

**Highland Central School District**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Board of Education Meeting**

**5/17/2016 7:00:00 PM**

Board Room (E-32 High School)

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TUESDAY, May 17, 2016

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  
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
(6:00 am - 9:00 pm at High School)

**\*\*\*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\*\*\***

**Attendees - voting members**

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

**Attendees - other**

Deborah Haab	Superintendent
Sarah Dudley-Lemek	Assistant Superintendent
Louise M Lynch	Business Administrator

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Pending Board Approval)

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 at 7:10 pm by Heather Welch to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Meeting; Seconded by Ed Meisel; Motion carried.

**III. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Alan Barone called Open Meeting at 7:11 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

**IV. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO TEMPORE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints Sarah Dudley-Lemek as Clerk Pro Tempore to preside in the absence of Lisa Cerniglia, District Clerk, who is currently at the Polling Site.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Tom Miller

Voting

Unanimously Approved

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The floor was open for public comments. The following comment(s) were made:

- Louis Margulio, community member, commented about student spending; excessive salaries of educators; and conflict of interest.

## **VI. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

- a. Board of Education Meeting Minutes - April 20, 2016 AND May 3, 2016

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Tom Miller

Voting

Alan Barone - Yes

Tom Miller - No Vote

Sue Gilmore - Abstain

Ed Meisel - Yes

Debbie Pagano - Yes

Heather Welch - Yes

- b. General Fund Budget & Revenue Status Reports

- c. Attendance & Enrollment Reports - Attendance & Enrollment Report – Period 8 April 1st, - April 31, 2016

## **VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- a. Principals' Report

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

- 106 packets for kindergarten registration
- 97 appointments for Friday completed
- Conclusion of interviews being wrapped up
- PARP - thanks to Deborah Haab and Tom Miller for their assistance and over 550 people attended the PARP ice cream social.

Daniel Seyler-Wetzel, Middle School Principal, updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- 5k run to take place on May 19 at the Rail Trail. This is to benefit PTSA.
- Helicopter landing on 5/18 at Middle School
- PTech - exciting program

Pete Harris, High School Principal, updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- Academic Awards to take place May 18th
- Senior Awards to take place May 25th
- Memorial Day ceremony to take place May 25th
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair to honor Lionel Heath June 7th
- Field Day scheduled on May 19th

Tom Miller asked about location of graduation. Response was most likely high school.

b. Interim Director of Student Services

Patrick Boyd updated the Board on the following topics/events:

- Variance was approved"
- Process of CSE meetings is almost completed
- Plans are moving forward for extended year program

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 13th, 15th, 18th 21st, 27th, 28th, 29th, and May 5th, 6th, & 9th, 2016, and the amendment agreement no meetings of April 19th, 29th, and May 6th, 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by: Ed Meisel

Motion seconded by: Debbie Pagano

Voting

Alan Barone - Yes

Tom Miller - Yes

Sue Gilmore - Abstain

Ed Meisel - Yes

Debbie Pagano - Yes

Heather Welch - Yes

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 meeting of April 26th, & 27th, and May 3rd, & 4th, 2016, and the amendment agreement no meetings of April 14th, 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Alan Barone - Yes

Tom Miller - Yes

Sue Gilmore - Abstain

Ed Meisel - Yes

Debbie Pagano - Yes

Heather Welch - Yes

## **VIII. PERSONNEL**

### **a. Appointment(s)**

#### **1. Boyd**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints Patrick Boyd to the position of Interim Director of Student Services, on a contract basis, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute a contract in lieu of probation on behalf of the District with Patrick Boyd, effective April 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016. A copy of said contract, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

#### Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **2. VanHouten**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following appointment(s):  
Rebecca VanHouten

Position: Speech Teacher - Elementary School

Salary: MA Step 1 / \$48,724

Effective: March 31, 2016

Probationary Period: March 31, 2016 - March 31, 2020

Tenure Area: Speech - remedial

Purpose: Replacing Angela Cooper, resignation

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

#### Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **3. Krusen**

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

Kayla Krusen

Position: Teaching Assistant - Elementary School

Salary: Grade 7A / \$17,563 (pro-rated)

Effective: May 9, 2016

Purpose: Replacing Chelsea Cozzolino -covering Katie Kurry

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

#### Voting

Unanimously Approved

### **b. Retirement**

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

Employee: Betty Brooks  
Position: Food Service Worker - High School  
Effective: May 24, 2016  
Purpose: Retirement  
Discussion: Special acknowledgement of Betty Brooks several years of service with the district.  
Motion made by: Heather Welch  
Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

c. 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.

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

d. 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.

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

**X. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

a. Budget Increase

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following donation from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley in the amount of \$500.00, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the donation from the Highland Education Foundation in the amount of \$8,500.00, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the donation of cubelets from Mike Serini in the amount of \$1,000.00, and;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the budget increase of \$9,000.00.

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Total \$9,000</u>
HS Instructional Contractual	
A2630-201-00-0000	\$9,000
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Total \$9,000</u>
Donations A2701	\$9,000

Motion made by: Tom Miller

Motion seconded by: Debbie Pagano

Voting

Unanimously Approved

b. Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the Superintendent of Schools, approves the budget transfer totaling \$23,709.00 as follows:

- Budget Transfer Number 9969 \$11,825.00
- Budget Transfer Number 9989 \$10,008.00
- Budget Transfer Number 9991 \$ 1,876.00

Motion made by: Ed Meisel

Motion seconded by: Heather Welch

Voting

Unanimously Approved

c. Health & Welfare Contract

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2015-2016 Health & Welfare contract for forty seven (47) students at a cost of \$671.62 per student for a total of \$31,566.14 with the Arlington Central School District and authorizes the Board President and District Clerk to execute noted contract.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Tom Miller

Voting

Unanimously Approved

## **XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Deborah Haab updated the Board on the following topics:

- 2 week look ahead;
- Appeal Board with Section 9 swim for girls;
- Superintendent's Day scheduled for May 20th;
- LAP school in elementary school and middle school

## **XII. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Assistant Superintendent Sarah Dudley-Lemek updated the Board on the following topics:

- Superintendent's Day scheduled for May 20th;
- LAP school in elementary school and middle school

### **XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **a. New Business**

1. Correspondence
2. Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement
3. Board Meeting Dates

Board suggested one meeting, July 14th. Further discussion to take place.

4. Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement - HCSD and HTA

Motion made by: Sue Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Debbie Pagano

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **b. Old Business**

Board asked if anyone would like to speak at the Ulster County School Boards Association Recognition Dinner which will be recognizing Mr. Bragg.

### **XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The floor was open for public comments. No comments were made.

### **XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pending Board Approval)**

Motion made at 8:55 pm by Tom Miller to exit Executive Session and Open Meeting; Seconded by Sue Gilmore; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Motion made by: Tom Miller

Motion seconded by: Sue Gilmore

Voting

Unanimously Approved

### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

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District Clerk