



Date: October 13, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Levi Sutton, Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: Katie Dwyer

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 6:30 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s), Business Contract and HTA/Nurse & TA Negotiations and the sale of Hartnett Elementary School.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:06 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 Pedrick, seconded by Kilmer, that the Clerk's minutes of the September 22, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the September 25, 2015- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio noted the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Fall Dinner meeting is October 22, 2015 and that it is not too late to register for this opportunity to meet MaryEllen Elia, Commissioner of the State Education Department.
 - Paving has been completed in the bus loop in front of the High School. There are areas that have been inspected and documented as not meeting specifications that will likely need to be repaired in the spring. It is currently under review.
 - The name for the New Tech High School in Cortland County has been revealed...*Seven Valleys New Tech Academy.*

- The on-line auction for items at Hartnett Elementary has been closed with all items being sold except two. Bookshelves and a nurse's cot will be placed outside the building on Friday, October 16th at noon for the taking.
- *Hold the Date...* The Cortland-Madison School Boards Association (CMSBA) will be holding its Fall Dinner meeting on November 2, 2015.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio passed a copy of Cortland Counts, a local publication from Seven Valleys about the "health" of Cortland County.

Differentiated Instruction at the Intermediate

- Principal Falls along with Teachers Jennie Guy and Kate Fulton presented how they have implemented differentiated instruction in their classrooms at the Intermediate School.

District Technology Plan

- Mr. Finn presented the District Technology Plan along with a timeframe for implementation.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sutton, that the Board approve the following Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval: (Board Notes Item C)

- 2100-Orienting and Training New Board Members

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the following Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval: (Board Notes Item D)

- 1334.1-Appointment and Duties of the Claims Auditor

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$507,990.13
General Fund 1	\$173,476.21
General Fund 2	\$281,875.561
School Lunch Fund 1	\$818.81
School Lunch Fund 2	\$800.00
Federal Fund 1	\$740.00
Capital Fund 1	\$97,393.38
Capital Fund 2	\$22,987.42

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the following Treasurers' Reports: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers' Reports

General Fund	August
Capital Fund	August

School Lunch	August
Trust & Agency	August
Federal Fund	August
Workers' Compensation	August
Payroll	August
Extra-classroom Activity Fund	August

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

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

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	8	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 J)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Refund

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the Tax Refund in the amount of \$595.00 due to an adjustment for STAR credit: (Board Notes Item K)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Change Order for Capital Project

Motion by Morenus, seconded Sutton, that the Board approve the Change Order Deduction in the amount of \$101,143.00 due to the Elimination of the High School Gymnasium Folding Partition: (Board Notes Item L)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Ice Hockey Field Trip Request

Motion by Kilmer, seconded Pedrick, that the Board approve the Ice Hockey Field Trip Request to Albany, NY from November 27-28, 2015 to participate in a hockey tournament: (Board Notes Item M)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Village of Homer Transportation Request for Ski Club

Motion by Morenus, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the Transportation Request from the Village of Homer to use District Busses for the 2015-16 Ski Club Program: (Board Notes Item N)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Sutton, that the Board approve the Disposal of Surplus Items as noted: (Board Notes Item O)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

High School Field Trip Request-Environmental Club

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Morenus, that the Board approve the Environmental Club Field Trip Request to Otter Lake, NY from November 11-13, 2015 to participate in a Youth Climate Summit: (Board Notes Item P)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Field Trip Request-Winterguard

Motion by Morenus, seconded Sweeney, that the Board approve the Winterguard Field Trip Request to West Long Branch, NJ from March 18-20, 2016 to participate in a Winterguard Competition: (Board Notes Item Q)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

High School field Trip Request-International Club

Motion by Kilmer, seconded Sweeney, that the Board approve the International Club Field Trip Request to Quebec City, Quebec Canada from January 13-16, 2017: (Board Notes Item R)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Approval of External Audit

Motion by Morenus, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the External Audit as prepared by Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickleson & Company, LLP for the year ending June 30, 2015: (Board Notes Item S)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Policy for Deletion

Motion by Kilmer, seconded Pedrick, that the Board approve the following policy for deletion: (Board Notes Item T)

- Policy 3211-Employee Grievances

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Policy for 1st Reading

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the following policies for 1st reading: (Board Notes Item U)

- Policy 7620: Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- Policy 5671: Wellness
- Policy 7611: Students with Life-Threatening Health Condition
- Policy 7603: Administration of Medication
- Policy 3110: School Sponsored Media

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the following as receiving their **Master's Degree:**
Barbara Bachmann

Approve the attached list of **Graduate Credits**.

Approve the following **Coaching** recommendations for the Winter 2014-15 season:

Girls Basketball

Varsity-Chris DiFulvio
Junior Varsity-Chris Colasurdo
Junior High-Brenda Nobles
Junior High-Aaron Gross

Boys Basketball

Varsity-Sean Malone
Junior Varsity-Jeff Tabel
Junior High-Aaron Gross
Junior High-Nick Patriarco

Volleyball

Junior High-Randi Patterson
Junior High-Lynne Renner

Wrestling

Varsity-Jason Reynolds
Junior Varsity-Shawn Nagel
Junior High-Geoff Sorenson

Ice Hockey

Varsity-Chad Totman

Indoor Track

Varsity-George Schneider
Assistant Varsity-Jeremy Cook

Basketball Cheerleading

Varsity-Brittany Madigan

Bowling

Varsity-Robert Nasiatka
Varsity-Cheryl Carboine

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

Intermediate School

Alexa Beck
Amy Crump
Deanna Pace
Nancy Sternfeld

High School

Christine Nasiatka

Appoint the following as **Practicum Students** for the fall 2015-16 school year:

Intermediate School

Victoria Hopkins and Caroline Coffey with Amy Sumner

High School

Darius Stevens with Dan Bradshaw

Appoint the following as **Student Teachers** for the fall 2015-16 term:

Junior High School

Antonia Nicoletti Eaton with Allison Kannus

Intermediate School

Molly McDermott with Kathi Williams

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

Karen Noble

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Megan Alo	Childhood Ed.
Christina Lockenwitz	Teaching Assistant
Sarah Stupke	Music
Luke Schweider	P.E./Health
James Robinson	Math

Non-Instructional:

Approve the following as a **Bus Driver Trainee:**

Kyle Bean

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

Judith Smith-Aide and Food Service Worker
Christina Lockenwitz-Aide

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

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Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the Intermediate and High Schools.
- **2015-16 Staff Updates**-Updates of BOCES and Family Counseling Services Staff working in our District was shared.

Community Voices

- There were no community voices.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-The Audit Committee recently met to review the External Audit that was presented previously on this Board agenda.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee placed several policies on this Board agenda for approval and one for deletion.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-The PSDC is in the process of planning the November 3, 2015 Staff Development Day.
- *Health Advisory*-The Health Advisory Committee recently reviewed the Wellness Policy that is up for 1st Reading this evening.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-Mr. Sweeney updated the group on the recent Character Education meeting.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Kilmer recently attended a Boys Soccer game as well as worked in the concession stand. Mr. Kilmer also attended the High School Open House.
- Mr. Sweeney recently did a “walk-through” of all the district buildings.
- Ms. Mathey attended the High School Open House.
- Mr. Morenus has attended several JV Football Games and congratulated the team for being undefeated. Mr. Morenus also attended a JH Cross Country Meet.
- Mr. Pedrick offered kudos to the Field Hockey team for their success this season. Mr. Pedrick also attended the MACNY/Partners for Education and Business Career Day, a CNYSBA Director’s Meeting, as well as Open Houses at the Cortland Alternative School and OCM BOCES McEvoy Center.
- Mrs. Apker attended the Varsity Football game in Marcellus. Mrs. Apker commended the Cheerleaders for their outstanding efforts.

Upcoming Events

October

- 13-Board of Education
- 20-IN Picture Day
- 22-IN 3rd Grade Pumpkin Night
- 23-JH Dance
- 27-Board of Education
- 30-HS International Fall Ball

November

- 3-Staff Development Day (No School)
- 6-JH Area All-State
- 6-IN SCA Movie Night
- 7-JH Area All-State
- 10-Board of Education
- 11-Veteran’s Day (No School)
- 16-K-12 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (No School)
- 20-21 HS Shakespearean Play
- 24-Board of Education
- 25-Early Release Day (1/2 Day for Students)
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio welcomed Linda Llewellyn back to the table at this evenings meeting.
- Board Member Mathey resigned her position on the Board as of a date to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	