



Date: November 24, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Levi Sutton, Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: Mary Beth Mathey

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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s).

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

(Board members Dwyer and Sutton left the meeting-6:56 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 November 10, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

(Board members Dwyer and Sutton re-joined the meeting-6:58 PM)

Superintendent's Report

- **Superintendent Ruscio reported on the following:**
 - Student McKayla Crawford was recognized for making it to the state finals for Cross Country.
 - The new NYSBBA Area 4 Director, Sandra Ruffo, was present to introduce herself to the Board of Education.
 - The Athletic Booster Club has asked to send a fan bus to Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball games to be played at SUNY Cortland. The Booster Club would pay all expenses for the bus.
 - A recent meeting took place where several stakeholders discussed baseball fields in the district. There is an interest by the Baseball Backers to explore Community Fields. Representatives from the Village and Town were present. The next meeting on this topic is December 2, 2015.

- **Correspondence:**

- Superintendent Ruscio provided the Board with a list of remaining surplus items at Hartnett. The process going forth was also discussed, with both party lawyers working together to remove technology items from the building as well as to donate the remaining furniture to the group that purchased the building.

Blue Pride

- Principals presented many of the great events and activities happening within their buildings.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Tax Collection Report

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the 2015 Tax Collection Report: (Board Notes Item D)

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Policy for 1st Reading

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

- Policy 3180-School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing
- Policy 3214-Uniform Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting System (VADIR)
- Policy 3241-Solicitation of Charitable Donations
- Policy 3410-Threats of Violence in School
- Policy 3500-Emergency Closings
- Policy 5210-District Investments
- Policy 5682-Information Security Breach and Notification

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Personnel

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

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Instructional:

Approve the **Ratification of the Final Homer Teachers' Association (Nurses) Contract** effective July 1, 2014.

Approve the **Employment Addendum** dated November 24, 2015 for the Superintendent of Schools.

Approve the appointment of **Kathryn Besler** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Science Tenure area to begin December 14, 2015, to be completed December 13, 2019** at a salary per contract, pending certification requirements.

Approve the appointment of **Roxanne Crumb** to the position of Long-term Substitute effective at the time of leave for maternity purposes of Amanda Dembowski (Approximate 1/15/16) through June 30, 2016.

Approve the following **Co-Curricular** recommendations for the 2015-16 school year:

Winterguard

Appoint Jessica Shirley as Guard Assistant

Appoint Amanda Davis as Guard Assistant

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

High School

DeeAnne Anderson

Brenda Brown

Elementary School

Lori Bartholomew

Athletics

Casey LaNave-Wrestling

Ted Diorio-Ice Hockey

Appoint the following as a **Practicum Student**:

Catherine Dovi with Matt Hartl

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

Name

Hailee Here

Brian Fox

Certification/Degree Area

Social Studies

Economics

***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:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Joshuah Finn** from his position of Chief Information Officer effective December 23, 2015.

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

Kyle Bean-Bus Aide

Linda Morgan-Food Service Worker

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School, Intermediate and Elementary Schools.
- **Budget Development Calendar Draft**-The 2016-17 Draft Budget Development Calendar was reviewed.

Community Voices

- There were no community voices.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-Mr. Sweeney noted that the group recently met to review the policies noted for 1st reading this evening.
- *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*-Superintendent Ruscio reviewed the minutes from the ILC meeting on November 18, 2015.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- President Apker congratulated Board members Kilmer, Lira and Sutton for recently completing their NYS Mandated School Board Fiscal Oversight Training.
- Mrs. Dwyer thanked Board members for contributing to the flowers purchased for office staff. She noted that the flowers were greatly appreciated by folks. Mrs. Dwyer also attended the Veteran’s event at the Intermediate School.
- Mr. Morenus attended the Modified Boy’s Basketball games vs. Cortland, congratulating both the 7th and 8th grade team on their victories.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Board meeting, the CNYSBA Fiscal Training (as a presenter) and also sold Cotillion Tickets to high school students during lunch hours.

Upcoming Events

November

- 24-Board of Education
- 25-Early Release Day (1/2 Day for Students)
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

December

- 1-IN 3rd Grade Holiday Concert
- 2-HS Family Table Talk & Financial Aid Night
- 3-HS Instrumental Concert at Bonné Auditorium
- 4-Christmas on the Village Green
- 8-Board of Education
- 9-Seven Valleys New Tech Academy Information Night at McEvoy
- 10-HS Vocal Concert at Bonné Auditorium
- 15-JH Holiday Concert
- 16-IN 5th Grade Holiday Concert
- 18-IN Parent Visitation Day
- 12/24-1/1-Holiday Recess

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio wished all present a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |