

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Royalton-Hartland Central School District
Middleport, New York

September 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education was held on the above date at the high school.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Keith Bond, Board Member
Sara Fry, Board Member
Sandra Hoerner, Board Member
Kenneth Koch, Board Member
Daniel Bragg, Vice President
Patricia Riegler, President

Absent: Jeffery Waters, Board Member

Also Present: Roger Klatt, Ed.D., Kelly Griffith, Business Administrator; arr. 7:00 p.m., Sheila Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Mr. Koch moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, to go into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Bond moved, seconded by Mr. Koch to end the executive session and return to open session.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Riegler asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Chris Schaus gave a presentation of the "Rampage" which will be linked to the Athletics page on the website.

The Board had discussion regarding upgrading the District's website to improve public relations. Mr. Koch attended a Schoolwires presentation by Erie 1 BOCES which was held in the District Office. The Board was given a cost analysis of the considered change in website design and hosting.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Koch moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2013 be approved.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mr. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Koch, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the June 2013 and July 2013 appropriation status reports be approved.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mr. Bond moved, seconded by Mr. Bragg, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the June 2013 and July 2013 student activity treasurer's reports be approved.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mrs. Hoerner moved, seconded by Mr. Bond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the recommendations from the CPSE meetings of August 22 and September 10, 2013 and the CSE meetings of August 21, 22 and 26, 2013 be approved.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Koch moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the revisions to the Yorker's Club Constitution to align with their participation in the annual Relay for Life by the American Cancer Society be approved as presented.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mr. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Koch, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following student teacher placement is approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>College</u>
Kathryn Whalen	Wendy Bacon	Buffalo State

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mr. Koch moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following individual is appointed, without benefits, as a substitute teacher with services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Employment shall be effective retroactively from September 3, 2013 through June 30, 2014 unless terminated sooner: Matthew Yarger, Youngstown.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mr. Bond moved, seconded by Mr. Bragg, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following individuals are appointed, without benefits, as substitute teachers with services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Employment shall be effective through June 30, 2014 unless terminated sooner: Bethany Crahen, Clarence; Melissa Hartley, Middleport; Alisha Duffina, Medina; Kari Ritz, Lockport

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

Mr. Bragg moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Jason Zayac is appointed as an unpaid assistant coach for cross country for the 2013 fall sports season.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

Mr. Bond moved, seconded by Mr. Koch, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as prepared by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP, and as recommended by the Audit Committee, be accepted as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Bragg spoke on behalf of the audit committee regarding the fund balance; correction recommended by the auditors have taken place; need to wean off using fund balance to offset taxes; facilities committee needs to meet with Mr. Fisher to discuss repairing or replacing equipment.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

POLICY

The Board waived further readings and completed the adoption of the following policies at their first reading: #6130 Evaluation of Personnel; #7221 Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

The Board held their first reading on the following policies: #7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy; #7210 Student Evaluation; #7214 Academic Eligibility; #7410 Extracurricular Activities; #7420 Sports and the Athletic Program

Discussion: #7214 Academic Eligibility - how will parents be notified of the change from failing two or more classes to one or more classes which will result in being ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities; clarify "grade reporting period"; revise appeals process.

The Board reviewed policy #7222 Make-Up Credit Programs for High School Students. There were no revisions.

BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Fry – why no homecoming parade this year; why no JV letters; why aren't coaching vacancies advertised on the website or in the newspaper; why can't unpaid assistant coaches supervise students; is there a schedule of supervisors for athletic events; why aren't the athletic fields rolled; met with Lyndonville AD regarding their softball field

Mr. Bragg – the May 8-June 19, 2013 claims audit report was fine

Mrs. Hoerner – what type of security is in place for evening events at the high school; why do students carry backpacks in the high school

Mrs. Riegle – spoke about the Wilmot Fund stating that the purpose of it is to provide donations that benefit the entire community not individual groups

Mr. Koch – the Music Parents have asked for an update/report from Mr. Fisher regarding the lights in the auditorium

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- June and July 2013 Treasurer's, Warrant and Revenue Status Reports

The Superintendent shared the projected costs for field work to the softball and field hockey fields.

PUBLIC FORUM

Zach Blackburn, S Vernon St – shared more information regarding restarting an FFA; the Board would need to approve the application prior to submitting it to FFA

Jeremy Verratti, Slayton Settlement – Verratti Farm will work with the FFA

Lorna Seib, Bunker Hill Rd – supports the FFA

Kathy Libroch, Gasport Rd – can the students still go ahead with the activities before they receive formal approval from the FFA

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will hold a special meeting on October 16. On the agenda will be the appointment of winter coaches.

Mr. Bragg moved, seconded by Mrs. Hoerner, that the meeting adjourns.

6 yes/1 absent (Waters)

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Marjorie Masters
District Clerk