

*Minutes*

*Board of Education Meeting*

*November 5, 2012*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, William Brewer, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Andrew Willard

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Joseph Sullivan

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Lisa Kelly, Mike Coghlan, Barb Day, Debbie Levanduski, Sam Smink WETM-NEWS, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve agenda of the November 5, 2012 Regular Board of Education Meeting that is rescheduled from Oct 29, 2012

**Minutes:**

September 17, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Regular Meeting.

October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Harry Blish and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Districts in the hurricane area – have been in communication with some and others still not back to school ♦School Board week – thank you to all the board for their tireless and sometime thanks work ♦Lisa Kelly – Thank you for your time here – you have done a phenomenal job as interim principal. ♦New Principal Mr. Boyanowski will be here the end of the week

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Jackals game – Cohen has the largest turn out for doing the national anthem ♦Family Literacy Night – thank you to the Elmira Heights Rotary for their generous donation – typically there are 50-70 students and their families that attend – this year we had 125 students with families in attendance ♦Foss Stem training continues ♦Observations are in full swing ♦SLO's are done

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦SLO's & DDI's are done ♦Marking period ends Friday ♦Parent/Teacher conferences are being scheduled ♦Observations are underway ♦PBIS Knight Club – program recognizes civic and honor roll students – allowing for some privileges during special study hall period

Lisa Kelly – Interim High School Principal ♦Thank you for the opportunity – it has been a spectacular experience – loved working with the students and the staff here is great ♦TAE Book Club – Kudos to Mary Ann Sheets for her ability to engage students in the Library ♦Art Club – there is no budget for this club so they will raise a few funds (in house only ) by recycling bottles/cans & creating a ceramic ornament for sale. (hope is that each year they will create a new ornament) ♦Looking forward to working with Mr. Boyanowski on his transition here ♦Friday Assembly will be celebrating success and Mr. Boyanowski will have his first opportunity to address the entire school population

Harry Blish – Board President ♦APPR Plan – kudos to our staff and administrators for completing this monumental task. While at the school board conference I spoke with many districts that have barely begun this arduous task.

Other Staff – ♦Tax Collection – In absence of the Business Manager Colleen Dengler provided an update on collection and advised that at the next meeting the unpaid affidavit will need to be acknowledged and signed.

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-1d 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 year - approved**

**Substitute Teachers** Georgia Douda Joan Oliver David Terry  
**Substitute Support Staff** Carol Sullivan

**b. Cleaner/Substitute Bus Driver - approved**

Beth Smith –

The Board of Education approved the recommendation to appoint Beth Smith to the Cleaner/Substitute Bus Driver position effective October 30, 2012. In accordance with Civil Service Regulation, Ms. Smith shall serve a probationary period of up to one year effective October 30, 2012. Under current EHESSA contract Ms. Smith shall be placed on Step 1 Cleaner rate of \$9.95 per hour and Step 1 Bus Driver rate of \$12.31 per hour.

**c. Extracurricular - Advisors — approved**

Approved the following extracurricular appointments for the 2012-13 school year:

TAE National Honor Society co-advisor	<u>Patti Pautz</u>	level 2	year 4	\$0.00
TAE National Honor Society co-advisor	<u>Laurie Speciale</u>	level 2	year 4	\$0.00
TAE Art Club	<u>Alise Sinclair</u>	level 2	year 2	\$0.00

**d. Volunteers - approved**

The Board of Education approved the following volunteers to work with our athletic program for the 2012-13 school year:

Wrestling	<u>Darrin May</u>	<u>Larry Vanderhoff</u>
Basketball	<u>Mary Beth Fiore</u>	<u>Andy Pesesky</u>

**FINANCIAL**

**G-1 Budget Status Report as of October 22, 2012- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of October 22, 2012.

**G-2 Treasurer's Report (August 2012) - acknowledged**

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

**G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

**G-4 Claims Auditor Report (August 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for August 2012.

**G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (August 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for August 2012.

**G-6 Tax Correction - Klee - Map # 69.14-4-44**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the following resolution  
*RESOLVED: That the tax bill for 2012 for Timothy Klee for property designated as Tax Map No. 69.14-4-44, Town of Horseheads, be decreased by \$789.29, from \$789.29 to \$0.00 and that any amount already paid in excess of the corrected tax bill be refunded. The assessor has certified that the property owner filed an application for an Enhances Star Exemption in a timely manner and was granted the exemption. Said property was sold in July 2012 and the exemption was removed in error. Failure of an assessor to act on an exemption constitutes a clerical error as defined by RPTL section 550(2)(c), and should be corrected for the 2012-13 tax rolls.*

**FACILITIES**

No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Athletic Handbook change –acknowledged

A motion was made by HARAVEY HARRIS, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the change to the Athletic handbook relative to a student athlete finishing a season in good standing.

Certification of Lead Evaluator – Lisa Kelly- - for the 2012-13 School Year

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to certify Lisa Kelly as a Lead Evaluator of Teachers for the 2012-13 school year as she has completed all training requirements as prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9b.

## CONSENT

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-7.

### **K-1 Donation \$150.00 Friends of the Steele Memorial Library - accepted**

The Board of Education accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$1150.00 from the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library, to be used to purchase books for the TAE Library Media Center.

### **K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the October 15, 2012 CPSE meetings.

### **K-3 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the September 11,13,20,24,25, October 1,2,4,5,9,11,16, 2012 CSE meetings.

### **K-4 Auto & Bus Parts Cooperative Bid Agreement – GST BOCES - approved**

The Board of Education approved the Auto & Bus Parts Cooperative Bid Agreement GST13-02 with GST BOCES.

### **K-5 School Related Group – Booster Club - approved**

The Board of Education approved the Elmira Heights Athletic Booster Club as a school related group for the 2012-13 school year

### **K-6 Donation \$500.00 – Elmira Heights Rotary Club - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$500.00 from the Elmira Heights Rotary Club to be used to offset costs of the Elementary Literacy nights.

### **K-7 MOU – GST BOCES-Southern Tier Network - approved**

The Board of Education approved the memorandum of understanding between the Elmira Heights Central School District and GST BOCES, relative to the Master Agreement between Southern Tier Network Fiber and GST BOCES whereby Southern Tier Network will provide GST BOCES and certain component school districts with dark fiber strands to allow GST BOCES and the participating school districts to send voice, data and/or internet traffic among each other and other network users.

## AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

none

## COMMUNICATIONS

none

## DISCUSSION

### ◆ Consolidation, Merger, & Annexation: What are the Differences? –

Superintendent Fiore presented the differences between consolidation, merger and annexation.

### ◆ Plan B Functional Consolidation Study Options :

The Board's consensus, is that the path of proceeding with the normal budget process alone is not an option but that the district must investigate additional functional consolidation and sharing of services, such as transportation.

### ◆ Problems to Solutions Forum II:

December 10, 2012 6pm

### ◆ Update - Shared Facilities Director Pilot

Yes it has been a challenge and there have been some sacrifices on both sides, but it seems to be working so far. Mr. Coghlan states that the two districts have different cultures, so he wears many different hats.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:34pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

## ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:19pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session

## NEXT MEETING

Mon November 26, 2012

7:00 pm -Regular Meeting

TAE Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:20pm a motion was made Lisa Benedict, seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk