

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Board President Burns.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Bassler, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Groover, Mrs. Salisbury and Mrs. Snow in attendance. Mr. Austin and Mr. Dauphinais were absent from the meeting. Also present was Superintendent Wood and Administrators Dopko, Jones, Quick and Rullo. Additional attendees are noted on the guest list.

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2011
REGULAR MEETING**

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11-0214-I

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board accepted the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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11-0214-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:01PM for CSE Recommendations and Personnel Matters.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

11-0214-III

On a motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Groover, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 7:27PM.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Superintendent Wood announced that the Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-Thon will begin tomorrow for two days and that Transportation negotiations are off to a good start. Also, Becky Gelunas and SADD anticipate a mock accident in the Fall instead of this Spring to allow for better planning. Jamie VanAbs will be contacted as well as Barb Quick for her input.

In sports news, the Lady Hornets claimed their third straight MAC title and begin championship play in Oneonta on February 19th. Also, the State Wrestling qualifier was held at the Arena this past weekend resulting in David Fehrman placing 5th, Jacob Andrews placing 6th to be named all section wrestlers. Brendon VanEtten advanced to the top 8 and Michael Robinson and Lenny Shugars made it to the top 12. A letter of congratulations will be sent to them.

Mrs. Wood shared that we anticipate a retirement in the foreign language department. With that retirement, a decision will need to be made regarding our foreign language offerings. The Board should consider whether or not we continue to offer two languages or one, richer language.

Mr. Quick reports that the ELA practice tests for grades 6-8 will be completed this week. Also, the bows acquired from grant monies are being enjoyed by students during gym classes. Mr. Jones reports that the Pancake Supper raised \$1,107.

Mr. Rullo and Mrs. Dopko reported on a site visit to the Hornell School District. Hornell is a leader in NYS in online learning. Mr. Rullo and Mrs. Dopko were able to observe several students, considered to be “at-risk”, using this method of 1:1 instruction in which there are no gaps in student learning since students aren’t able to move on until they “get it.” Hornell has found that student achievement is improving in this format since many students live in this environment.

The Superintendent at Hornell invited a team from Harpursville to attend a conference in Arizona on this program. All expenses would be paid except for airfare, estimated at a total cost of \$1,500. Mrs. Wood asked for the Board’s permission to send a team of three administrators to the conference using the Busfield Foundation donation to cover the cost of airfare. Board members were in agreement.

Board President Burns reports that Randy Kerr from Newark Valley CSD asked that our Board re-submit the resolution on Seat Team to the NYSSBA Resolution Committee.

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Teresa Schermerhorn-Andrews addressed the Board at this time. She asked if any decisions had been made concerning a merged wrestling team. Superintendent Wood shared that no decisions have been made at this time. She reports that she had a productive wrestling meeting with Mr. Arduini and three other parents and plans to meet again in the future. She will provide Ms. Schermerhorn-Andrews with a copy of the meeting minutes. Ms. Schermerhorn-Andrews noted that Mr. Ramsden has done a great job this year coaching the team. Mrs. Wood added that we are looking towards the future and growing the wrestling program. We need to target younger students and much of the wrestling meeting centered on how to do that. Mr. Dave Robinson addressed the Board at this time. He asked if we would have a combined wrestling team next year. Mrs. Wood said that we don’t know what the numbers will be but that we aren’t looking at dropping the wrestling program. Mr. Burns added that it has never been a serious option of dropping wrestling; if the numbers are low we will look at merging. We must also look at it from a financial standpoint. Mrs. Wood added that we can’t start a program with 12 to 13 pee wee wrestlers and by the time they reach modified, we only have two to three students signed up. Mrs. Schermerhorn-Andrews asked what the cost is to fund the wrestling program. Mrs. Wood to that information to her. Mrs. Wood added that the pee wee wrestling program is committed to help with the cost of mats and fees.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

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11-0214-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the District enter into a contract with the Binghamton City School District for the provision of health and welfare services for one student in the amount of \$286.00.

HEALTH & WELFARE AGREEMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Snow and seconded by Mrs. Groover.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Informational: Monthly Budget Status Report

Informational: Special Aid Statement of Revenues

SPECIAL AID STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Informational: Cash Flow Projection Report

BOCES AS-7 AMENDMENT

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11-0214-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that BOCES Amendment III in the amount of \$590,017.31 be approved. This brings the total BOCES contract to \$3,495,166.62.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

BUDGET EXPANSION

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11-0214-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the budget be expanded by \$212,430 due to BOCES service requests.

Motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Groover.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

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11-0214-VII

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

Name: Christine Gates

Tenure Area: ELA 7-12

Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure:

February 24, 2011

Certification: Initial

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

RESIGNATION

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11-0214-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation from Mark Schuster from his position as Physical Education teacher be accepted, effective June 30, 2011.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

SUBSTITUTES

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11-0214-IX

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

Teacher Substitute: Sadie Ann Weckel (N.C.),

Kimberly Metaxas (Music K-12)

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

Teacher Substitute: Ryan Dalpiaz

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

YORKERS TRIP

11-0214-X

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Yorker's Club be approved to attend the SHIP (State History Interest Project) Convention being held May 5-7, 2011 (three days, two nights) in Owego NY.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

AMA CONTRACT

11-0214-XI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the District enter into a contract with Ashley McGraw Architects for the Fuel Tank Monitoring Replacement project.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

11-0214-XII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the 2010-2011 District Improvement Plan be accepted.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Elections - Referendum Information

Mrs. Wood referred Board members to the information contained in Board packets. Board members were in agreement that we should use paper ballots due to the cost of using the county machines/ballots. Mrs. Wood asked that she be able to authorize a stipend to second shift inspectors, clerks since they will be putting in extra time counting ballots. Mrs. Bassler noted that we should give the money to our own people, rather than giving it to the county.

Joint Transportation Facility Meeting

Mrs. Wood reports that Mike James from Ashley McGraw was able to visit the Town Garage building to get an idea of its current condition. She asked if the Board would rather start talks with the Town and Fire Department with the full Board in attendance or with an Ad-Hoc Committee. Mr. Burns suggested an Ad-Hoc Committee to start the process. Committee members consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Quick, Mr. Bernie Scott and Mrs. Wood.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No issues were brought before the Board at this time.

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS-
REFERENDUM
INFORMATION

JOINT TRANSPORTATION
FACILITY MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT

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11-0214-XIII

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:04PM.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk