



Date: September 27, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: High School

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

New Employee Reception

- A reception was held for all new faculty and staff to the district.

President Apker called the meeting to order 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**-It was noted that Item 6 on the agenda (Hunt Engineers-5 Year Building Condition Survey) has been removed and will be presented at the October 25, 2016 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sutton, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk’s minutes of the September 13, 2016- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

| | | |
|---------|---|----------------|
| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |
| Abstain | 1 | (Pedrick) |

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio updated the Board on her recent New York State Council of School Superintendent’s Conference.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Special Education Overview

- Director Moore provided the Board with an overview of the special education process.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Disposal of Items

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the items for disposal at the Intermediate School: (Board Notes Item B)

| | | |
|-----|---|----------------|
| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board accept the Donation in the amount of \$750.00 from Adhan Piping for Flexible Seating Yoga Balls: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the High School Field Trip Request to take Environmental Club Students to Tupper Lake from November 2-4, 2016 to attend the Youth Climate Conference: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Course Addition

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sutton, that the Board approve the addition of Experience in Science Laboratory Management/Research as a class in the Junior/Senior Curriculum: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Capital Project Change Order

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve Change Order Number TC-01 in the amount of \$68,175: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Community Voices

- There was one community voice heard.

Personnel

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

1. Approve the appointment of **Hannah Cochran** to a 4 year probationary appointment in the Speech Tenure area to begin October 28, 2016, to be completed October 27, 2020** at a salary per contract. Ms. Cochran has Initial Certification in Speech and Language Disability.
2. Approve the following as a **Translator** for the 2016-17 school year:
Tim Gerhard
3. Approve the following as **SUNY Cortland Interns** for the fall term:
Elementary School
Ashley Green
Jill Toftegaard
Emma O'Connor
Gina Shepardson
Sarah Klotz
4. Approve the following as **Student Teachers** for the fall term:
Intermediate School
John Weilert with Jacquie Lingurvoski (2nd quarter)
5. Approve the following as **Practicum Students** for the fall term:
Intermediate School
John Weilert with Jacquie Lingurvoski (1st quarter)
Austin Beck with Ellen Garrett

Athletics

Cassidy Chapko, Brianna Tobin, Lauren Vaughan and Matthew DiPaulo with Allison Cook
Jeffrey West with Geoff Sorenson

6. Approve the following as **Volunteers:**

High School

Pat Lane
Victoria Rolfe

Intermediate School

Erin Boylan
Tamara Stockwin

Elementary School

LeAnne Scanlon
Amy Kida
Molly Ferris
Belinda Johnston

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification/Degree Area</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| Karen Cole | LPN |
| Abby Gray | Teaching Assistant |
| Rushana Durham | Teaching Assistant |
| Rebecca Seamans | Teaching Assistant |
| Carli Smith | Elem. Ed. |
| Emilie Sullivan | Health |

Non-Instructional:

1. Accept the letter of resignation from **Diane Law** from her position of Bus Driver effective September 19, 2016.
2. Approve the appointment of **Michael Riley** to the position of Cleaner effective September 28, 2016.
3. Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2016-17 school year:
Julie West-Cleaner

***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.
- **Staff Updates**-Staff updates for BOCES staff working in the district was provided.
- **September Newsletter**-The September Newsletter was shared.
- **Capital Project Update**-Construction Progress Reports for June/July 2016 were provided by Lee Stepp of LeChase.
- **Charter School Meeting**-It was noted that the Superintendent, Board President and Board Vice President met in August with members of the Truxton Academy Charter School Board of Directors to discuss their application to NYSED.
- **Financial Impact of Charter School**-The financial impact of a Charter School in the Homer District was discussed.

Board Committee Reports

- **Audit**-Mr. Pedrick noted that the Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting where they reviewed the recent Audit conducted by the District’s External Auditor, which will be presented at the October 11, 2016 Board meeting.

- *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.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Minutes provided and highlighted by Superintendent Ruscio.
- *Facilities*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Kilmer has worked in the Concession Stand and also attended the Homecoming Football Game.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the County Sponsored Poverty Simulation as well as was a guest speaker at the Seven Valleys New Tech Academy.
- Mr. Fagerheim has attended several JV Boys Soccer games, the Junior High Open House and the Homecoming Football Game.
- Mrs. Apker attended the Junior High Open House and the Homecoming Football Game.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Facilities Committee meeting.

Upcoming Events

September

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.

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:07 PM to discuss the Employment History of a Particular Person(s) and HTA Negotiations.

| | | |
|-----|---|----------------|
| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 PM.

| | | |
|-----|---|----------------|
| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |