

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD  
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER  
15, 2014 AT 7:00PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Board  
President Burns.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Anderson, Mrs.  
Bassler, Mr. Blakeslee, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Matts, Mrs.  
Snow and Mr. Weist in attendance. Also in  
attendance were Superintendent Wood and  
Administrators Boman, Conrow, Dopko, Quick and  
Rullo. Additional attendees are noted on the guest  
list.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING & NOVEMBER 24, 2014  
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14-1215-I

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent of Schools, that the minutes of the  
November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting and November  
24, 2014 Special Meeting be accepted.

Motion made by Mrs. Snow and seconded by Mr.  
Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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14-1215-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler, seconded by Mr.  
Blakeslee, the Board agreed to enter into Executive  
Session at 7:04PM for the purposes of CPSE  
recommendations and personnel matters.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

14-1215-III

On a motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by  
Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to come out of  
Executive Session at 7:19PM.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-BOARD AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE**

Board President Burns shared how pleased he was to  
see Devon Dean recognized for his football  
achievements.

Superintendent Wood invited the Board to the  
holiday luncheon on December 18. Also, two  
community meetings have been scheduled for  
January 5 & 13, 2015 on gender identity. She shared  
a copy of the letter of invitation being sent out at the  
end of the week. In addition, our school architects  
will be on site this Thursday to discuss the privacy  
stalls for locker rooms. She will email the Board  
with the results of that meeting.

Mr. Rullo wished the Board a happy holiday. He  
shared that he is looking forward to the re-opening of  
the kitchen after the winter break. Mr. Rullo added  
that the students did an outstanding job adjusting to  
the temporary serving line. Also, as part of the  
STLE Grant, six of our teaching staff have  
completed level one and twelve have completed  
level two on Strengthening Teacher and Leader  
Effectiveness. A new group will be starting when

we return from the break. In addition, Mr. Rullo spoke to requests by students to ride with classmates to off campus placements when school transportation is provided. After consulting with Nathan VanWhy, School Attorney, Mr. Rullo developed a letter for students and parents about the responsibilities they assume when they permit their child to ride with a classmate. Highlights from that letter were shared with the Board.

Mrs. Conrow shared that alumnus Josh Lewis will appear on an upcoming episode of the Food Network show "Chopped."

Mrs. Boman shared that seventy students were a part of the Secret Angel Program. She credits the generosity of the faculty and staff for making sure they all have a gift this holiday season.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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No issues were brought before the Board at this time.

#### **STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE**

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Miranda Congdon gave a brief report on behalf of the Student Council. She reports that the coin drive began today for grades 9-12. Money raised will be donated to a local charity. Student Council will also be participating in the holiday luncheon this Thursday and a holiday assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Upcoming activities include a Valentine's Day dance on February 13 and speaker Rick Yarosh on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BOCES WARRANT AUDITOR**

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14-1215-IV

RESOLVED, that Amanda Loihle be named the BOCES warrant auditor for the 2014-15 school year.  
\*Note-to replace Kristen Fuller.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

##### **YEAR TO YEAR EXPENSE REPORT**

YR TO YR EXPENSE REPORT

##### **YEAR TO YEAR REVENUE REPORT**

YR TO YR REVENUE REPORT

##### **REVENUES/EXPENDITURES & BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2014**

REV/EXPEN/BUDGET STATUS REPORT

##### **FUND BALANCE REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2014**

FUND BALANCE REPORT

##### **TRIAL BALANCE REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2014**

TRIAL BALANCE REPORT

##### **CASH FLOW REPORT NOVEMBER 2014-JANUARY 2015**

CASH FLOW REPORT

##### **EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2014

14-1215-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Extraclassroom Activity Account Report for the period ending November 30, 2014 be accepted.

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Matts.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

BOCES AS-7 CONTRACT

**BOCES AS-7 CONTRACT**

14-1215-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the 2014-15 BOCES AS-7 contract be increased in the amount of \$84,270.96. This brings the total amount to \$3,728,476.45.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
CALENDAR

**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR**

14-1215-VII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the 2015-16 calendar of Budget Development meetings be approved.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

RESIGNATION

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14-1215-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Cathy Dopko, Director of Special Education, be accepted effective July 1, 2015.

Motion made, with appreciation for her many years of service, by Mrs. Matts and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

TEACHING  
APPOINTMENT

**TEACHING APPOINTMENT**

14-1215-IX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following teacher appointment be made:

Name: Demetra Kermidas

Tenure Area: Special Education

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:  
September 1, 2014

Expiration Date of Appointment: June 30, 2017

Certification Status: Initial

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

SENIOR TYPIST APPT.

**APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR TYPIST**

14-1215-X

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Denise Rogers be appointed off Civil Service list Senior Typist-OC to a senior typist position conditionally, pending NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

P.T. AIDE APPT.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME AIDE**

14-1215-XI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Kathryn Hendrickson be appointed off the substitute list to a part time temporary aide position for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

P.T. CLEANER APPTS.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME CLEANERS**

14-1215-XII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Pamela Scott be appointed off the support staff substitute list to a part time cleaner position.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Alexander Hogancamp be appointed off the substitute list to a part time cleaner position.

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

**APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER**

14-1215-XIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Larry Scarinzi be appointed to a non-contract, substitute bus driver position.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

CHANGE TO JOB TITLES

**CHANGE IN JOB TITLES**

14-1215-XIV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the job title for Laurie (Merrill) Moore, originally appointed as a playground/cafeteria aide be changed to teacher aide. This title change will not result in any changes to salary, years of service or job duties. Original appointment 9/12/88, resolution #88-912-I.

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Matts.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

14-1215-XV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the job title for George Wright, currently the Director of Data

Management/Chief Information Officer, be changed to Director of Guidance retroactive to June 17, 2013. This change in appointment will not result in any changes to job duties or salary.  
Original appointment of 6/17/13, resolution # 13-0617-XIII

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Matts.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

M.O.A.-STRANO

#### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

14-1215-XVI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent to sign a Memorandum, of Agreement that would receive nine days from the Harpursville Teachers Association Sick Bank and ten days from the district for purposes of establishing sick days for Erika Strano.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

SUBSTITUTES

#### **SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

14-1215-XVII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the substitute lists:

Teacher Substitute: Ronald Creighton (Cert. French 7-12)

Teacher Substitute: Sasha Morris (N.C.)

Support Staff & Teacher Substitute: Anthony Villecco (N.C.)

\*Mr. Creighton, Mr. Villecco and Mrs. Morris have already rec'd NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following name be added to the substitute list conditionally, pending NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:

Teacher Substitute: Marceil Palmer (N.C.)

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

COACHING  
APPOINTMENTS

#### **COACHING APPOINTMENTS**

14-1215-XVIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following coaching appointments for the 2015-16 fall season be made:

Varsity Football Head Coach-Tim Petras

Varsity Football Assistant Coach-Brian Young

Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach-Tim Strantz

Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach-Cheryl Hamilton

Varsity Golf Head Coach-Kevin McNamara

Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach-Barb Hendrickson

Varsity Cross County Head Coach-George Wright

JV/Assistant Varsity Football Coach-Jason Lyon

JV Girls Volleyball Coach-Timmie Miller

Modified Field Hockey Coach-Leslie Dauphinais

Modified Girls Volleyball Coach-Janet Avery

Motion made by Mrs. Matts and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

**APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT ASSISTANTS FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR**

14-1215-XIX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following students be appointed to student assistant positions for the 2014-15 school year:

Amanda Rhodes  
Brock McWherter  
Makenna Hagerman  
Alexis Sayman

Motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

FINGERPRINTING

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14-1215-XX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following conditional appointments be made permanent as a result of NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:

Part Time Aide and Substitute Teacher/Aide: Kara Skellett  
Teacher Substitute: Elizabeth West

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following conditional appointment be renewed pending NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance: Support Staff Substitute: Chelsi Pultz

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

L.A.P.-SECOND RDG. & ADOPTION

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLAN, SECOND READING**

14-1215-XXI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, that the second reading and adoption of the Local Assistance Plan be accepted.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

POLICY #5123.1-GRADE 8 ACCELERATION

**REVIEW OF POLICY #5123.1-GRADE 8 ACCELERATION**

14-1215-XXII

Superintendent Wood reports that we don't use Grade 8 Acceleration so she is proposing that the policy be removed from the policy book.

On a motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to rescind policy #5123.1 from the Board policy book.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**REVIEW OF POLICY #2110-CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICER**

POLICY #2110-CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICER

Ms. Wood explained that there is currently one other job description besides the one contained in the policy book. She suggests that we look at both and see which makes more sense and keep this as a discussion item.

**REVIEW OF POLICY #4216.36 TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

POLICY #4216.36-TEACHING ASSISTANTS

14-1215-XXIII

Superintendent Wood reports that we currently have two teaching assistants, Sherm McElwain and Carrie Tronovitch. Their terms and conditions are contained in the HTA Contract so she proposes that the policy be removed from the policy book.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, the Board agreed to rescind policy #4216.36 from the Board policy book.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**REVIEW OF POLICY #4219 SENIORITY**

POLICY #4219-SENIORITY

14-1215-XXIV

Ms. Wood explained that this policy is no longer necessary as seniority is covered in unit contracts.

On a motion made by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to rescind policy #4219 Seniority from the Board policy book.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**REVIEW OF POLICY #8350-MEMBERSHIP**

POLICY #8350-MEMBERSHIP

14-1215-XXV

Superintendent Wood proposes that this policy be removed as memberships in School Board Associations are authorized under Education Law. It is always the Board's decision as to whether or not they want to join and this is done outside Board policy.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Matts, the Board agreed to rescind policy #8350 Membership from the Board policy book.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY-AMENDMENT, FIRST READING**

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**14-1215-XXVI**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the first reading of the amendment to the philosophy statement be accepted.

**Statement of Philosophy (as it currently exists)**

All staff members must feel ownership of student achievement scores, not just individuals administering exams.

Statements of student expectations are insufficient. The belief of the district is that our scores can improve and all of our students can achieve at high levels.

All staff must focus on improving achievement (measured learning) which must include more students reaching mastery. As such, all members of

the school community are directly involved including but not limited to having meals served before tests and having the custodial staff aware of and arrange work around testing schedules. Connectivity results in higher scores, lower drop-out rates and graduates who are adequately prepared for further education and training. Achievement should be significantly improved through a focus on standards, the embedding of test objectives in the curriculum and interdisciplinary work of teachers. Focusing the curriculum on the state and local tests helps to ensure that priority objectives are taught consistently and thoroughly. After test objectives are embedded in the curriculum, other objectives can and should be included. All students in a given subject area at a given grade level should receive the same basic education in terms of content and skill objectives. Emphasis on health and wellness is a critical link to students achieving their highest potential.

**Statement of Philosophy (with updates to be more current)**

All staff members must feel ownership of student achievement scores. The belief of the district is that our scores can improve and all of our students can achieve at high levels. All staff must focus on improving achievement (measured learning) which must include more students reaching mastery. As such, all members of the school community should see the role of their work as being directly involved in achieving this goal. Connectivity results in higher scores, lower drop-out rates and graduates who are adequately prepared for further education and training. Achievement should be significantly improved through a focus on standards, the embedding of test objectives in the curriculum and interdisciplinary work of teachers. All students in a given subject area at a given grade level should receive the same basic education in terms of content and skill objectives. Emphasis on health and wellness is a critical link to students achieving their highest potential.

Motion made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Matts.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**DISTRICT WIDE SHARED DECISION MAKING PLAN-AMENDMENT, FIRST READING**

14-1215-XXVII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the first reading of the amendment to the District Wide Shared Decision Making Plan be accepted.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Blakeslee.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

14-1215-XXVIII

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York,

DISTRICT WIDE SHARED  
DECISION MAKING  
PLAN-AMENDMENT,  
FIRST READING

NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING



located in the counties of Broome and Chenango, as follows:

1. A special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District shall be held in the School District at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary on the 24th day of February, 2015, beginning at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), for the purpose of voting upon the propositions described in the Notice of Special School District Meeting hereinafter set forth.
2. The vote upon such proposition shall be by paper ballot, and the polls shall be open for qualified voters of the School District desiring to vote on the proposition from 2:00 o'clock P.M. until 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).
3. The special meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special School District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Harpursville Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York, located in the counties of Broome and Chenango, will be held at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary in Harpursville, New York, on the 24th day of February, 2015, beginning at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), to consider a proposition to reconstruct, renovate and equip School District facilities (the "Building Project") at a total estimated cost of \$15,099,150 for which \$15,099,150 principal amount of general obligations of the School District shall be authorized and issued to pay a portion of the Building Project. The polls shall be open until 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST). At such meeting taxes to be levied by installment will be proposed. The following propositions will be submitted at said meeting and shall state the taxes to be proposed, the objects or purposes for which such taxes will be authorized, and the maximum amount to be expended for such objects or purposes:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

1. The Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase surplus NYSDOT Property, Construct a new Transportation Center, Demolition of Existing Bus Garage, and including other Capital Improvements at the Main Campus Facilities, Olmsted Elementary, Jr/Sr. High School including but not limited to the acquisition of applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land, rights-in-land, the costs of architects, engineers, attorneys, and other preliminary and incidental costs.
2. The total estimated maximum cost of such purposes, including other related expenses is Fifteen Million Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,099,150). The Board of Education is authorized to expend for such purposes an amount not exceeding such total estimated maximum cost; and
3. A tax in the amount of \$14,600,150 (\$499,000 to be funded by use of the Capital Reserve) being a portion of the total of the cost authorized to be expended for such purpose shall be levied upon all the taxable property in the School District in order to raise the monies required for such purposes and such tax shall be levied in annual installments which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education; and
4. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue bonds or other obligations of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$15,099,150 in anticipation of the collection of said tax and a tax shall be levied to pay the interest on said bonds or other obligations as the same shall become due.

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

The Board of Education of the Harpursville Central

School District is hereby authorized to expend \$499,000 from moneys in a capital reserve fund established by the School District on June 3, 1997 for the construction, reconstruction and equipping of capital improvements to school buildings and grounds, including the costs of any equipment, apparatus, machinery, and the fees of architects, engineers, and attorneys, and any other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, in and for the School District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absence ballots for the special district meeting, in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, may be obtained from the office of the School District Clerk. The completed application for absentee ballot must be received by the School District Clerk no later than seven (7) days preceding the vote on February 24, 2015. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the special district meeting, except Sunday. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the School District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. on the day of the special district meeting.

By the order of the Board of Education of the School District. The School District Clerk of the School District is hereby directed to cause a copy of such Notice of Special School District Meeting to be published in the Windsor Standard and Tri-Town News, a newspaper published in Sidney, New York, and Conklin, New York such newspaper having a general circulation within the School District, and publication of such notice in such newspaper shall be made four times within seven weeks preceding such special district meeting, and the first of such publications in such newspaper shall be at least forty five (45) days prior to such meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Matts.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Superintendent Wood reports that the Capital Project is moving ahead on schedule. She shared how amazing the cafeteria and lunchroom renovations look. The health department inspection of the Jr. Sr. HS kitchen is slated for this week.

Also, one of the two propositions going before the voters in February 2015 is for the use of \$499,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund. If approved, it will help out our debt service.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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No issues were brought before the Board at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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14-1215-XXIX

On a motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Darlene M. Noyes  
District Clerk

