

Elementary Principal – Bethellen Mannix
Middle/High School Principal – Brian George

HARTFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hartford, New York

Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting February 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Mr. Brian Getty, President, Mr. Philip Jessen, Mr. Adam Fish and Mr. Ronald Smith

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Janine Thomas, Vice-President

Guests: Amy Thomas, Amber Lynch, Austin Lovett, Tiffany Cerate, Mazella Backus, Gabrielle Hidden, Jessica Lourie, Bonnie Winchester, Allison Ward, Cassandra Kearnes, Courtney Hamelin, Heather Bartos, Caleb Sutliff and Kristina Eastman.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm
 - President, Board of Education
2. Prayer
 - Mr. Getty
3. Welcome
 - 3.1 Public to be Heard
4. Review and Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Board of Education held on January 13, 2014. The Board of Education approved the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Jessen. Approved 4-0.
5. Review and Approval of the District's Financial Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.2 Warrants
 - 5.3 Cafeteria Report

The Board of Education approved the financial reports as presented. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
6. Superintendent's Report
 - STLE: I received notification on Thursday, February 06, 2014 that the Washington Consortium was approved by NYSED for the STLE 3 grant. This delivers approximately \$619,000 for consortium projects, including a shared curriculum coach.
 - Solar Panels: The district is waiting for the final proposals from both solar companies: Monolith and NY Light Energy. I have had additional communication with Monolith who had a couple of questions regarding our current bill (we are involved in a COSER for electricity so the bill can be confusing to interpret). I anticipate having more information next week.
 - Letter from Senator Little: Included within the board packet is a letter I received from Senator Little.
 - The Governor's budget proposal is not adequate;
 - The State must pay down the GEA;
 - The public must lobby for their districts and contact their legislators; and
 - "I do not support the implementation of the Common Core Standards" – there are several bills before the Senate and Assembly and so action will be taken.
7. Building Principals and Department Supervisor Reports
 - 7.1 Transportation Report: Mr. Michael Rogers – The cold weather has played havoc on 2 buses. Bus 66 is due back from the shop by the end of the week or next week. Bus 65 had the same problem with the O ring failing, which is very rare and probably due to the cold weather. The BOE made the decision not to put any money into fixing Bus 65 as the return from a trade would not be worth the expenditure.
 - 7.2 Elementary Report: Mrs. Bethellen Mannix
 - Student Recognition
 - Bus Riders of the Month (January)
 - Citizens' of the Month (January)

- Chronicle Entries: Keegan Bryant, Hannah Mitchell, Gabby McFarren, Abigail Monroe, Nicholas Barber, Emmaline Barker
- Hartford Star Fall/Winter Edition
 - Star Reporter: Reid Robbins
 - Honorable Mention: Sophia Anderson, Kailey Gayton, Natalie Keeley
- Whitehall Elks Essay Contest – “What Veterans Day Means to Me”
 - Alexis Sesselman, Reid Robbins, Hannah Lawrence were chosen for top 10
 - Alexis placed second and her essay was sent out to the district chapter of the Elks
- Classroom News:
 - After school Enrichment (grades 3-6)
 - Science, Poetry, Math, Spanish, Battle of the Books
 - High School Spanish students “taught” Spanish in the elementary classes the week of January 21st
 - Learning Club: Buddy Reading started with 2nd graders reading to 4th and 5th graders
 - Pre-K news from Allison (attached)
 - Grade 3 poster board (about how students access books in other countries)
 - Grade 1 news from Mrs. Thomas (Science incorporated into ELA)
 - Grade 1 news from Mr. MacDougall
 - PARP – (March) “Reading is our Thing”
 - March 3rd Kick-off – I will be reading to Pre-K –grade 5 in my Cat in the Hat attire
 - Guest Reader Day March 12th
 - PARP assembly – March 14th
 - T-Shirt sales
- Upcoming Events:
 - Friday, February 14th: Parents’ Breakfast and the 100th Day of School (canceled – Feb. 28th rescheduled)
 - Monday, March 10th: Battle of the Books at SUNY Adirondack (grades 4 and 6)

7.3 Middle/High School Report: Mr. Brian George

- Current Enrollment – Grades 6-12: 277 students
- Congratulations to Alison Parrott for being a 2014 Post Star Teen Excellence Award Honoree (Awards Breakfast on March 5th)
- Approximately 35 students attended the Adirondack Phantoms Game on January 18th sponsored by the Middle School Science Club
- Three FFA students attended the Farm Bureau Governmental Awareness Institute in Albany on Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Students will be learning about and discussing key NYS Agricultural Issues with the NYS Farm Bureau and hopefully meeting with our Assemblyman and Senator as well as sitting in on a Senate Session
- Six students have been selected for the All-County Band Festival on March 14- 15 at Granville CSD. Three sixth graders: Thomas MacDuff, Jr., Hannah Monroe, and Kathryn Smith have been selected for Elementary Band. Grades 7-12 are selected by an audition process and the following students were chosen: Adam Mitchell 1st Chair Tenor Sax, Tyler Smith 1st Chair Alto Sax, and Camille Rogers 2nd Chair Alto Sax
- Junior and Senior Band will be presenting a “Pops” Concert for Music in Our Schools Month on March 27th at 7pm. It will be featuring: The Indiana Jones Theme Song, Eye of the Tiger, I Dreamed A Dream, John Lennon’s “Imagine” and more
- Second Quarter has ended:
 - Principal’s List – 22 Students
 - Honor Roll – 50 Students
 - Merit Roll – 42 Students
 - 41% of students made one of the 3 lists
- Strive For Five
 - 72 out 101 students participating, 24 Students will receive a prize (met 4 or more qualifications)
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - February 11 Strive for Five
 - February 11 Key Club will sponsor a Brownie Sundae
 - February 13 Dime a Dip
 - February 15 Winter Ball- Dance
 - February 17-21 Mid-Winter
 - February 24, 25, 27 Winter Olympics

8. Old Business: *There is no old business to conduct*
9. New Business
 - 9.1 CPSE/CSE/504 Recommendations. The Board of Education accepted the recommendations of the CPSE/CSE Committee. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
 - 9.2 Tenure Recommendation: Ms. Jessica Lourie. Ms. Lourie has been a member of the Secondary Math department since September 2011. She has taught Geometry, A2/Trig., Financial Applications, Pre-Calculus and Calculus (*both are dual enrollment courses with SUNY Adirondack*). This recommendation comes with the support of Mr. George (*Middle/High School Principal*). The Board of Education granted tenure to Ms. Jessica Lourie in the certification area of Secondary Education, Mathematics; effective September 1, 2014. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
 - 9.3 Tenure Recommendation: Mrs. Amy Thomas. Mrs. Thomas has been working with our first grade students since September 2011. This recommendation comes with the support of Mrs. Mannix (*Elementary Principal*). The Board of Education granted tenure to Mrs. Amy Thomas in the certification area of Elementary Education; effective September 1, 2014. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
 - 9.4 Tenure Recommendation: Mrs. Amber Lynch. Mrs. Lynch was hired by the district on October 11, 2011. Mrs. Lynch is assigned to work with our Tier 3 students as part of the Elementary RTI process. This recommendation comes with the support of Mrs. Mannix (*Elementary Principal*). The Board of Education granted tenure to Mrs. Amber Lynch in the certification area of Elementary Education; effective October 10, 2014. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
 - 9.5 Cooperative Purchase Participation: Each year, the WSWHE BOCES offers a cooperative bidding agreement for cafeteria, custodial, and paper products. The bidding service was presented to both Mr. Jones and Mrs. Howe, who both provided their support to participate. The Board of Education approved participation in the cooperative purchasing program (*Voice Vote Required*) Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0. Voice Vote: Mr. Smith – Yea; Mr. Fish – Yea; Mr. Jessen – Yea; Mr. Getty – Yea.
 - 9.6 Overnight Field-trip Request: Mr. Farley has submitted a request for the members of the LAS 110 class attend an overnight field-trip to Washington D.C. to, among other items, meet with the Peruvian Ambassador. The Board of Education approved the FFA field trip request contingent upon the compliance with all Board of Education policies and procedures related to overnight fieldtrips. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
 - 9.7 Excise Textbook Request: Mrs. Stoddard has forwarded a request to have seventeen textbooks declared as surplus property. The Board of Education identified the listed items as surplus property and authorized their proper disposal (recycling). Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
- 10.0 Executive Session – Recommend the Board of Education adjourn at 7:40 pm to Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel. Motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.
- 11.0 Adjournment – 8:22 pm motion by Mr. Jessen and second by Mr. Fish to return to open session. No further action would be taken by the Board of Education Board adjourned at 8:23 pm on a motion from by Mr. Jessen and second by Mr. Fish. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Durling
District Clerk