

HONEOYE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2014  
7:00 PM IN THE SECONDARY LIBRARY

Board Members Present: Sally Blackmer, Patrick Freivald, Kyle Hubble, Ide Marshall, Nathan VanBortel, Grace Simonds-Vice President, and Keith Stumbo-President

Absent:

Others Present: David C. Bills, Superintendent  
Jennifer Young, District Clerk  
Barbara Overfield, District Treasurer  
Christine Antalek, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
Karen Soanes, Director of Instructional Technology  
Michael Bastian, Elementary Principal

1 additional community member/staff/student was present.

A quorum was present and notice was posted.

President Keith Stumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag was led by President Keith Stumbo.

**PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

None

**KUDOS**

- David C. Bills gave kudos to the Elementary Concert commenting that it is great to see kids performing and he mentioned that the APPR Committee continues to make progress.
- Sally Blackmer mentioned that March is National Women's History Month and commented on the current restructuring of the SAT to be more in line with common core.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**NYS Budget Updates** - Hand outs of the PowerPoint presentation were provided to the Board along with Draft #1 of the 2014-2015 Budget. David C. Bills reminded the Board that he will be providing them with updated information on a regular basis for review and discussion to keep them informed of the 2014-2015 budget process. He provided a brief update reviewing NYS Aid projections, ERS, TRS, Workers Comp, and personnel costs. Mr. Bills responded to questions from the Board and there was a brief discussion.

Barbara Overfield exited the meeting at 7:04 pm and returned at 7:20 pm.

**2014-2015 Calendar** – Superintendent, David C. Bills, reviewed the draft 2014-2015 school year calendar, hand outs were provided to the Board. Mr. Bills reviewed the process involved in creating the school year calendar taking into consideration contractual requirements/obligations, holidays, school recess/breaks, testing, Superintendent Conference days, professional development, and parent/teacher conference days. There was a brief discussion and Mr. Bills responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Bills informed the Board that the final calendar will be brought back to them at a future meeting for review and adoption.

**GEA Resolution** – Mr. Bills provided the Board with a resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to immediately end the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

Upon the recommendation from the Superintendent, David C. Bills, the Board of Education of the Honeoye Central School District **approved** the following **resolution**:

**Whereas**, the NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then; and

**Whereas**, since its inception the GEA has reduced State aid to the Honeoye Central School District by \$3,388,892; and

**Whereas**, the governor’s budget proposal for the 2014-15 school year projects another \$678,855 cut in State Aid through the Gap Elimination Adjustment; and

**Whereas**, this reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Honeoye Central School District; and

**Whereas**, this cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the budgets in the Honeoye Central School District, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reduction of school district fund reserves; and

**Whereas**, efforts by the Honeoye Central School District to sustain programs and services are simultaneously constrained by a property tax levy limit; unfunded and underfunded mandates; increases in pension and health care costs; and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

**Whereas**, adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in public schools in NYS; and

**Whereas**, New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2008-09; therefore

**Be it resolved**, that the Honeoye Central School District’s Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to **immediately** end the Gap Elimination Adjustment and refund the money projected to be cut under the GEA to the school district.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014 during a Honeoye Central School Board of Education meeting by the following vote:*

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0

At the request of the Board the District Clerk will send a letter to NYS legislatures informing them of this resolution.

**Building/Department Updates**- David turned the meeting over to the members of the Administrative Leadership team for informal and brief updates from their respective areas.

- Mike Bastian mentioned March is music in our school month and commented on the fabulous job the kids did at the Elementary concert; reading across America; Dr. Seuss's Birthday; the upcoming book fair and that everything will be 50% off; upcoming ½ days and parent/teacher conferences; the PTA sponsored Science Fair; the PTA Mother/Son Event; and ongoing observations.
- Christine Antalek discussed organizing scoring, scoring training, scoring assignments; the teacher student data linkage program where teachers can log/check student attendance; continued work by the APPR Committee on common core; and upcoming visits from BOCES supplemental services.
- Karen Soanes reviewed work done over the February recess; security updates being done on computers; and “spring cleaning” of keyboards and projectors.
- David C. Bills informed the Board that Kimberly Bush was unable to attend the meeting this evening but she had provided him with some updates to share with the Board. Ms. Bush shared that the Special Education Departments are working on creating new cover sheets for annual review meetings which will allow the committee to look at what changes are being recommended and why; entering information into IEPs via IEPdirect instead of the CSE office; she mentioned in-service training for TAs provided by Ontario ARC Autism Center; and that the secondary special education department continues to receive updates and learn about Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) and discussing changes required to meet the needs of students with an IEP.
- David responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding legislation on upcoming testing and delays.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motioned by Grace Simonds, seconded by Kyle Hubble, to **approve the minutes** from the February 26, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

**Motion carried 7-0**

### **PERSONNEL:**

Upon the recommendation from the Superintendent, David C. Bills, the Board of Education of the Honeoye Central School District **accepted** the following **Resignations:**

Motioned by Patrick Freivald, seconded by Ide Marshall, to **accept** the resignations of the below listed employees.

- Paul Henning as a Bus Driver effective April 23, 2014 for reason of retirement.
- Pamela Castronova as a Major Play Set Designer effective February 25, 2014.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Upon the recommendation from the Superintendent, David C. Bills, the Board of Education of the Honeoye Central School District **approved** the following **Appointment**:

Motioned by Ide Marshall, seconded by Grace Simonds, to **approve** the appointment of the below listed employee.

- Bonnie Young as a Major Play Set Designer for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Motion carried 7-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:**

Motioned by Patrick Freivald, seconded by Ide Marshall, to **approve warrants**: #154 and #155. Barbara Overfield responded to questions from the Board.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motioned by Sally Blackmer, seconded by Ide Marshall, to **approve the contract for Health Services** with the Canandaigua City School District Invoice #794-14A.

**Motion carried 7-0**

### **CAPITAL PROJECT**

Motioned by Ide Marshall, seconded by Kyle Hubble, to **approve** the below listed **invoice**.

- Barnard P. Donegan, Inc. for professional services in connection with the Capital Project.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motioned by Sally Blackmer, seconded by Nate VanBortel, to enter into **executive session** at 7:41 pm to discuss collective negotiations with a particular Association, to discuss the employment history of a particular person, and to discuss the possible demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motioned by Sally Blackmer, seconded by Nate VanBortel, at 9:17 pm to leave executive session.

**Motion carried 7-0**

No action was taken

A question regarding Driver Education and the history of it being offered at Honeoye was asked. The inquiry will be explored relative to any possible grant funding or other revenues of support.

There was a question regarding the response to an email from community member that was copied to the Board of Education. David C. Bills assured the Board that the inquiry would receive an appropriate response regarding the miscommunication.

Motioned by Sally Blackmer, seconded by Grace Simonds, at 9:21 pm to **adjourn** the meeting.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young  
District Clerk