

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – February 25, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 P.M. at Franklin Academy High School, Huskie Lane, Malone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlie Collins, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Stephen J. Dupree, Carol Hunter, Gordon Hutchins, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MEMBERS TARDY: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Brandon Pelkey, Debbie Martin, Olivia Pepe (MT) and a few government class students.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: was led by President Rogers.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO-TEM:

Timothy P. Whipple was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: was entered into at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contractual matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:30 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 2/25/14 was adopted as presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 2/11/14 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 1/31/14 were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 1/31/14 was accepted as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR: was adopted as presented.

DONATION: of \$500 from the Mountain Mart #104 and ExxonMobil as an award of the 2013 Educational Alliance Grant to be used to support the study of math or science was accepted "with thanks".

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR: was revised as follows: 1) June 27, 2014 was removed as an instructional day as a district is not allowed to use a day after the Regents Exam period toward the 180 minimum school days in a year for state aid purposes, 2) the remaining two snow days will be used on May 23rd and May 27th, 2014. If we use one snow day prior to May 23rd, then school will be in session on May 27th. If we use two snow days prior to May 23rd, then school will be in session on both May 23rd and May 27th.

FORENSICS TRIP TO ONEONTA, NY: to attend the State Championship Tournament on April 5th and April 6th, 2014 was approved as presented. The cost of the trip is being funded from the co-curricular account.

ADDITIONAL HUSKIES SWIMMING CLUB APPOINTMENT: was made to Ryan Tober to work as a swimming instructor and lifeguard for the spring session. He will work under the direction of Jennifer Kilcoyne-Massaró and will be paid \$8.50 per hour.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reported that the first of five sessions of complimentary seminars for NYSSBA's Student Achievement Institute will be held in Lake Placid on Saturday, March 22nd stating that he would like as many Board Members as possible to attend along with Mr. Griffin and himself. He then informed Board Members that they should have received a NYSSBA survey via email today and encouraged all to respond. He also inquired as to the interest of Board Members to attend a Health Insurance Consortium meeting which will be held at North Franklin Ed Center on Wednesday, March 19th. Also in attendance at this meeting will be representatives from the MFT, CSEA and MAA.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple reported that he attended a state aid meeting in Lake George today where he learned that the Legislature is only working two days this week; however, we are still hearing that an on-time budget is a good possibility. He will have a more precise update at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: for **PERSONNEL MATTERS** was approved as follows:

Instructional Staff:

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: was granted to Kim Ruel from her physical education teaching position for the 2014-2015 school year for personal reasons. Ms. Ruel will be responsible for her health insurance premiums effective 9/1/14.

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD: until September 3, 2015 for Shannon Smith to allow for additional time for tenure recommendation was approved as presented.

Support Staff:

RESIGNATION: Matthew Vincent (Bus Driver), effective 2/6/14.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: Mark Gonyea (Bus Driver), effective 2/26/14.

SICK LEAVE POOL RECOMMENDATIONS: 20 days were granted to Wanda Snyder (Bus Driver) and 40 days were granted to Julie Hutchins (Teaching Assistant).

Managerial/Confidential:

RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: was accepted from David Brooks, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, effective 5/31/14.

President Rogers acknowledged the retirement of David Brooks commending his 38 years of dedicated service to the District stating that he will truly be missed. He stated that Mr. Brooks has more history than all those present and extended him a huge thanks and wished him the best in his future endeavors! Mr. Brooks was then given a standing ovation and a round of applause.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
2/26/14