



Date: September 13, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Keith Fagerheim, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Dave Quinlan, Martin Sweeney and Levi Sutton

Members Absent: Bill Pedrick

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 Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss Negotiations, Possible Litigation(s) and the medical records of a particular individual.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 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 Sutton, seconded by Kilmer, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 23, 2016- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 30, 2016- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	2	(Apker, Lira)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Intermediate Teacher Katie Totman was recognized for receiving the Empire State Teacher Excellence in Teaching Award.
 - Two diplomas were awarded for students who completed their high school graduation requirements.
 - The Board recognized John Henderson, Terry Barrows, Santana Walker, Natasha Fox, Justin Homer, Doug Long, Ken Wright, Cheri Wright, Orié 'Bud' Bush, Patty Lyons, Donna Wheelock, Melanie Ensign, Ingrid Cash and Scott Cavellier for their outstanding efforts preparing the High School for staff and students.

- **Correspondence:**

- The brochure from the Grand Opening of the Seven Valleys New Tech Academy was shared.

Opening of School

- Administrator’s shared highlights of the opening of the 2016-17 school year including enrollments and plans for the year. All noted that it has been a successful start for our staff and students.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T&A	\$454,445.45
General Fund 1	\$233,601.09
General Fund 2	\$48,304.00
General Fund 3	\$34,262.30
School Lunch Fund 1	\$14,443.57
Federal Fund 1	\$10,011.00
Federal Fund 2	\$6,541.00
Capital Fund 1	\$61,654.60
Capital Fund 2	\$1,167,172.53

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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 Pre-school Special Education

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Lira, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education: (Board Notes Item G)

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 H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sutton, that the Board accept the Donation in the amount of \$1,200 from Gutches Lumber for Flexible Seating Yoga Balls: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Agreement between the Village of Homer and the District for School Resource Officer Services: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Community Voices

- There were no community voices.

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from **Wendy Duell** from her position of Speech Teacher effective October 31, 2016.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Sarah Bonnell** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2016.

Approve the appointment of **Sarah Bonnell** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Reading Tenure area to begin September 1, 2016, to be completed August 31, 2020** at a salary per contract. Ms. Bonnell has Initial Certification in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6).

Approve the following **Co-curricular** Updates:

- Remove Val Cleland as Mentor to Keri Evangelista
- Add Jeanne Stevens as Mentor to Sarah Bonnell
- Add Aaron Gross and Dave DiGennaro as Mentors to Heidi Chamberlain
- Appoint Stacey Goldyn-Moller as Musical Head Costumer
- Approve the attached list of returning Mentors.

Approve the following as **Student Teachers** for the fall term:

- High School*
- Daniel Block with Cara McLaughlin
- Ashley Watson with Dave DiGennero

- Elementary*
- Stacey Backstrom with Karyn Freshwater

Approve the following as **Practicum Students** for the fall term:

- High School*
- Bryan Arochas and Mark Kalish with Gary Podsiedlik
- Brianna Chorzepa with Carrie Whitney

- Elementary*
- Parveen Paul with Christine Hartnett

- Athletics*
- Kayla Pollock with Jeremy Cook

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Keri Evangelista	Special Education
Janet Oechsle	Elem. Ed.
Thomas Murawski, Jr.	Physics
Ivy Starowicz	Elem. Ed.
Elizabeth Byrne	Elem. Ed.
Ashley Bastien	Elem. Ed.
Mackenzie Macken	Special Ed.
Sarah Horan	Art
Ashley Curtis	Social Studies
Matthew O'Neill	History
Samuel Halpern	P.E.
Michelle Cefalo	Business
Julia Moore	Elem. Ed.
Kimberly Taylor	Teaching Assistant
Theodore Ecker	Teaching Assistant
Kerra Matolka	Teaching Assistant
Marisa Casciano	Teaching Assistant
Dillon Chickester	Teaching Assistant
Erika Calhoun	Teaching Assistant
Dale Gendron	Tutor

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from **David Jones** from his position of Bus Driver effective September 17, 2016.

Approve the appointment of **Diane Law** to the position of Bus Driver effective September 18, 2016.

Approve the appointment of **Jason Larrabee** to the position of Automotive Mechanic effective September 28, 2016.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2016-17 school year:

- Ellen Brown**-Clerical
- Michelle Cefalo**-Clerical
- David Jones**-Bus Driver

***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.*

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided for the High School and Junior High.
- **Staff Updates**-Staff updates for BOCES and SUNY Cortland staff working in the district were provided.
- **Science Olympiad**-It was noted that Ms. Krauss, will be starting a Science Olympiad Club.
- **Memorial Tree**-The Class of 1971 would like to plant a "Memorial Tree" on the grounds with a suitable marker in remembrance to those who have passed in their class.
- **Poverty Simulation**-A flyer was shared to participate in a Poverty Simulation on September 26, 2016.
- **NYS Education Requirements for Lead in Drinking Water in Schools**-A letter from the NYS Department of Health regarding required testing, reporting and remediating Lead in Drinking Water in Schools was provided.
- **Facilities Committee**-Superintendent Ruscio noted that a new Facilities Committee needs to be formed and asked that Board members recruit potential volunteers. Also noted, at the September 27, 2016 Board meeting, Hunt Engineers will present the 5-year building conditions survey.

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)*-Superintendent Ruscio noted the HTA was well represented at the September 8, 2016 PSDC meeting. The group worked on the agenda for the October 7, 2016 Staff Development Day.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Morenus and Mr. Pedrick attended the CNY SBA Board President's Roundtable meeting.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the Varsity Football Game which included the presentation of the Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees. Mr. Sweeney also attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Seven Valleys New Tech Academy.
- Mr. Kilmer volunteered in the concession stand and also attended a Varsity Girls Soccer Game.
- Mrs. Apker attended a Varsity Football Game. Mrs. Apker also praised the efforts of the High School Link Crew.

Upcoming Events

September

- 13-Board of Education
- 15-IN Open House
- 19-Kindergarten Parent Night
- 20-1st Grade Parent Night
- 21-2nd Grade Parent Night
- 22-JH Open House
- 23-Homecoming
- 27-Board of Education (New Staff Reception)
- 28-HS College Planning Night

October

- 5-HS Open House
- 6-District 15 Minute Early Release Drill
- 7-Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
- 10-Columbus Day (No School)
- 11-Board of Education
- 12-HS Financial Aid Night
- 13-EL Open House
- 25-Board of Education
- 27-IN 3rd Grade Pumpkin Night
- 28-JH Activity Night
- 28-HS International Fall Ball

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	