

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – April 21, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Philip Hans, Edward Lockwood

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Timothy P. Whipple, District Clerk/Business Administrator, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Brandon Pelkey, F.A. Principal, Nate Hathaway (MFT), Suanne Tatro, Melissa Brown, Jason Black, John Miletich, Denise Rogers, Stacy Maguire

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rogers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** was entered into at 7:01 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to a specific individual.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** at 7:09 P.M.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 4/21/15 was adopted.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 4/14/15 were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: for the period ending 3/31/15 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for the period ending 3/31/15 was accepted as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

2015-16 VOTE ON BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET: in the amount of \$2,011,569 was approved as presented.

2015-16 BOCES ANNUAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS: Ballots were cast for following candidates: Dennis Egan, BMC CSD, Richard Preston, Lake Placid CSD, and George Cook, Saranac Lake CSD.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

FORENSICS NATIONAL COMPETITION TO FORT LAUDERDALE FLORIDA: was approved as presented. The trip is May 23-25, 2015. Eight students will be attending. Chaperones have been approved and properly vetted by the district.

DONATION: of \$500 from the Mountain Mart #104 and through Exxon Mobile Education Alliance to be used to support the Science and Math Curriculum at Franklin Academy was accepted "with thanks".

SPORTS MERGER FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR WITH BMC AND CHATEAUGAY:

**Fall**

JV Football- Chateaugay

Boys' Varsity Cross Country- Chateaugay

Girls' Varsity Cross Country- Chateaugay

Boys' Modified Cross Country- Chateaugay

Girls' Modified Cross Country- Chateaugay

**Winter**

Boys' Ice Hockey- Chateaugay

Boys' Varsity Indoor Track- Chateaugay, Brushton-Moira

Girls' Varsity Indoor Track- Chateaugay, Brushton-Moira

## **Spring**

Boys' Varsity Spring Track- Chateaugay

Girls' Varsity Spring Track- Chateaugay

Boys' Modified Spring Track- Chateaugay

Girls' Modified Spring Track-Chateaugay

The merger was approved with the following stipulations: 1) Each school will be billed for the participation of their own students. The cost of the program will be divided by the number of students on the team and the school will be billed accordingly. A check from the school district will be accepted for payment. 2) Students must arrive to practice each day by 3 pm. 3) If the merger causes the Malone Central School District to move up in classification, Malone Central School District reserves the right to dissolve the merger prior to the first day of practice.

ESTABLISHMENT OF F.A. SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: was approved as presented.

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers reported that he attended a presentation by Pasi Sahlberg at St.

Lawrence University along with Ms. Hunter, Mrs. Crossman-Dumas and Mr. Griffin. Mr. Sahlberg is from Finland and is a visiting professor at Harvard University. Ms. Hunter explained that she found the lecture very interesting, especially in the differences between the American school system compared to the Finnish school system. She also spoke about vast differences between Canada's educational system and America's, and she would be interested in visiting a school there at some point. She went on to report that the Finnish system has much less testing than America and prioritizes a more holistic approach with students. Mrs. Crossman-Dumas agreed, and spoke about the need to care for the entire child as they do in Canada and Finland. Mr. Rogers reflected that in those countries schools are much less structured, students participate in more recess and local schools have total control over the curriculum for their students. Mr. Griffin summed up the conversation by adding that the differences between teachers in the two countries, Finland versus America, are very small, it is the policy variations with respect to education philosophy that makes the two systems very different.

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

**Instructional Staff:**

RESIGNATION: Kimberley Ruel (P.E. Teacher), effective September 1, 2015.

**Support Staff:**

RESIGNATION: Paul Hutchins (Bus Driver), effective 4/24/15.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:49 P.M.

Timothy P. Whipple

District Clerk/Board of Education

4/21/15