

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Board of Education Meeting
September 10, 2012

Community Forum “Problems to Solutions” that began at 6:00pm – and attended by approximately 60 people ran overtime creating a delay in the start of the BOE meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, William Brewer, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT Christopher Callas

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Lisa Kelly, Carol Sullivan, Barb Day, Dan Crandall, Gretchen Smith, Mike Bennett, Randy Cornell, Lesa Bussmann, Jean Willard, Colleen Dengler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the September 10, 2012 agenda..

Minutes:

August 27, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 Regular Meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦ Good Opening Day ♦ Enrollment is up about 75 students from last year ♦ Instrument policy will be updated to include a small rental fee(perhaps on sliding scale) for district owned instruments ♦Calculators – have been unsuccessful in reclaiming 40 calculators assigned to students last year – District cannot afford to continue purchasing - they will be available in the classroom only ♦APPR – Conference call last week went well. Few minor technicalities have been corrected and resubmitted. Kudos to Carol and Andy for all their hard work. ♦Pre & Post tests will be used as part of evaluation – pre-tests are being administered ♦Observation training continues ♦No Booster Club yet ♦Was contacted regarding concern of animals on school grounds

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Great back to school beginning with special thanks to all faculty and staff ♦Splendid Assembly “Enter the Cougar” ♦Mrs. Smith presented the “Caught Ya” ticket program ♦Friday is picture day ♦APPR – now that the plan is submitted the teachers will be reviewing requirements

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Really smooth start to the year – compliance and respect by students is great ♦Full day of CSE meetings today and there are a variety of issues and changes

Lisa Kelly – Interim High School Principal ♦Off to a great start ♦Class meetings were held last week ♦Remediation report from Corning Community College – the number of TAE graduates needing remediation has declined as well as the number of areas of remediation. – the results are looking good.

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦New Student registrations have slowed ♦Tax Collection is in progress ♦Audit is still finishing up ♦Health Insurance increase of 2.5% ♦1st BOCES bill is \$14,000 less than expect due to fewer services required at this time ♦Tree on 8th street blew over and crushed fence – this will be an insurance claim – was suggested that yellow caution tape be set out to help keep children clear of the area ♦Budget is really really tight ♦All but 2 seniors have had their picture taken for the yearbook.

Other Staff – Mike Bennett ♦Football will continue with the safety of players first and foremost. Article published was misleading. Meeting with players and parents to reiterate importance of sportsmanship at both home and away games.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2a as presented, and being further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

F-1 Appointments

a. Substitutes – for the 2012-13 school - approved

Substitute Teachers Allison Talada
Substitute Support Staff George Keith Allison Talada Gary Dove

b. Coach – Modified Cross Country - approved

Callie Black

The Board approved the appointment of Callie Black as the Modified Cross Country Coach for the 2012-13 school year, effective September 11, 2012.

Step 1 Year 1 Pro-rated Stipend \$ 1,121.80

c. School/Community Liaison - approved

David (Archie) McNelis

The Board approved the appointment of Mr. David (Archie) McNelis as the School/Community Liaison for the 2012-13 school year, effective September 11, 2012. Mr. McNelis shall be compensated at \$11.00 per hour, not to exceed \$3,750 for the school year, which is funded through the Community Foundation Grant: "Get to School, Stay in School".

F-2 Resignations - approved

a. Food Service Helper

Debra Gessick

With thanks and best wishes, the Board accepted the resignation of Debra Gessick as a Food Service Helper, effective August 21, 2012

FINANCIAL

G-1 Budget Status Report as of September 4, 2012- acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of September 4, 2012.

G-2 Treasurer's Report (July 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 6-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for July 2012.

G-3 Investment Report

No report

G-4 Claims Auditor Report (July 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for July 2012.

G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (July 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for July 2012.

G-6 Tax Certiorari Refund - \$53,985.76 – Horseheads Heights Association - approved

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the following resolution:

Resolution for the 2012-13 Budget

Re: Horseheads Heights Associates, LLC v. Town of Horseheads, et al.

Index Nos.: 2008-2402; 2009-0469; 2010-2041; 2011-1898

Tax Map No.: 69.10-4-7

RESOLVED, That the Horseheads Heights Associates LLC be refunded a total of \$53,985.76 which represents a decrease in the assessed valuation on the property at 3162 Lake Road from \$1,150,000 for the tax years 2008 and 2009 to \$950,000 and in 2010 and 2011 to \$850,000 (see attached), and that said amount be paid to David C. Rowley, as Attorney for Horseheads Heights Associates LLC. The reduction in the assessed valuation for those years was decided by the Supreme Court of the State New York, County of Chemung on July 23, 2012 and filed with the County Clerk of Chemung on August 7, 2012.

Be it further RESOLVED, Such refund shall be paid by a transfer of funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$53,985.76 and that account #A1964-400-0-00 for the 2012-13 budget be increased for the same amount.

FACILITIES

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

No Report

CONSENT

A motion was made by Harry Blish seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K3.

K-1 Donation \$300.00 - PFO - accepted

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$300.00 from Elmira Heights PFO. . Such funds shall be used to pay for two Star Gazette subscriptions for the TAE Library which were previously complimentary.

K-2 Student Transportation Agreement - approved

Approved the Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement between participating districts.

K-3 School Related Group – Project Graduation - approved

The Board approved Project Graduation as a school related group for the 2012-13 school year.

AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Letter from Watkins Glen Board President Brian O'Donnell – outreach to Board Presidents in the area

DISCUSSION

- ◆ Public Hearing: Dignity For All Student Act – Superintendent Fiore presented the required elements of the Dignity for All Students Act.
- ◆ High School Principal Search Process: Timeline -
Initial round of interviews will be next week..

NEXT MEETING

Monday September 17, 2012

7:00 pm -Regular Meeting

TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:27pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk