



Date: February 23, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Dave Quinlan, 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 Sutton, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and HTA & Administrator Negotiations.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-There was no correspondence.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Clerk's minutes of the February 9, 2016- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio highlighted the Scholastic Writing Award Winners as well as the Future Business Leaders of America Award Winners.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

High School Highlight

- Principal Van Etten along with two of his teachers and several students highlighted the new CPR requirement for high school students for graduation, along with the Ready or Not Tot Project, where health students are responsible for the care of a baby for 24 hours.

New Social Studies Standards

- Director Llewellyn, along with several social studies teachers, presented the new Social Studies Framework and the inquiry method they that they have incorporated into their curriculum.

Budget Presentation

- Director Falls, Mr. Cavellier and Mr. DeLia presented areas of the District Budget including Operations/Maintenance, Transportation and General Support.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Levy Percentage

Motion by Sutton, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Tax Levy Percentage for the 2016-17 school year: (Board Notes Item C)

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board set the maximum allowable Tax Levy Limit at 4.51% for the 2016-17 school year:

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Approve the **Contract** between the School Administrators’ Association and the District effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Approve the following staff for **Tenure**:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Falls	School Administrator	6/30/16
Christopher Moore	School Administrator	6/30/16
Melissa Brown	Psychology	3/25/16
Tiffany Solan	Foreign Language	8/31/16
Kayla Calkins	Business Education	8/31/16
Marcie Mann	School Media Specialist	8/31/16
Lancy Collins	Reading	8/31/16
Amanda Behnke	Special Education	8/31/16
Amanda Booth	Special Education	9/24/16
Deanna Gallagher	Teaching Assistant	8/31/16
Pamela Russell	Teaching Assistant	8/31/16
Karen Seibert	Teaching Assistant	8/31/16

Approve the agreement dated February 16, 2016, to extend the probationary period of **James McGory** who serves in the Administrative tenure area, is hereby approved, and his probationary period is hereby extended to and including July 13, 2017, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the said agreement. A copy of the said agreement shall be filed in Mr. McGory’s personnel file.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Sabrina Biaggi	Math
Mary Ellen Davenport	Elem. Ed.
Danielle Potter	Art
Antonia Nicoletti-Eaton	English
Natalie DiMeglio	P.E.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Kenneth Wright** to the position of Cleaner effective February 24, 2016.

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **BOCES Staff Update**-Staff updates for the High School and Junior High STAR rooms were shared.

Community Voices

- There were two community voices.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-Next meeting...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*-Mr. Sweeney updated the group on the recent Character Education Committee meeting.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney was a “Guest Editor” for a column in the Cortland Standard regarding education funding.
- Ms. Dwyer noted she will be going on an upcoming Bunk Bed Project Mission and would like to education our High School Students on the cause.

Upcoming Events

February

- 23-Board of Education
- 25-IN Science/Social Studies Fair
- 26-All-County Elementary Band/HS Jazz

March

- 4-5 HS Musical
- 4-EL Parent Visitation Day
- 8-Board of Education
- 9-All-District Instrumental Concert
- 14-15All-County Band
- 16-1st Grade Concert
- 22-Board of Education
- 23-All-District Vocal Concert
- 25-Good Friday/Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
- 26-Superintendent’s Forum
- 27-Easter
- 28-Kindergarten Registration Begins

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sutton, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	