

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY
8, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE JSHS AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by
Board President Burns.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Burns,
Mrs. Matts, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Snow and Mr. Weist in
attendance. Mr. Blakeslee was absent from the
meeting. Also in attendance was Superintendent
Rullo and Administrator Quick. Additional attendees
are noted on the guest list.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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CREATION OF SUPPORT STAFF POSITION

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STAFF POSITION

16-0208-I

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that the position of Clerk-
Temporary be created retroactive to the period August
18, 2015-November 14, 2015.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUPPORT STAFF
APPOINTMENT

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16-0208-II

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Sandra Schnurbusch
be appointed to a temporary Clerk position retroactive
to the period August 18, 2015 - November 14, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Sandra Schnurbusch
be appointed to a temporary Receptionist Typist
position retroactive to the period November 15, 2015
- February 8, 2016, pending the successful completion
of the Receptionist Typist Civil Service examination.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Sandra Schnurbusch
be appointed to a permanent Receptionist Typist
position effective February 9, 2016.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

DISCUSSION
REGARDING UPCOMING
TRANSPORTATION
REFERENDUM

PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PURCHASES

16-0208-III

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the
Harpursville Central School District, as follows:
(1) A special meeting of the qualified voters of
Harpursville Central School District (the "School
District") shall be held in the School District on
March 1, 2016, to be located at the WAO Elementary
School beginning at 1:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern
Standard Time, 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 propositions 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 1:30 o'clock P.M. until 8:00 o'clock
P.M., both Eastern Standard Time.
(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, located in the counties of Broome and Chenango, New York, will be held at the WAO Elementary School in Harpursville, New York, in the School District, on the first day of March 2016, beginning at 1:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time to consider a proposition for (i) the acquisition of two (2) school buses and (ii) the lease of (i) one 66 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$16,500 and (ii) one 35 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$8,200. The polls shall be open until 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installment will be proposed. The following proposition will be submitted at said meeting and shall state the taxes to be proposed, the object or purpose for which such taxes will be authorized, and the maximum amount to be expended for such object or purpose:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

1. The Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District is hereby authorized to finance the acquisition of two (2) school buses, including any preliminary and incidental costs; and
2. The total estimated maximum cost of such purpose, including other related expenses, is Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000). The Board of Education is authorized to expend for such purpose an amount not exceeding such total estimated maximum cost; and
3. A tax in the amount of \$230,000 being 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 purpose 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 \$230,000 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

1. The Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District is hereby authorized to enter into a five year lease for (i) one 66 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$16,500 and (ii) one 35 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$8,200 pursuant to Section 109(b) of the General Municipal Law.
2. The total estimated maximum cost of such lease(s) is not to exceed Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$24,700) which sum shall be paid in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Education by one of the following methods: By raising a tax upon the taxable property of the School District, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such year and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Education or by utilizing funds from any fund balance which may occur from the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board of Education has determined that the vote upon such propositions shall be by paper ballot and that the polls shall be kept open for voters desiring to vote upon such propositions from 1:30 o'clock P.M. until 8:00 o'clock, P.M., both Eastern Standard Time. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee 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 School District Clerk must receive the completed application for an absentee ballot no later than seven (7) days preceding

the vote on March 1, 2016. A list of all persons 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, and such list will also be posted at the polling places. 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 Harpursville Central School District.

Dated: _____, 2015

Darlene M. Noyes

School District Clerk

Superintendent Rullo reports that we have received feedback on Proposition 2 as the language is ambiguous and not clear as to whether the dollar value of the leases contained in the Proposition are an annual cost or a total cost. He feels that we should not put anything before the voters that isn't clear. As such, he recommends that we rescind Proposition 2 and vote on Proposition 1 only. All legal advertisements will be changed to reflect Proposition 2 has been rescinded.

Mrs. Anderson asked how these purchases would be financed. Mr. Rullo explained that if we receive voter approval, we would receive 90% State aid back on these buses.

Mr. Rullo added that there would not be a dramatic impact to the fleet by the removal of Proposition 2. Fleet information was shared with the Board members containing year, capacity and current mileage. Mr. Quick gave some additional background on which buses are currently out of commission and which ones are slated to be trade-ins.

Mr. Rullo spoke to the unacceptable language that our Bond Counsel provided us with as it pertains to Proposition 2. He feels that we can get a better product elsewhere for less money.

On a motion made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Matts, the Board agreed to rescind Proposition 2 from the March 1, 2016 referendum.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

OCCASIONAL DRIVERS

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16-0208-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following District employees be approved as Occasional Drivers for the 2015-2016 school year:

Joshua Quick
Sandy Schnurbusch
Julie Feeley

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

Mr. Quick shared that these occasional drivers would be driving vans only, not yellow buses.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

STATUS OF
TRANSPORTATION
DEPT. STAFFING

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Mr. Quick reported that since our last Board meeting, our transportation department is not as well staffed. We currently have no substitutes or spare drivers.

Currently there are thirteen regular AM/PM runs, with eight special runs throughout the day, including one to Apalachin. We have had to consolidate some afternoon runs, making due with the drivers we have. He credited Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Chantry and Mrs. Schnurbusch for helping with organizing the students on the days we need to consolidate runs. We are constantly recruiting but in many cases, it takes 3-4 months before a person can get behind the wheel of a bus.

Board President Burns clarified information discussed at the last Board meeting. At that meeting, it was mentioned that we look to outsource our bus services. Mr. Burns reassured the audience, specifically members of the transportation department in attendance, that we are not looking at outsourcing any of their positions and jobs are safe. He noted that this was brought up in the event that we have another failed vote on a transportation facility.

Mr. Bernie Scott shared that drivers have started looking for other positions. He asked that Mr. Rullo visit with the drivers and let them know that their jobs are secure. Mr. Scott also added that due to the new salary schedule in the contract, it seems that some drivers are making less per hour than when they were hired. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Quick added some clarification. Mr. Quick feels that the new 3-part forms that they are using will alleviate any confusion with new hires.

RFP-BOND COUNSEL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-BOND COUNSEL

16-0208-V

Board members asked Mr. Rullo if he was looking at the possibility of changing our Bond Counsel. Mr. Rullo responded that with Board approval, he would welcome the opportunity to pursue RFP's.

On a motion made by Mr. Rhodes and seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to pursue Requests for Proposal for Bond Counsel services from other organizations.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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16-0208-VI

On a motion made by Mrs. Matts, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk