

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009
ANNEX BOARD ROOM – 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District was held in the Annex Board room, located in the village of Holland Patent, New York on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Board President Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Kennedy, President
Karen Evans, Vice President
Traci Boris
Anne McGahey
Everett Stalker
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
Andrew Goodelle
Dennis Geer
Ericka Gerace

VISITORS

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ABSENT

Bradley Ashcroft

08-312

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to enter into executive session to review the employment history of particular people.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

At 7:07 p.m. the Board returned to open session

08-313

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve the minutes of the special Board of Education meeting held on February 19, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on February 4, 2009.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-314 **POSITIVE THOUGHTS**

Dan Fruscella won the Section 3 Division 2 189 lb. championship in wrestling. He will be competing at the state tournament on Feb. 27th/28th in Albany.

Mrs. Davis presented Dan with a certificate for his accomplishments in wrestling.

Dan Fruscella commented that he has wrestled for five years and thanked Coach John Richard for encouraging him.

Matt Rees (215 lb.) and Glenn Garrett (285 lb.) qualified for the state wrestling tournament with their 2nd place finish in the Section 3 Division 2 championships.

Middle School Principal Charles Pratt wrote a thank you to Michelle Stanley for her time and effort spent on coordinating the Middle School Health Fair.

Holland Patent Elementary Principal wrote a note to Mrs. Hahn regarding the First Grade Valentine's Day Concert on February 12, 2009 stating it was very entertaining.

Varsity Cheerleading Coach Rebecca Shanley wrote a letter to Mrs. Davis with thanks and appreciation for approving both of the varsity cheerleading competitions.

General William Floyd Elementary Principal Kristin Casab thanked Tom Shepard, Harold Freeman, Richard Jones, and Tom Lyman for all that they do in order to keep GWF a safe and clean environment for our students, parents, and faculty. Your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated.

United Way Campaign Director Myron J. Thurston III wrote a thank you to Kathleen M. Davis and your Employee Campaign Coordinator for your outstanding leadership roles during this year's United Way campaign.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Louis J. D'Ambro and Superintendent for Buildings and Grounds Dennis Geer wrote a thank you to Robert Shepard, Kyle Kennerknecht, Michael Gillette, Jeff Cardinal, and Craig Ueltschi for the great job you have been doing this winter with snow removal.

High School Principal John Egresits and Assistant Principal intern John Bubb wrote a letter to Debra Hagenbuch for speaking to our faculty regarding the Employee Assistance Program.

08-315 **REVIEW OF UPCOMING DATES**

March 5, 2009	Gr. 4, 5 NYS Math
March 6, 2009	25 Week Interim High School Blood Drive
March 7, 2009	MS/HS Jazz Fest in New Hartford
March 9, 2009	Spring Sports Begin
March 9 – 12, 2009	NYS Elementary Math Make Ups
March 10 & 11, 2009	Gr. 6, 7, 8 NYS Math
March 10 – 12, 2009	GWF PTG Book Fair
March 12, 2009	Jr. High Jazz Fest at Oneida
March 13, 2009	HS Jazz Fest at Oneida
March 13 & 14, 2009	Jr. High Music Festival at Westmoreland
March 18, 2009	HPE PTA – 3:45 p.m. Board of Education Meeting Annex Board Room, 7 p.m.

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VISITORS

Mr. Kennedy explained the process to be followed during the visitors section.

Roger White, HPTA President, provided the board with a memo outlining the association's thoughts on the proposed cuts in the budget.

Mrs. Bonnie Milone asked how many students at Holland Patent were participating in History Day under the Gifted and Talented program.

Fran Crumb asked about an incident from October 2008 where someone contacted the school physician and questioned them about a student's medical information.

Mr. Kennedy noted the board would get back to Mr. Crumb.

Mr. Charles Pratt, middle school principal, noted he has been working with the guidance department and starting the schedule for next year. He also noted no

programs will be lost. He further shared that enrollment numbers are also low in technology which will allow the district to offer introduction to DDP and one CAD accelerated class at the high school level.

08-317 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Kennedy received a copy of a letter sent to Developmental Therapy Associates from Mrs. Davis.

08-318 **BOARD FORUM**

Mrs. Boris asked to remove #3 Policy Review/Approval and #11 Appointments from consent.

Mr. Kennedy noted this is a very difficult year for the board. There are rumors about districts receiving more funding. At this time schools have not been given any direction yet from the state on aid. He noted this is not an easy process. The district will make their decisions based on what is best for the children. The board will also keep in mind the cost to the taxpayers.

08-319 **DISTRICT UPDATE**

There was no district update.

08-320 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Evans reported that the Teacher Center Policy Board met and will be submitting a wellness grant for \$830,000. Jen McDonald and Patrick Peterson have put in over 40 hours of their time on this grant. Jen has worked closely with Mr. Bubb and the PE grant. The Center has received funding for the State Archives grant for teachers to develop lessons based upon local records on alternative energy. The teacher developed curriculum will relate directly to the New York State Standards and assessment. Stacey Smith has been in charge of the grant implementation.

08-321 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-322 **BILL SCHEDULES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #8 General Fund in the amount of \$99,927.63, for the period ending March 4, 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 #7 School Lunch in the amount of \$19,035.12, for the period ending March 4, 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 #8 Federal Funds in the amount of \$141.05, for the period ending March 4, 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 #2 Capital Fund - Buses in the amount of \$35,219.83, for the period ending March 4, 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 #9 Capital Project in the amount of \$178,663.70, for the period ending March 4, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-323 **POLICY REVIEW/APPROVAL**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve Regulation #4031.1 Administrative Regulation for Cell Phones and Pagers with noted changes.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve policy #4050 Fund-Raising Activities with noted changes.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-324

TEXTBOOK REVIEW/APPROVAL
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
RESIGNATIONS FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT
APPROVAL OF CAMRODEN GOLF COURSE CONTRACT
ADOPTION OF 2009-10 SCHOOL CALENDAR
RESIGNATION
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Approve textbook College Algebra & Trigonometry – Lial Hornsby Schneider.

Approve the request of Bruce Bridge for a leave of absence without pay on Thursday, March 26, 2009.

Accept the resignation of Vera Furmanski, library clerk, for the reason of retirement, effective June 30, 2009.

Accept the resignation of Steve Roczen, bus mechanic, for the reason of retirement, effective August 28, 2009.

Accept the resignation of Amelia Victor, offset duplicator operator, for the reason of retirement, effective July 1, 2009.

Approve the contract with the Camroden Golf Course for the Spring 2009 Golf Season in the amount of \$850.00.

Approve the 2009-10 school calendar.

Accept the resignation of Daniel O'Bryan from the position of boys varsity track assistant effective March 4, 2009.

Approve the request of Ericka Gerace, for a leave of absence from the position of elementary teacher, pending appointment to the position of Dean of Students Intern for the period of April 6 to June 2010.

Approve the request of Todd Richard, for a leave of absence from the position of science teacher, be accepted pending appointment to the position of Dean of Students Intern for the 2009-10 school year.

Approve the request of Kathryn Goodman, for a leave of absence from the position of teaching assistant, pending appointment to the position of long term substitute teacher for the period of April 6 to June 25, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-325

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the appointment of Catherine Masson as softball volunteer for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to appoint Mark Mattice to the position of assistant boys track, 7%, at the rate of \$2,009.98 for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the following appointment of Eva Stockhauser:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Eva Stockhauser be appointed as a long-term substitute at the middle school as a home and careers teacher and be paid on C-6 (\$33,390) plus masters (\$700) for a total salary of \$34,090 prorated. This appointment is for the approximate period of March 6 through to June 25, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution regarding the appointment of Ericka Gerace:

RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools that Ericka Gerace, a member of the Holland Patent Central School District teaching staff and a candidate for an administrative certificate at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts - Leadership Academy, be and is hereby granted an administrative internship at Holland Patent Central School District high school, commencing April 6, 2009 and concluding June 30, 2010 pending the approval of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts approval of an internship. The internship is to be supervised by Nancy Nowicki and a supervisor from the Massachusetts College

of Liberal Arts. Her salary will be \$39,836 prorated for the period of April 6 – June 30, 2009. Her salary will be \$41,973 for the 2009-10 school year. Health insurance benefits under the HPTA contract will continue.

Mr. Kennedy – Yes
Mrs. Evans – Yes
Dr. Stalker – Yes
Mrs. McGahey – Yes
Mrs. Boris – No
Motion Carried

Mrs. Boris noted her vote was not a reflection of her confidence in the applicant. She thinks she would do a great job. She feels it should be part of the budget process.

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution regarding the appointment of Todd Richard:

RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools that Todd Richard, a member of the Holland Patent Central School District teaching staff and a candidate for an administrative certificate at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts - Leadership Academy, be and is hereby granted an administrative internship at Holland Patent Central School District middle school, commencing September 1, 2009 and concluding June 30, 2010 pending the approval of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts approval of an internship. The internship is to be supervised by Nancy Nowicki and a supervisor from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. His contract salary will be \$47,850 for the 2009-10 school year. Health insurance benefits under the HPTA contract will continue.

Mr. Kennedy – Yes
Mrs. Evans – Yes
Dr. Stalker – Yes
Mrs. McGahey – Yes
Mrs. Boris – No
Motion Carried

Mrs. Boris noted her vote was not a reflection of her confidence in the applicant. She thinks he would do a great job. She feels it should be part of the budget process.

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the following appointment of Kathryn Goodman:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kathryn Goodman be appointed as a long-term substitute at the middle school as an elementary teacher and be paid on A-5 (\$29,853) plus 3 hrs. @ \$63 (\$189) for a total salary of \$30,042 prorated. This appointment is for the period of April 6 through to June 25, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-326

RESIGNATION

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the resignation of Gina Richard from the position of girls varsity track assistant effective March 4, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-327

APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the appointment of Michael Stripp to the position of girls varsity track assistant, 6%, at the rate of \$1,722.84 for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-328

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the following budget items:

Supervision

Teaching

Instructional Media

Special Services (Attendance, Guidance, Health)

Employee Benefits

Debt Service

Mr. Kennedy asked that the administrative team come up with a scenario if the district were to receive more funding. The list should include items to be added and the impact.

08-329

ENCLOSURES

There were no comments on the enclosures.

08-330

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:06 p.m., Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education, the recommendations made by the Committee on PreSchool Special Education, and the employment history of particular people.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

At 9:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

08-331

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education which are on file.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-332

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the recommendations made by the Committee on PreSchool Special Education which are on file.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-333

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 9:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

Wendy A. Lloyd
District Clerk