

Highland Central School District
MINUTES
Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
6:00 pm Open Meeting
To be held in the High School Cafeteria

ATTENDANCE:

Board Member: Alan Barone, Sue Gilmore, Tom Miller, Debbie Pagano, Mike Reid, Mike Bakatsias, Heather Welch

Administrators: Deborah Haab, Superintendent of Schools, Sarah Dudley-Lemek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Louise Lynch, Business Administrator; Debbie Tompkins, Assistant Director of Transportation; Carol Potash, Director of Technology; Maria McCarthy, Director of Food Services.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (6:11 pm)

Board President Alan Barone called meeting to Order at 6:11 pm. 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, District Clerk.

Motion made by Heather Welch; Second by Tom Miller; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The floor was open for public comments. The following comments were made:

- Leigh Weaver, Elementary School Teacher, expressed concern over students refusing to take state exams.

PERSONNEL

a) Separation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached Separation Agreement with Highland Central School District and Employee Number 274 as noted in attached agreement.

Motion made by Mike Bakatsias; Second by Tom Miller; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

b) Rescind Resolution of November 18, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the decision to rescind the November 18, 2014

resolution to terminate employee number 274 that was effective November 19, 2014.

Motion made by Tom Miller; Second by Heather Welch; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

c) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement as Follows:

Employee: Lisa Machin, RN

Effective Date: June 30, 2015

Motion made by Tom Miller; Second by Debbie Pagano; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Old Business:

a) Budget Discussion for the 2015-2016 School Year

The Board discussed the 2015-2016 proposed budget and the new staff positions included.

Adoption of the General Budget for the 2015-2016 School Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and carefully reviewed a proposed 2015-16 school budget from the Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held several budget hearings regarding the proposed 2015-16 school budget; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education concurs with the administration's recommendation on the contingency budget information to be presented on the School District Budget Notice regarding the 2015-16 school budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District adopts the proposed 2015-16 school budget in the amount of \$ 40,508,280.00 to present to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2015, and approves the following proposition:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District be authorized to expend for budgetary purposes in the school year 2015-16 the sum of \$ 40,508,280.00 and to levy the necessary tax therefor upon the taxable property of the School District?”;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Property Tax Report Card is hereby approved by the Board of Education for submission to the State Education Department.

Motion made by Mike Bakatsias; Second by Mike Reid; Discussion: none; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

**Motion made at 7:39 pm by Tom Miller; Second by Heather Welch; Discussion: none;
Motion carried with a 7-0 vote..**

ADJOURNMENT (7:39 pm)

Minutes recorded by Louise M. Lynch

Minutes submitted by Lisa M Cerniglia