

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009
ANNEX BOARD ROOM – 7:00 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, January 14, 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 Bubb
Kristin Casab
John Egresits
Andrew Goodelle
Allen Hyde
Lawrence Orr
Charles Pratt
Cheryl Venettozzi
Gregory Benincasa
James Garito
Michael Nuffer
Gary Lichtenberger
Kathy McGahey
Eileen Schreppel
Willard Streiff
Dennis Geer

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 December 10, 2008.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Shining Knights Gary Lichtenberger, Kathy McGahey, and Eileen Schreppel were presented with certificates and thanked by the board of education for their dedication to the district. Mrs. Davis thanked the staff for coming.

Mrs. Davis introduced new interim Dean of Students Lawrence Orr and Middle School principal Charles Pratt and General William Floyd Elementary principal Kristin Casab.

Congratulations to Nicole Siniscarco and Jack Skelly from Kristy McGrath on another beautiful concert. Well Done!!

Former Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Terrance Schruers wrote a thank you letter to Lynette VanBenschoten for her superior performance accomplishing all of the work that occurred in the last few weeks pertaining to salary changes relating to the Teacher's contract implementation.

NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist Bill Morgan wrote a letter to personally congratulate teacher Rebecca Pisani for achieving National Board Certification.

Holland Patent Elementary Principal Allen Hyde wrote a thank you letter to Mrs. Hahn, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Siniscarco for the outstanding performance at the Holland Patent Elementary Concert on December 9, 2008.

Holland Patent Elementary Principal Allen Hyde wrote a letter to Paula Eannace thanking her and her Hamilton College friends for the recent donation of hats and gloves for the mitten tree at Holland Patent Elementary School.

Middle School Principal Kristy McGrath wrote a thank you to Kristy Aldrich for the outstanding job on the Thanksgiving feast put on by Mrs. Aldrich and her 7th graders.

Middle School Dean of Students Charlie Pratt wrote a thank you note to Jack Skelly, Nicole Siniscarco, and Darby Evans for an outstanding job on the Holiday Concert.

Nancy Ketz and Patrick Peterson of the Holland Patent Teacher Center Policy Board are delighted to announce that teacher Rebecca Pisani achieved National Board Certification. Teachers Heidi Knopp, Kathy Nieman and Kelly Healey are also completing the process for certification.

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REVIEW OF UPCOMING DATES

January 15, 2009	Gr. 4, 5, NYS ELA Jr. High Music Festival Auditions @ Westmoreland snow date
January 19, 2009	Martin Luther King Day – Holiday
January 20 – 23, 2009	NYS Elementary ELA Make Ups
January 21, 2009	HPE PTG, 3:45 p.m.

January 26 – 30, 2009	NYS MS ELA Make Ups
January 27 – 30, 2009	Regents Test Days
February 2, 2009	Start of 2 nd Semester
February 4, 2009	Teacher Center Policy Board, 3:45 p.m.
	GWF PTG, 4 p.m.
	Board of Education Meeting Annex Board Room, 7 p.m.

08-261 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

08-262 **VISITORS**

There were no visitors who wished to address the board.

08-263 **BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Kennedy noted there was an addendum 6 Appointments and 6A Addendum to Directors/Confidential Staff Contract which will be considered under consent. Mrs. Boris asked to pull #7 Approval of Change Order GC 02-01 from consent.

Mrs. Davis noted there was a question on check #42797 from the December 10, 2008 BOE meeting paid to Holt, Rinehart and Winston. This check was for high school French textbooks and related CD's. The order was placed in July. The majority of the order was received in July and back order items were received later in the fall.

08-264 **DISTRICT UPDATE**

Greg Benincasa, James Garito, and Michael Nuffer of HR Beebe provided the board with an update of the Capital Project.

Mrs. Boris asked a question regarding the credit for a hand rail on Change Order GC 02-01.

08-265 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

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BUDGET REVIEW

The Board of Education reviewed the following items:

- Central Services (O & M)
- Special Items (Insurance, Tax Refund, BOCES Admin.)
- Central Services (Printing, Data Processing)
- Transportation

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POLICY REVIEW/APPROVAL

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the following policies with noted changes:

- Policy #8350 Instructional Retirement Incentive
- Policy #8352.b Notification of Retirement – Instructional

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

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TEXTBOOK REVIEW/APPROVAL

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve textbook Algebra 2 and Trigonometry – Prentice Hall Mathematics.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

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RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to accept the resignation of Willard Streiff, Transportation Supervisor, for reason of retirement effective August 31, 2009.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Davis thanked Mr. Streiff for his years of service to the district and noted she couldn't have done it without him for the past seven years. Thank you.

Mr. Streiff thanked the administration and Board of Education for support over the last fifteen years noting it has been fun, challenging a lot of days. He is looking forward to retirement.

Mr. Kennedy stated it has been very smooth sailing and thank you for that.

RESIGNATIONS**APPOINTMENTS****AMENDMENT TO DIRECTORS/CONFIDENTIAL STAFF CONTRACTS****APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER GC 02-01****HEART RUN – BUS**

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

Accept the resignation of Kristin Swarts from the position of varsity softball coach effective December 19, 2008.

Accept the resignation of Michelle Ramos from the position of teacher aide effective January 20, 2009.

Appoint Timothy Hoffman as a track volunteer for the 2008-09 school year.

Appoint John Brown as an athletic chaperone at the rate of \$60 per event for the 2008-09 school year.

Approve the appointment of Jacqueline Koster as a long-term substitute teacher at the daily rate of C-5 (\$32,534) effective January 12, 2009.

Approve the following current substitute teacher appointments 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>
Allen, Joel	11031 Commons Road Remsen, NY 13438	Yes
Geddes, Mitchell	PO Box 571 Holland Patent, NY 13354	No
Johnson, Chris	473 Roseclair Avenue Utica, NY 13502	Yes
Shepard, Christin	8480E. Floyd Road Holland Patent, NY 13354	No
McDonald, Nathan	21 Juniper Lane New Hartford, NY 13413	No
Helmer, Sarah	9935 Welsh District Road Remsen, NY 13438	YES, effective 1/5/09

Ratify the carryover of earned vacation days by confidential staff, treasurer, supervisors, and directors from the 2005-06 school year to the 2006-07 school year; 2006-07 school year to the 2007-08 school year; and 2007-08 school year to the 2008-09 school year.

Approve Change Order GC 02-01 for Murnane Building Contractors decreasing the General Construction Contract Sum \$134,369.00.

Adopt the following resolution regarding the use of buses for the Heart Association Heart, Run, and Walk event:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant request of the Heart Association for Heart, Run, and Walk event to use school buses for transportation to and from parking lots.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-271

BILL SCHEDULES

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #5 General Fund in the amount of \$2,245,583.12, for the period ending January 14, 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 #5 School Lunch in the amount of \$26,747.15, for the period ending January 14, 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 #6 Federal Funds in the amount of \$670.00, for the period ending January 14, 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 Capital Project in the amount of \$424,963.56, for the period ending January 14, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-272

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2008 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-273 **ENCLOSURES**

There were no comments on the enclosures.

08-274 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:09 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 and the employment history of particular people

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

At 9:05 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

08-275 **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to review the budget.

08-276 **CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to continue the employment of Amara Hovey as junior varsity cheerleading coach for the 2008-09 school year effective January 14, 2009.

Mr. Kennedy – No
Mrs. Evans – No
Dr. Stalker – No
Mrs. Boris – No
Mrs. McGahey - No
Motion Denied

08-277 **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

08-278

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 9:08 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

Wendy A. Lloyd
District Clerk