

Calling the Question

Motion by Mathey, seconded Pedrick, that the Board Call the Question of the discussion of the Solar Lease:

Yes 3 (Mathey, Dwyer, Sweeney)
No 4 Motion Defeated (Calling the Question)

Yes 2 (Sutton, Lira)
No 5 Motion Defeated (Rescinding of Solar Lease)

Election Inspectors/Clerks

Motion by Dwyer, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the list of Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors for the Solar Project Vote scheduled for August 11, 2015: (Board Notes Item M)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

1. Accept the letter of resignation from **Melissa Sugamele** from her position of Teacher effective August 31, 2015.
2. Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **James Barry** from his position of Teacher effective December 24, 2015.
3. Accept the letter of resignation from **Alexa Ward** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2015.
4. Accept the letter of resignation from **Tricia Yadanza** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2015.
5. Approve the appointment of **Erica Sherman** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Elementary Tenure area to begin September 1, 2015, to expire February 1, 2019** at a salary per contract. Ms. Sherman has Initial Certification in Childhood Education, Grades 1-6.
6. Approve the appointment of **Alexa Ward** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Special Education Tenure area to begin September 1, 2015, to be completed August 31, 2019** at a salary per contract. Ms. Ward has Initial Certification in Special Education, Grades 1-6.
7. Approve the appointment of **Naomi Streeter** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Special Education Tenure area to begin September 1, 2015, to be completed August 31, 2019** at a salary per contract. Ms. Streeter has Initial Certification in Special Education, Grades B-2, 1-6.
8. Approve the appointment of **Emily LaLone** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Social Worker Tenure area to begin September 1, 2015, to be completed August 31, 2019 at a salary per contract. Ms. LaLone has Initial Certification in School Social Work.
9. Approve the **Creation** of the following positions:
Elementary School
Elementary Teacher

High School
Teaching Assistant
10. Approve the appointment of **Thomas Flood** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2015, to be completed August 31, 2018 at a salary per contract.
11. Approve the following **as Curriculum Area Lead Teachers** (CALT) for the 2015-16 school year:
Stephany Reif-Social Studies
Diane Williams-Science
12. Approve the following as **Mentors** for the 2015-16 school year:
High School
Marcie Mann with Sheila Knight
Lancy Collins with Tracy Hartnett
Heather Flaxman with Diane Williams
Beth Krauss with Ted Andrejko
Michelle Reeves with Savanna Webb
Tom Chrysler with Katie Silliman
Chris Young with Dan Bradshaw
Alaina Spadora with Darlene Latten
Shawn Nagel with Mike DiMattei

Junior High
Samuel Herwood with Betsy Gray
Allison Kannus with Jenn Greenfield
Martha Riley with Katrina Owens
Ashley D'Imperio with Barb Bachman

Kaitlyn Rongo with Pete Aagaard
Jennifer Fuller with Dean Williams

Intermediate School

Morgan Osborn with Sam Perkins
Erika Sherman with Laurie Leach
Naomi Streeter with Brianna Bibbens

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

Elementary

Doreen Moore
Belinda Johnsten
Monica Moore
Merrily Heyer

Athletics

Christine Yonta
Pam Williams
Mike Williams
Kelly Settineri
Richard Howell
Theresa Rossiter

14. Approve the following as **Practicum Students** during the 2015-16 school year:

Elementary

Jennifer Darer with Marcia Smith
Bethany Bieling with Jamie Douglass

15. Appoint the following as **Student Teachers** during the 2015-16 school year:

High School

Gary Beddoe with Stephany Reif

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Ashley Martin	Psychology
Amanda Lawrence	Psychology
Fran Gysel	Psychology
Nancy Saya	Speech
Cassandra McMullen	P.E./Health

***This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012-3 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) out of four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

Non-Instructional:

1. Accept the letter of resignation from **Jennifer Fox** from her position of Transportation Assistant effective July 31, 2015.
2. Accept the letter of resignation from **Rebecca Forbes** from her position of Bus Driver effective August 5, 2015.
3. Accept the letter of resignation from **Tracey Randolph** from her position of School Nurse effective July 30, 2015.
4. Accept the letter of resignation from **Tara Cottrell** from her position of School Nurse effective July 28, 2015.
5. Accept the letter of resignation from **Michael Howell** from his position of School Resource Officer (SRO) effective July 27, 2015.

6. Approve the appointment of **Christine Sahn** for the position of Food Service Worker effective August 5, 2015.
7. Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2015-16 school year:
 - Earl Stevenson**-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **2015-16 Board of Education Presentation Schedule**-A list of presentations for the 2015-16 Board meetings was provided.
- **Cortland County Teacher Center Staff Update**-A letter from the Cortland County Teacher Center announcing Lisa DeRado as the new Director of the Teacher Center was shared.
- **Financial Risk Assessment**-The Financial Risk Assessment for the year ending June 30, 2015 was provided.
- **Management Plan for Excellence**-Superintendent Ruscio highlighted the Management Plan for Excellence.

Community Voices

- There was one community voice.

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

- Mr. Pedrick was a guest lecturer at the Graduate Education Leadership Seminar where the topic was *Serving on School Boards*.

Upcoming Events

August

4-Board of Education

11-Public Solar Vote

11-Board of Education

25-Board of Education

September

3-Staff Development Day

7-Labor Day

8-First Day of Classes

25-Early Release Day (1/2 Day)

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:13 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Kilmer, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	