

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – March 11, 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, Gordon Hutchins, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Hunter, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS TARDY: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Brandon Pelkey, Melissa Brown, Suanne Tatro and a few government class students.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: was led by Vice President Collins.

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 7:10 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 3/11/14 was adopted as presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 2/25/14 were approved as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DONATIONS: of 1) \$7,877.43 from an anonymous donor to support the Music and Art Programs and 2) checks totaling \$1,050 from the Lions club of Malone, Malone USBC, American Legion and Kiwanis Club of Malone to be used to cover expenses associated with the Franklin Academy Bowling Team's attendance at the NYSPHSAA Championships in March were accepted "with thanks".

2014 HUSKIES SCIENCE & SWIM SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP: which will be held July 7 – August 8 was approved as presented. Jennifer Massaro will receive \$240 per day for working as the teacher in this camp. Her assistants will be Conor Gordon, Ryan Tober, Patrick Gordon and Jayne Tracy. They will be paid \$11 per hour. All of them have been fingerprinted and cleared to work.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mrs. Kissane reported that she, Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Crossman-Dumas were judges at the Lip Sync Contest held last Friday evening at the Middle School stating that a fantastic job was performed and the anti-bullying campaign was absolutely beautiful! Kudos to the Middle School for, once again, doing a fantastic job!

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mr. Whipple reviewed several additional initiatives to the 2014-2015 Governor's Proposal including, but not limited to, the General Obligation Bond Act which will be on the ballot in November, Statewide Universal Full-Day Pre-K, after school programs, STAR exemptions, aid caps and a Real Property Tax Freeze Credit. He will be watching these initiatives as they progress. He then reviewed briefly an updated 2014-2015 proposed base budget totaling \$47,462,647 which represents a 7.31% increase in the tax levy stating that approximately \$540,000 remains to be either cut from this projected budget or revenues increased by this amount in order to achieve the 3% tax cap. He will report on updated revenues at the next meeting.

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

Instructional Staff:

SICK LEAVE POOL RECOMMENDATION: 6 days were granted to Marlene Leroy.

RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: was accepted from Shae Leonard (Elementary), effective 9/2/14.

ADDITIONAL SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to Jackie McCarthy (Girl's Modified Track), Kim Ruel (Boy's Modified Track), Shelley Skelly (Modified Softball), Jim Heden** & Matt Tessier** (Boy's Varsity Track Head Coach and Assistant Coach), Scott Marlow***, Cory West*** & Mike Wescott*** (Girl's Varsity Track Head Coach and Assistant Coach), Ryan Childs (Volunteer Baseball), Timothy Lamay Jr. (Volunteer Track), Ashley Marshall (Volunteer Softball) & Amy LaVine (Volunteer Softball). **Jim Heden & Matt Tessier were appointed Co-Coaches.

The two salaries for these positions will be combined and each will be paid one half of the total salary. ***Scott Marlow, Cory West & Mike Wescott were appointed Tri-Coaches. The two salaries for these positions will be combined and each will be paid one third of the total salary. Cory West was also given a one year leave of absence from the Modified Boy's Track position that he held in the 2012-13 school year.

A.I.S. APPOINTMENT: was made to Jill Senter (Global Social Studies), effective 3/12/14 through 6/26/14. She will teach two sections/two days per week at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

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

Support Staff:

SUBSTITUTE: Brian Broeker (Bus Driver), effective 3/17/14.

Vice President Collins acknowledged the retirement of Shae Leonard and her years of service to the District wishing her well in her retirement!

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
3/12/14