

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Elmira Heights Board of Education Meeting
Horseheads Board of Education in Joint for Portion of Meeting
February 25, 2013

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, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Mike Coghlan, Ralph Marino, Horseheads Board of Education (Brian Lynch, President, Pam Strollo, VP, Rose Apgar, Mark Brinthaup, Michael Buck, Warren Conklin, James Jacobus, Doug Johnson, Ruth Miller,) Colleen Dengler and approximately 40 community members and press

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to approve the Agenda of the February 25, 2013 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Minutes:

February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

Welcome & Discussion of item N1

Mr. Blish welcomed the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education to the meeting.

At 7:02 pm, Horseheads Board of Education President, Brian Lynch called their meeting to order followed by introductions.

N1 Ms. Fiore and Dr. Marino presented a very informative program on both Districts' troubling financial status. Both Districts share numerous services either with each other or BOCES but it just isn't enough. After much discussion, both Boards agreed to seek and secure grant money to conduct a feasibility study. Both Boards will continue discussions at their next respective meetings since a study would provide valuable information for future planning.

At 8:03 pm the Horseheads Board of Education adjourned their meeting and remained as guests during the business portion of the Elmira Heights meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Heights on the Hill – phenomenal experience ♦March 9 is rally day “Albany Can You Hear Us?” great deal of interest – need parents and families there to show support and to be heard ♦Kudos to Principals for their hard work on common core and APPR

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦APPR – process is underway as we enter into Marzano March Madness month ♦Family Literacy Night – going to be a Dr. Seuss theme with guest Bruce Weaver and Friends ♦PFO sponsored dance was last Friday

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦8th grade parent night took place – Ms. Day is now meeting with students for scheduling ♦8th Grade Semi-Formal – 60 students attended ♦CSE – reviewing programs and services for next year

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Project Graduation spaghetti dinner on the 19th was well attended ♦Willy Wonka production is this weekend ♦Spring Sports start next week

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦\$87 million Microsoft technology grant for computer based testing – unfortunately we are not eligible ♦Health Insurance Meeting is 3/6 ♦Tax Cap webinars this week – we must submit forms on 3/1 ♦Attended Questar workshop – some changes in capital projects and building aid

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-3a 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 Support Staff Laurie Bush

b. Coach - approved

The Board approved the following coach to work with our athletic program for the 2012-13 school year

Chris Mallette Junior Varsity Baseball Year 1 Step 1 Stipend \$2,408.99

c. Volunteers - Athletics - approved

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

Softball Mike Storch Callie Black

Baseball Devin Burch Chris Bennett Zack Brown Mike Coghlan

Golf Mary Beth Fiore

d. Volunteers – Drama - approved

The Board approved the following volunteer to work with our drama program for the 2012-13 school year:

Drama Zachary Hillman

F-2 Parental Leave - approved

a. Kate Biddle

Parental leave for Kate Biddle was approved by the Board of Education to begin on or July 11, 2013 with an anticipated return to work on or about September 20, 2013.

F-3 Change in Appointment Status - approved

a. Food Service Helper- Permanent Status

Shirley Cheplick

The Board of Education approved the permanent status of Shirley Cheplick, as a Food Service Helper, effective March 4, 2013. Ms. Cheplick has successfully completed her probationary period in accordance with current Civil Service Regulations.

FINANCIAL

No Reports

FACILITIES

Snowplowing – hopefully we are at the end of the season

Roof Repairs – continue to work out details

OLD BUSINESS

No Items

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

CONSENT

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-4.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 2013 CSE meetings.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 11, 2013 CPSE meetings.

K-3 Donation up to \$400.00 - PFO - accepted

The Board of Education accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of up to \$400.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the purpose of supporting the Cohen Middle School Talent Show.

K-4 Donation \$20.00 – PFO - accepted

The Board of Education accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$20.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the purpose of paying the balance of engraving for the Cohen Middle School Talent Show.

COMMUNICATIONS

◆ BOCES Annual Election Information-

Notification of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Alleghany Times. Locations and Procedures Regarding the Annual Election of SSCTA BOCES's Board Members and the Vote on the 2013-14 Administrative Budget BOCES Annual Election and Meeting. Gloria Moss has expressed an interest in being nominated. Will entertain action on this item at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

◆ Discussion with Horseheads Central School District Board of Education: (moved to beginning of meeting)

- * Background for Invitation
- * Review Current "Shares Agreements"
- * Update on Transportation Study with Transportation Advisory Systems (TAS)
- * Share other pertinent budget information
- * Discuss any further exploration of Functional / Consolidation Studies

◆ Rally for Education: March 9, 2013 1:00pm Thomas A. Edison High School "Albany Can You Hear Us?"

◆ Parent Education Series

Recruiting volunteers – Series is to help educate parents on sensitive issues and to ensure a common language and ways to support

◆ Budget Development: Next Steps

March 11, 2013 meeting - Outline cut lists - Tax Cap calculation update

◆ 2013-14 Proposed GST BOCES Regional Calendar

8:05 pm – 5 minute break (turned into 25 min.) to thank our guests for coming and for Ms. Fiore and Dr. Marino to speak with the press before executive session

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:30pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:47pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

NEXT MEETING

Mon March 11, 2013 7:00 pm -Regular Meeting TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 9:49pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk