

6:00 pm Executive Session (Pending on Board Approval)  
7:00 pm Open Meeting

Board President, Alan Barone  
Board Vice President, Tom Miller  
Superintendent, Deborah Haab

**Attendees - voting members**

Alan Barone	President
Tom Miller	Vice President
Mike Bakatsias	Board Member
Sue Gilmore	Board Member
Ed Meisel	Board Member
Debbie Pagano	Board Member
Heather Welch	Board Member

**Attendees - other**

Deborah Haab (not present)	Superintendent
Sarah Dudley-Lemek(not present)	Assistant Superintendent
Lisa Cerniglia	District Clerk
Louise Lynch	Business Administrator

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ATTENDANCE**

Board President, Alan Barone, opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE (Directors and/or Principals):

Bill Zimmer, High School Assistant Principal; Dan S. Wetzel, Middle School Principal; Meghan Connors, Middle School Assistant Principal; Joel Freer, Elementary School Principal; Pete Miller, Director of Facilities  
Student Representative: Kaitlyn Poluzzi

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The floor was open for public comments.

Mark Reynolds, Southern Ulster Times reporter, inquired about agenda item titled, BOCES Budget.

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**a. Citizen CPR Training**

A power point presentation titled, Hands-Only CPR Training, was presented by John Buonamano and Katie Reid, High School Physical Education Department. This training is part of the high school physical education curriculum for students and is state mandated as of 2015.

Katie Reid also spoke briefly about the training she received regarding Naloxone antipode overdose (aka narcan training).

**V. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, acknowledges reviewing the following reports:

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Sue Gilmore

Voting

Unanimously Approved

- a. Treasurer's Reports
- b. Attendance and Enrollment Report
- c. Claims Audit Report - December 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016

Discussion:

Brief discussion took place regarding earlier questions (via email); Topics included deferred salary schedule; number on drop-out and school suspensions at high school.

**VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**a. Principals' Report**

Reports are on file in District Office.

Joel Freer, Elementary School Principal, updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$4,300.00;
- Two recent graduating students will present to students a presentation on diabetes;
- Kindergarten registration - numbers are on target for this time of year;
- Registration packets were made available February 1<sup>st</sup>;
- June 1st Elementary School will host a Run/Walk fundraiser

The Board had the following questions/comments:

- The process of kindergarten registration

Dan S. Wetzel, Middle School Principal, updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team for placing 2nd at the regional competition. The State competition is scheduled for April 8th and April 9th.
- Diversity Day

The Board had no questions.

Bill Zimmer, High School Principal, updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- At the last faculty member, a guest speaker spoke to faculty regarding transgender. Guest speaker will be visiting the English classes 1st week in April.

The Board had the following questions/comments:

- Approximately how many of the sophomore students participated on the BOCES field trip? Reply was at least 70%.
- Requested at future meeting if Pete Harris can further explain student mobility.

**b. 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 February 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th and March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th, 2016, and the amendment agreement no meetings of February 22nd, 23rd, 25th, and March 2nd, 3rd and 7th 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**c. Approval of Committee on Preschool Special Education Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education according to the minutes of the CPSE amendment agreement no meeting of February 25th, 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by: Tom Miller

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**VII. PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Mike Bakatsias to move items "a-d" as a block. Heather Welch seconded.

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Heather Welch

Voting

Unanimously Approved

a. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following appointments as follows:

Employee: Sarah Dudley-Lemek

Position: ADA/504 Compliance Officer;

Attendance Officer;

Residency Officer

Effective: Immediately

Purpose: To replace retirement, Barbara E. Chapman

Employee: Kathleen Valentino

Position: Interim Deputy Treasurer

Effective: March 15, 2016

Purpose: To replace resignation, MaryAnne Lostaglio

b. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation from MaryAnne Lostaglio as Deputy Treasurer effective February 18<sup>th</sup>.

c. Substitute Teaching

d. Non-Teaching Appointments

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Kaitlyn Poluzzi updated the Board on the following events:

- Congratulated Science Olympiad club (Middle School) for placing 2nd place
- Fed Challenge attended competition at the New York Federal Reserve bank
- Taste Around the World was hosted at high school on March 10th.

The Board had no questions.

**IX. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

a. Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the budget transfer #8139, #8140 and #8186 which is totaling \$226,288.00; budget transfer #8514 totaling \$11,768.00 and budget #8520 totaling \$78,000.

Discussion: (1) Question was asked regarding budget transfer #8520; (2) Budget code should read "Employee Benefits".

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Tom Miller

Voting

Unanimously Approved

b. Health & Welfare Contract

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2015-2016 health & welfare contract for seven (7) students at a cost of \$771.82 per student for a total of \$5,402.74 with the New Paltz Central School District and authorizes the Board President and District Clerk to execute the contract.

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

c. Preliminary School Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year

Louise Lynch presented, via power point, the proposed school budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

Topics included, but not limited to:

- Draft budget
- What is included in the Rollover Budget
- New expenses in 2016-2017 school year
- Revenues
- 2016-2017 Levy Limit is \$26,051,044
- The Gap ranges from \$165,314 to \$531,487
- History for replacing buses - Board requested further information on available grants for green buses; additional information on process if a revote is required; reevaluate bus runs
- April 1st is deadline for governor's proposal

Pete Miller spoke about the bus proposition as well as the history for replacing buses. After some discussion, Alan Barone asked for a roll call on the following bus proposition for the upcoming annual vote:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE Highland Central School District, be authorized to purchase nine buses including seven 65 passenger buses, one 29 passenger van and one seven passenger suburban at a maximum estimated sum of \$937,803, and that the sum of \$937,803 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments, as provided by §16 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District may be issued."

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Aye/Nay</u>
Heather Welch	Abstained (requests answers to above mentioned questions)
Ed Meisel	Aye (requests answers to above mentioned questions)
Mike Bakatsias	Aye
Debbie Pagano	Aye
Sue Gilmore	Aye (requests answer to concerns on bus runs)
Tom Miller	Aye
Alan Barone	Aye

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Debbie Pagano

Voting

Alan Barone - Yes

Tom Miller - Yes

Mike Bakatsias - Yes

Sue Gilmore - Yes

Ed Meisel - Yes

Debbie Pagano - Yes

Heather Welch - Abstain

Motion carried 6-0-1 (Heather Welch abstained)

**X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Deborah Haab was not in attendance for this meeting.

**XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

a. New Business

1. NYSSMA - NYS School Music Association

Item to be tabled for April 5, 2016 meeting.

Discussion took place on transportation costs for students in the NYS School Music Association (NYSSMA).

2. Correspondence

b. Old Business

1. Attendance Policy - Discussion

Item tabled to April 5, 2016 meeting.

Board requested a revised, clean copy of policy for 3rd Reading at next meeting.

2. Assessment Committee Response

Item tabled for the April 5, 2016 meeting.

**XII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made at 9:25 pm by Mike Bakatsias at 9:25 pm to adjourn meeting;  
Seconded by Ed Meisel; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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District Clerk