

**APPROVED MINUTES
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016
ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:00 P.M.**

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District was held in the annex conference room, located in the village of Holland Patent, New York on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Karen Evans, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne McGahey, President (arrived 7:02 p.m)
Karen Evans, Vice President
Richard Allen
Everett Stalker (arrived 7:34 p.m.)
Lydia Berez Kelly
Julia Rabbia, Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Geer
James DeAngelo
Jim Fawcett, H.R. Beebe
Jack Roepnack, H. R. Beebe

Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Nowicki, Assistant Superintendent
Cheryl Venettozzi, Assistant Superintendent
Marie Perry, District Clerk

VISITORS

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Mr. Massoud, Middle School Principal, sent thank you letters to volunteers who helped at the book fair. Volunteers included: Mrs. A. Schmitt, Mrs. D. Johnson, Mrs. L. McCartney, Mrs. T. Park, Mrs. A. Tolpa, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. L. Rachon, Mrs. P. Mahanna, Mrs. E. Ball, Mrs. C. Garrett, Mr. J. Tolpa, Ms. S. Rowlands, Ms. K. Barnhart, Ms. J. Harrington.

Mr. Massoud, Middle School Principal, sent a thank you letter to Mrs. Aldrich for organizing and baking for the “Cookies for Canned Goods” event at the middle school.

UPCOMING DATES

January 13, 2016	All-County Auditions, Gr. 7-9 Donovan Middle School, Utica CSD
January 14, 2016	All-County Auditions (snow date)
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Day
January 20, 2016	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Annex Conference Room

15-156 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Richard Allen made the motion, seconded by Lydia Kelly to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular meeting on December 9, 2015.

Yes – 3

No - 0 Motion carried

15-157 **DISTRICT UPDATE**

Dr. Davis introduced Mrs. Traci Boris, former board member. Mrs. Boris was presented with a plaque acknowledging the ten years that she served as a board member. Dr. Davis and the board congratulated Mrs. Boris and thanked her for her dedication to the district. Mrs. Boris thanked the district, administration, and board for their hard work over the ten years. The board worked as a team for the best interest of the kids.

Mr. James Fawcett, Project Director and Mr. John Roepnack, Construction On-Site Manger, updated the board on the current capital project. The work began in November in the middle school auditorium. The high school work is progressing also. The project is on schedule.

Mr. DeAngelo, Holland Patent Elementary Principal, presented information on the APPR Plan. The updated training presentation is a documented requirements in order to the district to qualify for a waiver from SED permitting the district to operate under the current APPR plan until a final revised plan is in place. Student testing data was reviewed and Mr. DeAngelo highlighted some APPR changes. Mr. DeAngelo fielded a few questions from board members.

15-158 **VISITORS**

Student Bradley Schieble, High School Student Council President addressed the board regarding installing a drinking fountain at the high school that accommodates student water bottles. The student council is willing to cover the cost of the drinking fountain. Mr. Geer, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, stated that he would do some research and then follow purchasing protocols. Mr. Schieble also complained about the condition of bathroom facilities where students have vandalized the partition locks and they don't work properly. Mr. Geer will check into the issues and Dr. Davis, with board approval, stated to replace the partitions with a better grade of partition/lock. We have a Maintenance Planning Document in place to address this type of issue. Mrs. McGahey and Mr. Allen thanked the student for attending.

15-159 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. McGahey received a workshop flyer from Utica National with regard to legal rights to be held on January 22nd.

15-160 **BOARD FORUM**

Mrs. Evans said she was impressed with the instrumental demonstration by second graders at the last meeting. All the students were interested and excited to show what they are learning. She was impressed and enjoyed their concert and hopes to see more presentations of this type. The instructor, Ms. Chudow, did a wonderful job and you can see her interest in the students. Mr. Allen agreed and feels that is why music at the elementary level is crucial.

Mrs. Evans requested that Item #7, Appointment, be pulled from consent for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Allen requested that Item #4, Budget Transfers, be pulled from consent for discussion.

15-161 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Evans reported that the Teacher Center board met earlier today. They are developing a needs assessment survey for teachers to complete. They are hoping that teachers will take the time and respond to the survey so the Center can make future plans.

Mr. Allen reported that the Policy Committee met earlier to review policies that were scheduled for review.

15-162 **BILL SCHEDULES**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #8, General Fund in the amount of \$1,969,119.70, for the period ending January 6, 2016 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No - 0 Motion carried

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #6 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$29,871.81, for the period ending January 6, 2016 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No - 0 Motion carried

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #8, Federal Funds in the amount of \$17.00, for the period ending January 6, 2016 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No - 0 Motion carried

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #6, Capital Project in the amount of \$7,041.97, for the period ending January 6, 2016 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No - 0 Motion carried

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #7, Health Insurance in the amount of \$27,341.49, for the period ending January 6, 2016 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5
No - 0 Motion carried

15-163 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending November 30, 2015 and made a matter of record.

Yes – 5
 No - 0 Motion carried

15-164 **2015-16 BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve the Budget Transfers #1 for the period ending November 30, 2015.

This was a continued discussion from the last meeting. Dr. Venettozzi fielded questions from the board with regard to one of the fund transfers.

Yes – 5
 No - 0 Motion carried

15-165 **APPROVAL OF CAMRODEN GOLF COURSE AGREEMENT**
SALARY RECLASSIFICATION
2015-16 COACHING & VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS
RESIGNATION
REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUS
RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve/accept/adopt the following by consent:

Approve the agreement with the Camroden Golf Course for the 2015-16 school year.

Approve the following salary reclassification retroactive to September 1, 2015:

NAME	FROM STEP	CURRENT SALARY	10/2015 CR. HR.	TO STEP	NEW SALARY
Riemenschneider, John SS - MS/HS	D-15	\$51,909.00	3 hrs.	D-15	\$51,909.00
	Masters	\$800.00		Masters	\$800.00
	6 hrs. @ \$66	\$396.00		9 hrs. @ \$66	594.00
		\$53,105.00			\$53,303.00

Approve the following coaching & volunteer appointments:

Michael Benedetto	Modified Boys Baseball	6%	\$1,920.90
Karen Livesey	Softball Volunteer		n/a

Accept the request of Ryan Watson, Teacher Assistant, to resign effective December 21, 2015.

Approve the request from the Recreational Student Ski Group, sponsored and under the direction of the Trenton Town Community Education Program, for the use of a school bus for transportation to Woods Valley Ski Resort on Wednesdays beginning January 13, 2016 and continuing for six weeks.

Adopt the following resolution of condolence regarding the passing of former teacher, Christiane Montany:

“The Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District records with sorrow the passing of former teacher, Christiane Montany.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Christiane Montany and that this resolution be spread upon the records of the district and a copy sent to his family.”

Yes - 5
No - 0 Motion Carried

15-166 **TENURE RECOMMENDATION**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen to approve the following tenure recommendation:

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, that **Diane Stalker** who holds an New York State Permanent Certificate #XXXXXXX11 in the area of Elementary Education (PreK-Grade 6), be hereby appointed elementary education teacher in the tenure area of Elementary Education (PreK-Grade 6) in which she will devote a substantial portion of her time and this appointment is for service on tenure to commence on January 6, 2016.

Yes - 4
Abstain – Everett Stalker
No - 0 Motion Carried

15-167 **ENCLOSURES**

1. Letter from Congressman Richard Hanna regarding the Early and Secondary Education Act.
2. Wall Street Journal article regarding faux smoking.
3. OMH School Boards Institute NYS Legislative Priorities 2016 newsletter.
4. *Well Connected!* Volume 9, Issue 1, from Margaret McNamara
5. Board Policy #7071, Homebound Instruction
6. Feasibility Committee Minutes, December 9, 2015

There were no comments on enclosures.

15-168 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:00 p.m., Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss:

1. Recommendations by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education
2. Recommendations by the Committee on Special Education
3. Employment History of Particular Persons

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

At 8:05 p.m. the Board entered executive session.

At 9:55 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

15-169 **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve the recommendations by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

15-170 **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve the recommendations by the Committee on Special Education.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

15-171 **APPOINTMENT**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to adopt the following resolution of appointment to the position of guidance counselor:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Holland Patent Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30 of the rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint **Justin Scialdone**, 43 Dudley Avenue, Yorkville, New York, who has met all of the qualifications for a New York State Permanent Certificate #xxxx260 permitting him to serve as a guidance counselor, in the public schools of New York State, to the position of guidance counselor, for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on September 1, 2016 and to expire on August 31, 2020 (unless extended in accordance with the law); AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Justin Scialdone be paid on Step E-12 (\$49,980) as outlined in the agreement between the Holland Patent Teachers Association and the Superintendent of Schools, dated July 1, 2014 or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement.

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried

15-172 **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss at this time, Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen to adjourn the meeting.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 p.m.

Next board meeting – Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – Annex Conference Room

Marie E. Perry
District Clerk