



Date: December 8, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

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

Members Absent: None

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

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

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:33 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and TA and Aide Negotiations.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:56 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-It was noted that there is an addendum to the agenda for personnel.

Approval of Minutes

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Mathey)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio noted that she recently met with staff from the Cortland County Board of Elections regarding use of their voting machines for the May 2016 budget vote, as the district is no longer allowed to use the lever machines.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Quarter 1 Data Report

- Principal Van Etten and several High School Curriculum Area Lead Teachers presented and discussed the June 2015 Regents results for their building.

Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

- Director of Special Education Moore presented Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, which assists schools in preventing high-risk and disruptive crisis behaviors from occurring.

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 B)

- 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

Yes	9	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 C)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$2,252,760.75
General Fund 1	\$115,107.51
General Fund 2	\$615,245.36
School Lunch Fund 1	\$42,773.48
School Lunch Fund 2	\$3,889.15
Federal Fund 1	\$56,146.53
Federal Fund 2	\$52.55
Capital Fund 2	\$564,776.92

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Course Proposals

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sutton, that the Board approve the Courses Proposed for the High School: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Morenus, seconded Dwyer, that the Board accept the Donation in the amount of \$140.00 from Bread for School Run Corporation: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

2016-17 Budget Development Calendar

Motion by Pedrick, seconded Morenus, that the Board approve the 2016-17 Budget Development Calendar: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Capital Outlay SEQRA Resolution

Motion by Morenus, seconded Sweeney, that the Board approve the Capital Outlay SEQRA Resolution: (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Capital Project Change Order CO GC-006

Motion by Morenus, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the Capital Project Change Order CO GC-006: (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Capital Project Change Order CO GC-007

Motion by Kilmer, seconded Mathey, that the Board approve the Capital Project Change Order CO GC-007: (Board Notes Item M)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Jeanette Burghardt** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the English Tenure area to begin January 25, 2016, to be completed January 24, 2020** at a salary per contract.

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

High School

Lauren Puente-Musical Choreographer

Approve the following **Mentor** updates/changes:

Junior High

Remove Dean Williams as a Mentor to Jennifer Fuller

Remove Betsy Gray as a Mentor to Sam Herwood

Add Cassie Shurtleff as Mentor to Sam Herwood

Add Betsy Gray as Mentor to Jennifer Fuller

Add Barb Bachmann as Mentor to Kimberly Priest

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

High School

Beth Mercer

Ellen Rahner

Linda Pedrick

Appoint the following as **Practicum Student(s)**:

Elementary

Rachel Keefe with Kelly Reppenhagen and Cathy Warren

Approve the following as a **Tutor** for the 2015-16 school year:

Jim Erlichman

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Danielle Wells	Spec Ed.

***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:

Eliminate the position of **Chief Information Officer.**

Create the position of **Director of Technology.**

Approve the appointment of **Joseph Homza** to the position of Director of Technology effective December 28, 2015.

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **APPR Waiver**-Superintendent Ruscio provided information from the NYS Education Department approving the District’s request for an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver through the end of the 2015-16 school year.
- **Press Release**-A Press Release on a parent information night being held at the Junior High was shared.
- **BOCES Staff Update**-An update on staff from BOCES located at the Elementary School was provided.
- **Annual School Boards Meeting**-Minutes from the recent CNYSBA fall dinner held on November 2, 2015 were shared.

Community Voices

- There were no 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*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Kilmer attended the Junior High assembly highlighting speaker Sebastian Maroundit. Sebastian is one of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan who was less than ten years old when war came to his village in the South Sudan and separated him from his family. Mr. Kilmer also attended the High School Instrumental Concert.
- Mr. Morenus has attended several Junior High Boys Basketball games and also the High School Football Banquet.
- Mrs. Dwyer noted she was recently interviewed by a representative from the NYS School Boards Association regarding the Board of Education’s “Random Acts of Kindness.”
- Mrs. Apker has attended 8th Grade Boys Basketball games as well as the High School Instrumental Concert. Mrs. Apker also noted what an excellent job the Girls Basketball Team recently did while running a practice for the Youth Girls Basketball Recreation Team.
- Mr. Pedrick attended and CNYSBA Director’s meeting as well as the Onondaga-Madison SBA Annual Dinner.

Upcoming Events

- December*
- 8-Board of Education
- 10-HS Vocal Concert
- 15-JH Holiday Concert
- 16-IN 5th Grade Holiday Concert
- 18-IN Parent Visitation Day
- 12/24-1/1-Holiday Recess

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:58 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:21 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Mathey, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	