

Highland Central School District

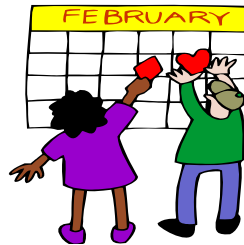
MINUTES

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

6:00 Executive Session Pending on Board Approval

7:00 pm Regular Meeting held in the High School Cafeteria



Motion made by Tom Miller to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Debbie Pagano; Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:02 pm):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District conduct an Executive Session to discuss:

- Collective Negotiations pursuant to Article 14 (Taylor Law) of the Civil Service Law

Motion made at 7:05 pm by Mike Bakatsias to return to Open Session; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Motion carried.

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present: Alan Barone, Sue Gilmore, Tom Miller, Kim Sweeney, Debbie Pagano, Mike Bakatsias, Mike Reid

Administrators/Directors Present: Deborah Haab, Superintendent of Schools; Roseann Bayne, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Louise M. Lynch, Business Administrator; Debbie Tompkins, Assistant Director of Transportation; Dan Seyler-Wetzel, Middle School Principal; Meghan Connors, Middle School Assistant Principal

Student Representative Present: Nikhil Tikoo

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:12 pm)

Board President, Alan Barone, called meeting to order at 7:12 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges reviewing the following report:

- a) Board of Education Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2013

Motion made by Sue Gilmore; Seconded by Mike Bakatsias; Discussion: none; Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

- a) Director's Report – (Reports on file in District Office)

The Board had the following questions/concerns/comments:

- Will a bond be presented for Board approval to purchase two 65 passenger buses and one wheelchair van?
- The additional security cameras are in service as of week February 5th.
- There are 217 scheduled after hour's events in the three school buildings for the month of February.

PERSONNEL:

- a) **Coaching Appointment**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment for the following coaches for the Spring 2013 sports season:

Sport	Level	Name	Stipend
Baseball	Varsity	Jim Delmar / Co-Coach	\$1,323.50
		Matthew VanVoorhis / Co-Coach	\$1,323.50
	JV	Steven Delmar – Head Coach	\$1,942.00
	Modified	Kevin Rizzo – Head Coach	\$1,688.00
		Barry Ranalli – Volunteer Assistant	n/a
Softball	Varsity	Mike Milliman – Head Coach	\$2,911.70
		Amanda Morano – Volunteer Assistant	n/a
	JV	John Manganiello – Head Coach	\$1,942.00
	Modified	Zachary Helmer – Head Coach	\$1,688.00
Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	Tom Schlappich – Head Coach	\$2,865.00
		Patrick Boyd – Assistant Coach	\$1,979.00
		Travis Beatty – Volunteer Assistant	n/a
		Benjamin Smith – Volunteer Assistant	n/a
	(Girls) Varsity	Theresa Cilento – Co-Coach	\$1,432.50
		Kimberly Caso – Co-Coach	\$1,432.50
Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Paul Latino - Head Coach	\$2,755.50

Track	Varsity	Theresa Eckert – Girls Head Coach	\$2,865.00
	(Boys/Girls)	Katie Reid – Boys Head Coach	\$2,865.00
		Marc Eckert – Assistant Coach	\$1,979.00
	(Boys) Modified	TBD	\$1,323.00
	(Girls) Modified	TBD	\$1,323.00
Tennis	Varsity	Alan Benson – Head Coach	\$1,797.00
	(Boys)		

Motion made by Sue Gilmore; Seconded by Mike Reid;

Discussion:

- **Kim Sweeney questioned the stipend amounts for Head Coach and Assistant for lacrosse. Roseann Bayne believed this was moved from a prior sport stipend position.**
- **At this time, there are no participants for lacrosse from Marlboro Central School District.**

Motion moved unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS:

Discussed in Old Business. Refer to this section for minutes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Student Representative Nikhil Tikoo spoke about the following topics:

- After meeting with class advisors, a facebook account has been established for students to discuss their student issues;
- Many students looking forward to sharing their input at the budget meeting. The students would prefer that “Student Input” be listed in the beginning of meeting.
- Some conversation has taken place if block scheduling is being considered for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board had the following questions/comments/concerns:

- Students will have an opportunity to share their input at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for February 19th. The agenda will reflect the students to speak shortly after meeting is called to order.
- Deborah Haab stated there has been some discussion regarding block scheduling however if this is a viable option, future discussion will take place during budget discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Superintendent of Schools, Deborah Haab, spoke about the following topics:

- Recognized and congratulated, Anthony Daunicht, for his accomplishment of being one of the youngest GM World Class Master Technicians and Corvette Specialists. Anthony is a 2004 graduate and also studied in the

Ulster Career & Technical Center's Welding and Metal Fabrication program.

- January 31st the Ulster County Superintendents met with local law enforcement officials, including sheriffs, state police, the district attorney's office and representatives from mental health providers. The purpose of meeting is consistent communication and coordination throughout the county.
- January 31st Assistant Superintendent Roseann Bayne chaired a meeting of the district wide safety committee.
- Assistant Principal Meghan Connors, has been working with local businesses for donations of needed supplies for the "to go" bags. Thank you to Hannaford and Town of Lloyd PBA for their donation. Meghan Connors was recognized for taking on this project. For further info please visit HCSD website.
- Highlights from the Governor's proposed budget:
 - 3% increase in regular school aid;
 - \$203 additional million in Fiscal Stabilization Funding;
 - Competitive Grant Opportunities;
 - New mandate relief initiative being reviewed;
- February 11th Deborah Haab will be in Albany to meet with local legislators to share current financial situation and challenges.
- Board requested Fund Balance Projection for next Board meeting;
- The 60% Group has put together free childcare for families who would like to attend the upcoming Board meetings.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

New Business:

- a) Correspondence – Correspondence received from Christine.
- b) Future BOE Agenda Items – Please inform Alan Barone, Deborah Haab or District Clerk of any upcoming items you would like to be listed on board agenda by Tuesday prior to meeting.

Old Business:

- a) SRO - Memorandum of Agreement
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached School Resource Officer Agreement between the Highland Central School District and the Town of Lloyd Police Department.

Motion made by Mike Bakatsias; Seconded by Mike Reid;

**Discussion: Sue Gilmore expressed concerned about SRO officer being armed. Alan Barone responded that the SRO is acting as police officer and part of their uniform is to carry their firearm(s).
Motion carried 6-1 (Sue Gilmore opposed).**

b) Capital Project

Discussion took place regarding a possible capital project. It was decided that the Board will move forward and sent out RFP's to get an idea of what the possible cost would be. Information to community members will be forthcoming as the process moves forward.

c) Budget Presentation (Report on file in District Office and is available on HCSD website)

Louise M. Lynch, School Business Administrator, presented the FIRST power point presentation titled "Key Budget Drivers". You can view this presentation in full on the website. This presentation reviewed what the costs are in running our district. There will be opportunities for community and students to voice their concerns and possible suggestions in the upcoming board meetings: February 19th - student participation; March 5th and March 19th - community participation.

The Board had the following questions/concerns/comments:

- Thanked Louise for a job well done on the budget presentation;
- Mandates from state increases;
- State aid;
- Budget to budget increase 7.16%;
- Sue Gilmore requested a list of non-mandated programs and their costs;
- Tax levy cap expected to be between 3 and 4 % a more concrete figure will be presented at the Feb 19 meeting;
- Possibility of additional share service opportunities will continue to be explored;
- Alan Barone expressed concerned of having proper staffing in early child development.
- Board requested Fund Balance Projection for next Board meeting;
- Board is actively in negotiations with HELPA and HTA unions.

d) Board Priorities

- 1) Improving Building Facilities;
- 2) Education Improvement;
- 3) Improving Community Relations;
- 4) Improving Fiscal Fitness

The Board had the following questions/comments/concerns:

- AP Offerings;
- Improving community relations encourages public to bring any new ideas and suggestions to Board
- Board Priorities will stay as a regular agenda item

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Darlene Plavchak, community member, suggests that parents take advantage of the childcare offered by the 60% Group.
- Vinnie Rizzi, community member, discussed the following topics:
 - Thanked Ms. Louise Lynch for a well understood presentation;
 - LiveStream not always reliable;
 - SRO Agreement – verified if this is a temporary position.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

- Thanks to the 60% Group, free childcare will be available for parents from 6:55-9:15 pm at the Highland High School. This will be for children 3-years and older and potty trained. Volunteers will possibly include students from the Honor Society at the Middle and High School as well as volunteer parents. Childcare is being coordinated by Lisa Milby and Darlene Plavchak.

ADJOURNMENT (8:50 pm)

Motion made by Kim Sweeney; Seconded by Mike Bakatsias; Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

**Lisa M Cerniglia
District Clerk**