

**Highland Central School District****Board of Education Meeting****5/3/2016 6:00:00 PM**

E-32 Board Room

TUESDAY, May 3, 2016  
 6:00 pm BUDGET PRESENTATION  
 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	Superintendent
Lisa Cerniglia	District Clerk
Sarah Dudley-Lemek	Assistant Superintendent
Louise M Lynch	Business Administrator

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

Board President Alan Barone called meeting to Order at 6:15 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was the recited.

**Attendance:**

Maria McCarthy, Director of Food Services; Pete Miller, Director of Facilities (7:00 pm); Carol Potash, Director of Technology  
 Kaitlyn Poluzzi, Student Representative

**II. BUDGET HEARING**

Superintendent of Schools Deborah Haab and Business Administrator Louise Lynch presented the proposed 2016-2017 school year budget.  
 Topics of the presentation are available on district website.

**Voting Information:**

The polls are open from 6 am - 9 pm at the High School (Band Room) on May

17th. For those registered voters that are not available to vote, absentee ballots are available on the district's website under Board of Education tab, school buildings or by calling District Clerk at 845-235-0739.

Discussion followed. There were no public comments.

Motion made at 6:30 pm by Tom Miller to go into Executive Session; Seconded by Sue Gilmore; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

### III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Highland Central School District conduct an Executive Session to discuss the following topics: i.  
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 7:25 pm by Mike Bakatsias to return to Open Session; Seconded by Ed Meisel; Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

### IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

### V. **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### a. Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Discussion: For the April 5th Board of Education Meeting Minutes, under Old Business - NYSMMA, change language to reflect district will support fees only.

Motion made by: Mike Bakatsias

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

### VI. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

The Board had the following questions/concerns/comments:

Technology - laptop cart and usage (inventory throughout the district);

Food Services - favorable report from food consultant

### VII. **PERSONNEL**

#### a. Appointment - Permanent Status

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

Employee: Douglas Jones  
 Position: Custodian  
 Effective: April 22, 2016

Employee: Kelly LaRocca  
 Position: RN  
 Effective: May 17, 2016  
Motion made by: Ed Meisel  
Motion seconded by: Heather Welch  
Voting  
 Unanimously Approved

b. Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following amendment to reflect Brian Scofield's resignation date to reflect April 13, 2016.

Motion made by: Ed Meisel  
Motion seconded by: Heather Welch  
Voting  
 Unanimously Approved

c. Appointment

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

Mark Rizzi  
 Position: School Monitor - Elementary School  
 Salary: Grade 3, Step 2 / \$10.94/hr  
 Effective: May 4, 2016  
 Probationary Period: May 4, 2016- November 4, 2016  
 Purpose: Replacing Tammy Dwyer, resignation  
Motion made by: Ed Meisel  
Motion seconded by: Heather Welch  
Voting  
 Alan Barone - Yes  
 Tom Miller - Yes  
 Mike Bakatsias - No  
 Sue Gilmore - Yes  
 Ed Meisel - Yes  
 Debbie Pagano - Yes  
 Heather Welch - Yes

d. Retirement

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

Employee: Carl Relyea  
 Position: Physical Education Teacher - Middle School  
 Effective: June 25, 2016  
 Purpose: Retirement  
 Discussion: Alan Barone as well as Board recognized Carl Relyea for his dedicated 38 years of service to the district.  
Motion made by: Ed Meisel  
Motion seconded by: Heather Welch  
Voting  
 Unanimously Approved

e. Appointment - Addendum

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following leave replacement appointment:  
 Douglas Carter  
 Position: Interim Transportation Supervisor  
 Salary: \$75,000 pro-rated  
 Effective: May 9, 2016 - June 30, 2016  
 Purpose: Replace Debbie Tompkins, leave of absence  
Motion made by: Ed Meisel  
Motion seconded by: Heather Welch  
Voting  
 Unanimously Approved

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Kaitlyn Poluzzi updated the Board on the following events/topics in school district:

- Jr/Sr Prom was an enjoyable and successful evening by all;
- Recognized Town of Lloyd Police and Fire Department for participating in Mock Crash;
- High School play, *Zombie 2222*;
- Red Cross Blood Drive recently took place at high school;
- AP exams are currently taking place.

Deborah Haab thanked Katie for her attendance at the recent senior citizens meeting to promote their upcoming prom and talk about current events at school.

**IX. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

a. Cooperative Bidding - Ulster BOCES

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of School District from time to time for the 2016-2017 school year,  
 NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Highland Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of

commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and be it further

RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Tom Miller

Voting

Unanimously Approved

b. Health & Welfare Contract - Spackenkill Union Free School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2015-2016 Health and Welfare Contract for four (4) students at a cost of \$1,035.31 per student for a total of \$4,141.24 with the Spackenkill Union Free School District and authorizes the Board President and District Clerk to execute the attached contract.

Motion made by: Debbie Pagano

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Deborah Haab updated the Board on the following events/topics:

- April 25th the Administrative team attended training from the Town of Lloyd Police Department regarding crisis of opioid in the region.
- April 28 the Ulster County BOCES presented a well-attended countywide forum on opioid and heroin crisis;
- April 28 HTA / APPR negotiation team met and is moving in a positive direction;
- May 4th there is a scheduled hearing on a project proposal in Town of Esopus;
- May 5th the House of Delegates will be meeting in Albany;

- As of today's date, there has been no success in changing the decision Section 9 has stated regarding swim team merger. Plans to appeal this decision are taking place.

The Board had the following questions/concerns:

- Swim Team merger update.

#### **XI. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Sarah Dudley-Lemek updated the Board on the following events/topics:

- Very positive, enjoyable evening at the Jr/Sr Prom;
- PARP at Elementary School;
- Assessment schedule for the rest of school year;
- Recognized Deb Kelley for her accomplishments with exam scheduling;
- May 20th is the last scheduled Superintendent's Day for school year.

The Board had no questions/concerns.

#### **XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

##### **1. Poll Voting**

##### **Poll Voting Resolution**

Resolution of the Highland Central School District, Highland, New York, adopted April 12, 2016, appointing the Chair Master for the ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION, to be held on May 17, 2016 and appointing the Ballot Masters and Key Masters of Election to act at such meeting.

Resolved by the Board of Education of Highland Central School District, Ulster County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, Section 2025, Lisa M Cerniglia, a qualified voter of this School District, is hereby appointed to act as the CHAIR MASTER of the ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION to be held in the school district on May 17, 2016.

Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, and being not less than (10) days prior to the holding of the ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION qualified voters are hereby appointed to act as BALLOT MASTERS, and Maryann Ingraham to act as the CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR, each to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

Michelle McGrath  
Mary Darcy  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Pat Winchell

Barbara Phillips  
Sally Bellacicco  
Barbara Terpening

Kathy Schoonover  
Angela Grieco  
Tawanda Williams

Key Masters: Gus Ose  
Ron Burns

Section 3. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify this Board of Education forthwith if any such persons hereinabove appointed to the respective offices refuses to accept such appointment or fails to serve, in which case this Board of Education is to take such further action as may be authorized in such circumstances pursuant to the Education Law. In the event that this Board of Education is unable to hold a meeting to appoint a qualified voter of this School District to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of any person herein designated to accept his/her appointment or the failure of any such persons to serve, the District Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint a qualified voter of this School District to fill such vacancy.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: ScanTron machines will be used for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Motion made by: Heather Welch

Motion seconded by: Ed Meisel

Voting

Unanimously Approved

2. Agreement - HCSD and Ulster County Board of Elections

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, based upon the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached agreement as attached between the Highland Central School District and the Board of Elections, Ulster County.

Motion made by: Tom Miller

Motion seconded by: Debbie Pagano

Voting

Unanimously Approved

3. Correspondence

Discussion took place on the following topics:

- Tom Miller recognized the Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team for their enthusiasm and team spirit while showing their support at a recent New Paltz lacrosse game.
- Section 9 decision on swim team merger.
- Communication via Grapevine, on correcting incorrect article in the Poughkeepsie Journal.

b. Old Business

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

XV. **ADJOURNMENT** (8:20 pm)

Motion made at 8:20 pm by Ed Meisel to adjourn meeting; Seconded by Tom Miller; Discussion: none; Motion adjourned.  
Happy Mother's Day to all.

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District Clerk