

Highland Central School District

MINUTES

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

6:00 Open Meeting

6:00 pm Executive Session (Pending Board Approval)

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



****It can be anticipated that the Board of Education will adjourn the meeting around 8:45 to get the results of the Budget Vote and Board Elections – may reconvene after budget results****

Motion made at 6:20 pm by Tom Miller to go into Executive Session; Motion seconded by Debbie Pagano; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:20 pm

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

- The Medical, financial or credit, employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion made by Kim Sweeney; Seconded by Tom Miller; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Motion made at 7:12 pm to exit Executive Session and return into Regular Session Tom Miller; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

ATTENDEES:

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

Administrators/Principals/Directors: Deborah Haab, Superintendent of Schools; Sarah Dudley-Lemek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Louise Lynch, Business Administrator; Pete Harris, High School Principal; Meghan Connors, Middle School Assistant Principal

Student Representative: Priyanka Dongare (absent)

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:21 pm)

Board President, Alan Barone, called meeting to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO TEMPORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Louise Lynch as Clerk Pro Tempore to preside in the absence of Lisa Cerniglia who is placed at the polling place.

Motion made by Mike Reid; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Floor was open for public comments. No comments were made at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 1) Stephanie Doland was recognized for her participation in the Bus Rodeo Competition.
- 2) Highland Music Booster Student Recognition Awards
- 3) Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent made a preliminary presentation on the 2012-2013 School Report Card results.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

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

- a) Treasurer's Report General Fund Budget Status Report & Revenue Status Report – April 2014
- b) Attendance & Enrollment Report – Period 8 – April 1, 2014-April 30, 2014
- c) Student Activity Faculty Auditor Report – April 2014

Motion made by Sue Gilmore; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

- a) **Principal's Report:** (Report on file in District Office)
Each month the Principals report on important information and events occurring in their schools.
- b) **Director of Student Services Report:**
Due to absence, Director of Student Services will report on operations of the Student Services Department in upcoming meeting.
- c) **Approval of Committee on Special Education Minutes**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education according to the minutes of the CSE meetings of April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, and May 2nd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 12th, 2014, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by Tom Miller; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

d) **Approval of Committee on Preschool Special Education**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education according to the minutes of the CPSE meetings of May 1st, and 12th, 2014, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by Kim Sweeney; Seconded by Tom Miller; Discussion: Tom Miller acknowledged the new report and the value he found within it Sue Gilmore raised questions about how the schools are selected. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

PERSONNEL:

Motion made by Debbie Pagano to move items "a-c" as a block; seconded by Mike Reid; Discussion: Debbie Pagano acknowledged Lisa Barone's retirement and thanked her for her many years of service. Deborah Haab mentioned that individuals retiring as well as those receiving tenure will be recognized in an upcoming meeting. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

a) **Retirement**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts, with regrets, the following retirement request:

Lisa Barone

Position: Math Teacher

Effective Date: June 30, 2014

b) **Substitute Teaching Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached revised substitute teaching list with an Emergency Conditional Appointment consistent with SAVE legislation requirements.

c) **Non-Teaching Substitute Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached revised Non-Teaching substitute list with an Emergency Conditional Appointment consistent with SAVE legislation requirements.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Priyanka Dongare was absent.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS:

a) **Budget Transfers**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the budget for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

- Budget Transfer Numbers 9095 \$90,000

Motion made by Mike Reid; Seconded by Kim Sweeney; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

b) **Poughkeepsie City School District – Health & Welfare Contract**

BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 health & welfare contract for three 93) students at a cost of \$848.40 per student for a total of \$2,545.20 with the Poughkeepsie City School District and authorize the Board President and District Clerk to execute the contract.

Motion made by Mike Reid; Seconded by Debbie Pagano; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

c) **New Paltz Central School District – Health & Welfare Contract**

BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 health & welfare contract for six (6) students at a cost of \$759.92 per student for a total of \$4,559.52 with the New Paltz Central School District and authorize the Board President and District Clerk to execute the contract.

Motion made by Kim Sweeney; Seconded by Debbie Pagano; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

New Business:

- a) **Ulster County School Boards Association Annual Dinner Meeting** – Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6 pm at Twin Lakes in Hurley.

b) **Lead Evaluators to Certify Building Principals**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be certified as lead evaluators of building principals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District hereby certifies the following individual as lead evaluators of building principals:

Sarah Dudley-Lemek

Motion made by Sue Gilmore; Seconded by Debbie Pagano; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

c) **Recertify Lead Evaluators of Classroom Teachers**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be recertified as lead evaluators of classroom teachers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Deborah Haab, Superintendent of Schools
Sarah Dudley-Lemek, Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Chapman, Director Student Services
Joel Freer, Principal Elementary School
Rosann LaManna, Assistant Principal Elementary School
Dan Wetzel, Principal Middle School
Meghan Connors, Assistant Principal Middle School
Peter Harris, Principal High School

**Motion made by Kim Sweeney; Seconded by Tom Miller; Discussion: none;
Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of building principals:

Deborah Haab, Superintendent of Schools

**Motion made by Debbie Pagano; Seconded by Mike Reid; Discussion: none;
Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.**

- e) **Correspondence** – Any correspondence received by the Board may be discussed.
- f) **Future BOE Agenda Items** – Items for following Board meeting is to be submitted to Central Office the Tuesday (week prior) Board meeting.

Old Business:

- a) **Capital Project** – Discussion took place.
The fifth meeting was held on May 19 and focused primarily on kitchen needs. Next meeting June 2nd where financial advisory, Bernier Donegan, will present financial data and impact.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Floor was open for public comments. No comments were made at this time.

Motion made by Kim Sweeney to take a recess to get results of the Budget Vote and Board Elections and then go into Executive Session; Seconded by Sue Gilmore; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (8:47 pm)

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

1. ____ Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
2. ____ Any matter which may disclose the identity of law enforcement agent or informer;
3. ____ Information relating to current or future investigations or prosecution of criminal offices, which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
4. ____ Discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation;
5. x Collective Negotiations pursuant to Article 14 (Taylor Law) of the Civil Service Law;
6. x The Medical, financial or credit, employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
7. ____ The preparation, grading or administration of examinations;
8. ____ A proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes recorded by Louise M Lynch (Clerk Pro Tempore)

Minutes submitted by Lisa M Cerniglia (District Clerk)