

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 23,
2015 AT 7:00PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

ROLL CALL

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

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

**SALUTE TO THE
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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 2015
REFERENDUM & MARCH 9, 2015 SPECIAL
MEETING**

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15-0323-I

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the minutes of the February 23, 2015 regular meeting, February 24, 2015 Referendum and March 9, 2015 special meeting be accepted.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION-FRENCH DEPT./CLUB

Megan White and Caitlin Bedford presented information on the 1st annual French is Fun Night held on February 26. More than 130 guests, or “tourists”, spent the evening getting their passports stamped at the many different locations set-up by class and club representatives. Also, Ms. Bedford spoke to connections that our students are making with pen pals in Montpellier in the South of France.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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15-0323-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, the Board agreed to enter into Executive Session at 7:10pm for the purposes of discussing CSE/CPSE recommendations and discussing a confidential teacher matter. The Board will also discuss terms and conditions of a proposed contract pertaining to hiring a superintendent subsequent to the retirement of the current superintendent. The Board will also discuss a matter of an employee and possible Section 75 action.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

15-0323-III

On a motion made by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 9:17pm.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**PROPOSED DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC FORUM
FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Board discussed recommendations for CSE/CPSE and also discussed a confidential teacher matter. The Board discussed the terms and conditions of a proposed

contract pertaining to hiring a superintendent subsequent to the retirement of the current superintendent. The Board also discussed a matter of an employee and upcoming Section 75 action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS-BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Superintendent Wood reports that the District received a fax at 5:00PM today from Advocates for Justice. This will be forwarded to the school attorney to determine the next steps. Also, Ms. Wood has received reports that not all resident received the recent bulk mail including Colesville Rd, Welton St. and Rt. 235. She will contact the Post Office tomorrow to discuss. In addition, Student Council representatives had to leave due to the time so she will be reporting for them.

Superintendent Wood also reminded everyone that the next Board meeting will be held on April 20 at the BOCES campus. An 8:30 Business meeting will be followed by a tour of programs.

Testing Accountability-Michael Rullo

TESTING ACCOUNTABILITY

Mr. Rullo reported on school accountability and the impact of opting out of state testing. The District is sensitive to the amount that students are tested and have taken active steps to reduce this. Working with Pam Nelson, they were able to expedite a State Ed. review and received approval prior to September 2014 that eliminated all testing except for NYS tests and Regents exams. Testing waivers for Grade 8 students who are accelerated allows Districts to administer the Regents exam only rather than the Regents and a NYS math assessment. Regional discussions have taken place on opting out and we will be providing a supervised space for students opting out of the State exams. Mr. Rullo explained the negative consequences to our District if we do not meet the 95% participation requirement in subgroups that would result in failure to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Audience members asked for clarification on the Elementary building being a LAP school. Mr. Rullo explained that the Elementary Building is considered a LAP school due to the performance of a subgroup, specifically the students with disabilities/economically disadvantaged subgroup.

Superintendent Wood reported that the Department of Transportation was on site on March 18 for routine inspections and added Bus 123, the bus that had mechanical issues during a field trip to NYC. We have not yet received a report back but it will be shared once it becomes available.

Mr. Quick announced that twenty eight students, with Francine Munson as coordinator, will be participating in the BU Poetry Day. Also, our Odyssey of the Mind Teams did very well at competition this past weekend.

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Board member Matts was designated as time keeper.

Ida Knapp addressed the Board. She represents the veterans of Harpursville who have served in WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and Afghanistan. She shared that vets don't get a lot of money and Vietnam vets are not recognized for their contributions. She asked the Board to consider helping our vets that pay school taxes by looking at the Veteran's exemption. She feels the community needs to help the vets.

Shannon Stiner addressed the Board. She read an email sent to Board members earlier. She feels the Board is making decisions under false pretenses. Parents have been researching and providing the Board with facts for

eight weeks. The tax paying community is stronger than ever and are being ignored by the people they put into office. They demand a stop be put to the reorganization of the elementary school and a statewide search for a new Superintendent be conducted.

Tracy Ayers addressed the Board. She asked Mr. Rullo for clarification of the subgroup that did not make AYP in the elementary. Mr. Rullo responded that the subgroup was students with disabilities/economically disadvantaged. Further clarification that economically disadvantaged is taken from free and reduced meal lists. Mrs. Ayers questions whether information is being reported correctly since her adopted children receive free/reduced meals but their family is not economically disadvantaged.

Michael Lusk addressed the Board. Mr. Lusk shared that according to the 14th amendment, we can opt out of State testing. He feels it is a scare tactic to tell parents that a 95% participation rate is important to meet AYP. Mr. Lusk feels State testing takes away from instructional time. He noted that our schools are in good standing. Mr. Rullo responded that the District is designated in good standing, but the elementary is a LAP school and the JSHS is in good standing. Mr. Lusk went on to say that employees live in fear of retaliation and are scared to come to work. The truth is being manipulated for personal gain. Why replace all-star administrators with rookie talent. The actions of the Board are irresponsible.

Betty Bayles addressed the Board. She has many years connected with the school and feels a possible compromise could be made in the search for a new Superintendent. She suggests that Mr. Rullo be appointed as an interim for six months to a year and then revisit his performance. She feels if it was good enough for BCC, it is good enough for Harpursville.

Lloyd Byers addressed the Board. He gave each Board member a petition signed by 300 community members asking for the resignation of everyone in the room. He feels if they can't represent the community, they can't represent anyone.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

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UPDATE

Superintendent Wood gave an update on behalf of the Student Council. Fifty people participated in their recent blood drive. The coin drive raised several hundred dollars for charity and Moving Up Day plans are in the works.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2015 UPDATES

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Plans for Summer School are underway. Enrollment materials will be going home to parents in Friday folders shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 1-31, 2015

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JANUARY 1-31, 2015

15-0323-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report for January 1-31, 2015 be accepted.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

YEAR TO YEAR EXPENSE REPORT

YR TO YR EXP. RPT.

YEAR TO YEAR REVENUE REPORT

YR TO YR REV. RPT.

**REVENUES/EXPENDITURES & BUDGET
STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 19, 2015
FUND BALANCE REPORT AS OF MARCH 19,
2015**

REV/EXPEND & BUD.
STATUS RPT.
FUND BALANCE RPT.

**TRIAL BALANCE REPORT AS OF MARCH 19,
2015**

TRIAL BALANCE
RPT.

CASH FLOW REPORT

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**EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT
REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY
28, 2015**

EXTRACLASSROOM
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT
REPORT

15-0323-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Extraclassroom Activity Account Report for the period ending February 28, 2015 be accepted.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ROTARY DONATION

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15-0323-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the \$100.00 donation from Colesville Rotary to the Yorkers Club be accepted.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

DONATIONS-CLASS OF 2021

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15-0323-VII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the \$100.00 donation from Don's Automotive to the Class of 2021 be accepted.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the \$25.00 donation from Russell's Garage to the Class of 2021 be accepted.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**BOCES FINAL REQUEST FOR SERVICES FOR
THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

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2015-2016 SCHOOL
YEAR

15-0323-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District will participate in the attached services during 2015-2016 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule - (8) equal payments beginning October 1, 2015 and ending May 1, 2016. Also be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

BOCES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING-APRIL 15, 2015 @ 5:00PM

BOCES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING- APRIL 15, 2015

BOCES ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION-APRIL 20, 2015

Harpursville cannot nominate as Joe Burns currently serves on the BOCES Board.

BOCES ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION-APRIL 20, 2015

RESIGNATION-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

15-0323-IX

RESOLVED, that the resignation for the purposes of retirement from Kathleen M. Wood, Superintendent, be accepted effective October 12, 2015.

RESIGNATION-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

APPOINTMENT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

15-0323-X

RESOLVED, the Board of Education appoints Michael Rullo to the position of Superintendent effective October 13, 2015. The Board also approved the contract between Michael Rullo and the Harpursville Board of Education dated March 23, 2015.

APPOINTMENT - SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

RESIGNATION-SUPPORT STAFF

15-0323-XI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation from Jean Maggio, full time cleaner, be accepted effective April 13, 2015.

RESIGNATION-SUPPORT STAFF

Motion made, with regret, by Mr. Blakeslee and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

15-0323-XII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Pamela Scott be appointed to a full time cleaner position effective April 13, 2015.

* Ms. Scott will move from part time cleaner to full time cleaner to replace Jean Maggio.

SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

15-0323-XIII

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

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Teacher Substitute: Kathleen Bernhardt (Cert. Gr. 1-6)
Support Staff Substitute: Corrina Allen, Katherine Clark
*Ms. Bernhardt, Mrs. Allen and Ms. Clark have rec'd
NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance.

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

Michael Fargo
Amanda Murphy
Eric Villano

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUBSTITUTE
REMOVALS

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15-0323-XIV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Paul McKrell and
Maurice Kinter be removed from the support staff
substitute list.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
DIRECTOR**

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

15-0323-XV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Nivia Gutierrez be
appointed as the After School Program Director effective
April-June 2015.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUMMER SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL-ELEMENTARY**

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PRINCIPAL-
ELEMENTARY

15-0323-XVI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that Kristine Conrow be
appointed as the Summer School Principal-Elementary
for the period July 6-August 7, 2015.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION #15-0223-XIII,
INTERNSHIP-STEVE MOSCHAK**

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RESOLUTION #15-
0223-XIII,
INTERNSHIP-STEVE
MOSCHAK

15-0323-XVII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools, that resolution #15-0223-XIII
be corrected to read that the administrative internship for
Steve Moschak will be for the period January-June 30,
2015 and the Summer 2015.

