

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District was held in the High School Library, Thompson Road, Holland Patent, New York on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Board President Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Kennedy, President
Karen Evans, Vice President
Traci Boris
Anne McGahey
Everett Stalker
Bradley Ashcroft
Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools
Louis D'Ambro, Assistant Superintendent
Wendy A. Lloyd, District Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

Nancy Nowicki
John Egresits
John Bubb
Kristin Casab
Allen Hyde
Lawrence Orr
Charles Pratt
Cheryl Venettozzi
Ericka Gerace
Dennis Geer
Carol Rood
Gregory Benincasa
Joseph Garito

VISITORS

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on May 5, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on May 5, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Mrs. Davis thanked the Board of Education for meeting this morning on a very short notice. Our chairperson had an emergency. She personally thanked Mark Kennedy, Traci Boris, and Karen Evans for showing up. Mrs. Davis also thanked Donna Grems for stepping up to the plate and jumping out of the shower to be appointed as chairperson.

High School Principal John Egresits notified the following students that they have qualified to graduate “with highest distinction”: Jeffrey Amos, Stephanie King, Randy Mills, and Sonja Mueller.

High School Principal John Egresits notified the following students that they have qualified to graduate “with distinction”: Matthew Bunal, Patricia Goodhines, Ashley Giesse, Mackenzie Evans, Dennis Ofalt, Ashley Urtz, Alexander Serra, Matthew Jakubiec, Jason Ritzel, Michael Wilczek, Kimberly Wadas, Kristen Sidoran, Sandi Havens, Shelby Farr, Rebecca Felt, Christine Benincasa, David Coe, Rachel Nadeau, Anthony Maggio, and Chelsea Hoffman.

High School Principal John Egresits and Administrative Intern Ericka Gerace wrote a letter to Senior Class Advisors Aileen Viel and Richard Zacek congratulating them on the extremely successful “Mr. Holland Patent” 2009 Man Pageant.

High School Principal John Egresits and Administrative Intern Ericka Gerace wrote a letter to Junior Class Advisors Angela Alcaraz and Lisa Szoł congratulating them on a successful junior prom!

Mrs. Davis commented that the Senior Trip will be taking place in New York City. The advisors, principal, and nurse have worked very hard making arrangements for this trip.

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REVIEW OF UPCOMING DATES

May 20, 2009	HPE PTA Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
	AP/Dual Credit Night, 7 p.m. - canceled
May 21, 2009	High School Awards Ceremony, 1:15 p.m.
	District Elementary Instrumental & Vocal Concert
	HS Student Council Spring Fling
May 22, 2009	No School – Give back day
May 25, 2009	Memorial Day Holiday
May 26, 2009	No School - Give back day
May 29, 2009	UPK Open Application Period Ends
June 2 & 3, 2009	Gr. 8 – NYS Social Studies Test

8th Grade Camping Trip

June 5, 2009

Annual District Retirement Dinner
Beeches, 6 p.m.

June 7, 2009

HS Dinner Dance at Beeches, 5 p.m.

June 8, 2009

HS Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

June 10, 2009

Teacher Center Policy Board Meeting, 3:45 p.m.

Special Board of Education Meeting
Annex Conference Room, 7 p.m.

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VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to address the board.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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BOARD FORUM

Mr. Kennedy noted there was an addendum 4A Resolution of Condolence.

Mrs. Boris thanked the unions for putting on the Meet the Candidate night. It was an opportunity to meet each candidate and hear their views. She also noted it was pretty well attended.

Mrs. Boris also noted that she was very disappointed with the conduct of the board president at the Meet the Candidate event. She felt it was personally motivated and a personal attack. She was very disappointed with the negative ending to that event.

Mrs. Boris also wanted to comment on the Resolution of Condolence for former teacher Mrs. Martin, and to personally recognize her because she had personal dealings with her. Mrs. Martin actually took Mrs. Boris to San Jose for a debate competition and Mrs. Martin spent her own money. She was a very enthusiastic teacher and person. Mrs. Boris is very saddened by it and wanted to personally recognize her for what a wonderful person she was.

08-400

DISTRICT UPDATE

A project schedule was provided from H. R. Beebe on the high school pool.

08-401 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports

08-402 **BILL SCHEDULES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #13 General Fund in the amount of \$38,755.13, for the period ending May 19, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs.. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #10 School Lunch in the amount of \$15,424.70, for the period ending May 19, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #12 Federal Funds in the amount of \$5,468.16, for the period ending May 19, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-403 **BID AWARD**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to award the contract to the low bidder, Murnane Building Contractors, Inc., Whitesboro, New York for tile work at the high school for locker rooms in the amount of \$118,000. As requested by the architects, King & King; the contractor is to provide acceptable bonding and insurance certifications for review by the District's legal counsel and insurance agent and legal counsel shall review an approve the contract between the District and the Contractor.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-404 **TEST SCORES**

Mrs. Davis asked Mrs. Nowicki to review the ELA scores.

Mrs. Boris asked if there was an analysis of the two elementary schools?

Mrs. Davis commented that we have the breakdown by school which we can look at. The gap has closed.

Mr. Kennedy commented “excellent job”. Great success!

Mrs. Boris asked when do we expect the math test results?

Mrs. Davis commented the data is on COGNOS. The state has not released the conversion charts. They are embargoed.

Mrs. Boris asked to pull #6 Limited Redistricting Resolution from consent.

Mrs. McGahey asked to pull #8 Appointments from consent.

08-405

LIMITED REDISTRICTING RESOLUTION

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution regarding limited redistricting:

Limited Redistricting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that a limited redistricting will become effective from the date of March 19, 2008 for kindergarten and new enrollments for the following areas:

East Floyd Road to Rte 274 to Kirkland Road and Rte. 365 from Center Street to Cotes Road will become the Holland Patent Elementary catchment area.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

It was the consensus of the board to bring this item back to the Board of Education for further discussion at the June 17, 2009 meeting.

08-406

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution of appointment of Chelsea Kehl:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Holland Patent Central School District, at its meeting on May 19, 2009, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis,

Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint **Chelsea Kehl**, 26 Firman Street, Mohawk, New York, 13407, who has met all of the qualifications for a New York State Initial teaching certificate in Spanish to the position of Spanish teacher; for a probationary period of three (3) years to commence on the date certification is awarded; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chelsea Kehl be paid on Step A-5 (\$30,480) for a total salary of \$30,480.

Yes – 5
 No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the appointment of Joseph Bessmer to the position of cleaner, 8 hours per day, 12 months, Step 1, at a rate of \$10.27 per hour (Schedule B) and for a probationary period of 26 weeks effective May 20, 2009.

Yes – 5
 No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the appointment of Margaret McNamara as district-wide Web Manager at the rate of \$3,000 for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Kennedy – Yes
 Mrs. Evans – Yes
 Mrs. Boris – Yes
 Dr. Stalker – Yes
 Mrs. McGahey – Abstain
 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the following current substitute teacher appointment at a per diem rate of Certified \$80 per day; Non-certified \$65 per day:

<u>Name</u>	<u><i>Certified Rate \$80/day</i></u> <u><i>Non-certified Rate \$65/day</i></u>	<u>Certified</u>
Mundy, Jennifer	818 Roosevelt Avenue Rome, NY 13440	No

Yes – 5
 No – 0 Motion Carried

08-407

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS
REVISION OF APRIL 1, 2009 MEETING MINUTES
COMBINING

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve/accept/adopt the following by consent:

Approve the following textbooks:

Everyday Math - Kindergarten - 5th grade - McGraw Hill/The Wright Group

Change the April 1, 2009 meeting minutes to reflect the following:

08-358 VISITORS: Mr. Kanclerz did not agree with Dr. Stalker’s speech addressed to Mr. Crumb.

Approve the request of Meghan Pflieger to combine with the New Hartford Central School District in gymnastics for the 2009-10 school year.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

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ENCLOSURES

Mrs. Davis included in the packet several thank you notes she has received. They were included to give the community a better picture of who she is.

08-409

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:21 p.m., Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Boris, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular people.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

At 7:52 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss at this time, Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to adjourn the meeting.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

A special Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

Wendy A. Lloyd
District Clerk