*original resolution was for the Summer 2015 and the
2015-2016 school year.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

FINGERPRINTING

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15-0323-XVIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following conditional appointment be made permanent as a result of NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:
Teacher Substitute: Chelsea Beavers

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following conditional appointment be renewed pending NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:
Support Staff Substitutes: Debbie Piester

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

GRADUATE HOURS

GRADUATE HOURS/MASTERS

15-0323-XIX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following graduate hours/Master's be approved:
Stacey Morgan - 12 hours
Richard Rutherford: 2 hours

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES

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15-0323-XX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the District enter into an agreement, by and between the Board of Education of the Deposit Central School and the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District, concerning the sharing of an administrative intern.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

CAPITAL PROJECT-CURRENT & PROPOSED

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The current project continues on time.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT 2015-16

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15-0323-XXI

TRANSPORTATION, CENSUS, BENEFITS, DEBT SERVICE, REVENUES

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Mr. McLaughlin gave a Power Point presentation on the transportation, census, benefits, debt service, and revenue portion of the budget. Increases in the transportation lines include salary costs and maintenance contracts. He notes that Employee Retirement and Teacher Retirement costs have decreased along with Workers Compensation but Health and Dental costs have increased. BOCES costs continue to increase which includes Special Education Placements, Regional Information Center and Enrichment. He added that we have used a large amount

of fund balance to cover BOCES increases last school year and he anticipates doing the same again this year.

Audience members asked questions related to the use of Fund Balance and BOCES enrollment. Mr. McLaughlin is proposing a total 2015-16 budget of \$18,298,945.03 or an 8.62% increase over last year's budget with a 1.54% tax levy increase. \$786,926.22 will be used from the Fund Balance.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board adopt the proposed General Fund budget of \$18,298,945.03 which represents an 8.62% budget increase from 2014-15 and a 1.54% tax levy increase.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

DISCUSSION-TRANSPARENCY PLANS

Superintendent Wood reported that at a previous Board meeting, Mr. Lusk had mentioned that Binghamton City School District has a Transparency Plan. After contacting their District Office for more information, they were not able to find this policy. Mr. Luck was contacted and he emailed Superintendent Wood their policy. When Ms. Wood reviewed it, she contacted Doug Titus at BOCES as he helped to develop it. He offered that the plan was not a transparency plan but more a marketing plan for the District. He suggested contacting Maine-Endwell and Johnson City Schools. In doing so, we found our policies are the same ones that they currently have except that they are looking at Facebook and Twitter as another form of communication in the future.

REQUEST FROM EASTERN BROOME SENIOR CENTER

15-0323-XXII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the transportation request from the Eastern Broome Senior Center for the use of a bus on July 17, 2015 for a trip to NYSEG Stadium be approved.

*Ross Culver has volunteered his time to drive the bus.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

REQUEST FROM CLASS OF 2021 PRESIDENT VICTORIA WHIDDEN

15-0323-XXIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the request from the Class of 2021 for assistance with NYC trip expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,600 be approved.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

2015-2016 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

15-0323-XXIV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the 2015-2016 proposed school calendar be approved.

DISCUSSION-
TRANSPARENCY
PLANS

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EASTERN BROOME
SENIOR CENTER

REQUEST FROM
CLASS OF 2021
PRESIDENT
VICTORIA WHIDDEN

2015-2016 PROPOSED
SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Superintendent Wood reports that she received a request from Elementary Principal Quick for a public hearing regarding staying in his position as W.A. Olmsted Elementary Principal. The request was sent to the Board of Education the following day. The school attorney was contacted and recommended that the request be denied. Decisions concerning the creation of positions, employment and transfer of administrators are the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Board. They are not subjects of a public hearing.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Ms. Wood reports that she received a request to look into a Veteran's Exemption on school taxes that Districts can offer in NYS. After checking the Broome Tioga Region, she finds that no other districts are doing it. This exemption would shift their exemption to other members of the community. Mr. Knapp added from the audience that Johnson City School does offer the exemption along with many Chenango County school districts. Ms. Wood to investigate this further.

JRSR HS NOTES

WAO NOTES

SPECIAL EDUCATION NOTES

ENROLLMENT REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

LIBRARY NEWSLETTERS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Board member Matts was designated as time keeper.

Karen Colsten addressed the Board. She appreciates the discussion she had with Mr. Rullo on the common core. Her son is at a Level 4 in ELA and they have opted to keep him out of State testing. She feels that if the District doesn't meet AYP, it will be the Board's fault.

Pam Nelson addressed the Board. On behalf of the HTA, she wants to congratulate the Board on their decision to appoint Mr. Rullo as Superintendent.

Jodie Goodnow addressed the Board. She has sent numerous emails to Ms. Wood, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Anderson and has only received a response from Ms. Wood. Mrs. Anderson noted that she has never received an email from Ms. Goodnow and she doesn't respond to outside emails. Ms. Goodnow credits Mr. Quick and Mrs. Boman for helping her son with bullying issues. She states that parents are pleading with the Board and being ignored is insulting.

ADJOURNMENT

15-0323-XXV

On a motion made by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

VETERAN'S
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WAO NOTES

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REPORTS

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NEWSLETTERS

PRIVILEGE OF THE
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ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk

