

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by Mr. Sutton.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton.

Board Members Present were Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. J. Helft, Mr. R. Mausert, Mr. D. Sutton, Mr. D. Skott and Mr. D. Wilwol. Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin, Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed, Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal and Mrs. S. Vadney, 7-12 Principal. Board Member Absent was Mrs. B. Foster.

Board Presentations:

1. State of the Schools Report

- Mr. Facin discussed the following:
 - District has moved up 14 places in testing
 - Cohort groups explained:
 - Free & Reduced numbers
 - Special Education
 - by grade and gender
 - drop-out data
 - graduation rate
 - GED and IEP students are considered as dropouts
 - need less GED and IEP students
 - district's Mission Statement is to teach values

2. Code of Conduct for Extra Curricular Activities

- Discussed earlier this evening at workshop
- National Honor Society breakdown, sending to national office for review
- Extra-Curricular Violation
 - 1st disciplinary action – 30% activity, 5 days counseling, address team
 - 2nd disciplinary action – suspension for 1 calendar year with review after 6 months before superintendent & attend no after school activities
 - 3rd disciplinary action – suspended indefinitely
- Applies to ALL students
 - officers, student council, drama, band, sports, clubs
- review in January and adopt in June
- school calendar code extend to one calendar year

Public Comment Session: Started at 8:00 pm and Ended at 8:01 pm.

1. Member of the audience:

- Can a coach have a stricter code? Mr. Facin answered yes, as coach determines the amount of time played.
- Can the coach remove player from the team? Mr. Facin answered no, coach just won't play the student.

Board President's Report:

1. Mr. Sutton stated that there was a construction meeting today and all is going well.
2. Code of Conduct discussion was excellent, looking for "equity"

Approval of Board Minutes

1. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the Minutes of

July 14, 2009 ReOrganization Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2009 Special Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

Board Forum: This is an opportunity for Board members to ask clarifying questions and discuss issues.

- Discuss date of Sept. 2 for the “Building Walk-Through”.

The Board of Education will hold a Workshop on September 2, 2009 at 7:00 AM to

Conduct the “Building Walk-Through”.

- Mrs. Gormley asked about the H1N1 flu, district should release a public statement
- Mr. Facin stated that a mailing was sent out to parents with information on the H1N1 flu and that hand sanitizers will be installed in all rooms. This will be closely monitored. State and county are in contact with us constantly
- Mrs. Gormley asked who closes school?
- Mr. Facin stated that he does.
- Staff was well trained on MRSA, disinfected all buses and did not have an out-break. Cleaning internally is critical.
- Mrs. Gormley discussed the board retreat.
 - Better communication with the public.
 - Chain of command
 - Board of Education needs to branch out to the public
 - goals for Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

Superintendent’s Report:

1. Capital Project moving forward, school to open on time and that a few items will be completed in mid September.
2. After fall sports are completed, the fields will be handicapped accessible.
3. NYSERTA / Facilities Planning, missed grant application deadline, stimulus money lost. Would have to pay back the money in five years, absurd.
4. Student schedules and bus schedules are ready to be mailed.
5. Summer Curriculum work is done and done well.

School Business Administrator’s Report:

1. Key Bank credit card limit increase, motion on agenda. District hits over the limit before bill is received.
 - Mr. Sutton asked who uses the credit card?
 - Mrs. Hatfield answered that the business office does with her permission.
 - Mr. Facin stated that this card is used only internally.
 - example: Amazon.com saved the district a lot of money. This also allows us to expedite service.
2. Newspapers, Mrs. Hatfield gave out a Handout showing different prices on newspapers to run legal notices and showing circulation of each newspaper. Result of this is to continue with the two newspapers we have for our legal papers.
3. HVCC – Hudson Valley Community College – will be holding evening classes here at HFCS beginning this fall.
 - charge will be \$225 per class, per room
 - spring semester, will be holding classes once again, same fee

4. OMNI – 403b Benefit Enrollment, motion to accept on agenda

Administrator’s Report:

- Special Education
- K-6 Elementary School
- 7-12 Secondary School

Committees:

- a. Negotiations: D. Sutton, Chair; J. Helft, D. Skott
- b. Policy: L. Gormley, B. Foster
- c. Facilities: D. Sutton, Chair; D. Wilwol, D. Skott
- d. Audit: L. Gormley, Chair; D. Sutton, J. Helft
- e. Academic Standards: For Discussion

PTA:

1. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 beginning with October 6th.
2. PTA enrollment will begin September 2.

HFTA Report:

1. Welcome to High School Principal Stacy Vadney and Assistant High School Principal Brett Lamy.
2. Attended NYSTA training.
3. New teacher orientation
4. HFTA will provide luncheon on September 3rd.
5. There will be a golf fundraiser on October 4th.

Old Board Actions: None

Board Correspondence: None

New Board Actions:

A. Leaves / Resignations: None

1. A motion was made by Mr. Mausert seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the Request for a Leave of Absence for Devon Paterson, Teacher of Reading, effective on or about October 19, 2009 through on or about December 4, 2009.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the Leave of Absence for Weng Kuan Chan, Teacher of Special Education, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective August 31, 2009 through August 31, 2010.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.
Mr. Facin explained Mr. Chan’s leave of absence.
Mr. Helft is very disappointed in the political process. Here the district has a devoted teacher, loved by all, should be able to stay.

B. Appointments:

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the following Appointment for Summer Custodial Help:

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
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| Kyle Spinelli | \$8.28/hr | July 13, 2009 |
| Richard Pecor | \$8.28/hr | July 24, 2009 |
| Charlie Stowell | \$8.28/hr | August 6, 2009 |
| Ryan Cottrell | \$8.28/hr | August 10, 2009 |

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the following Volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| Eric Manning | Weight Room |
| Brittany Pine | Girls Soccer |
| Chris Stevens | Football |
| Patrick Dailey | Girls Soccer |

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the Extra-Curricular Sports Appointments & Activities for the 2009-2010 as written:

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| <u>Baseball</u> | | |
| Modified Coach | | Ed Wright |
| <u>Bowling</u> | | |
| Head Coach | | Bob Lang |
| <u>Golf</u> | | |
| Varsity Coach | | Pam Hatfield |
| Assistant Coach | | Ed Wright |
| <u>Soccer (Boys)</u> | | |
| Modified Coach | | Steve Hinchliffe |
| <u>Soccer (Girls)</u> | | |
| Varsity Coach | | Tom Husser |
| <u>Wrestling</u> | | |
| J. V. Coach | | Rick Taber |

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the change in pay for the following Summer School Special Education Program that was approved at the July 14, 2009 BOE meeting:

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| Diane Hunter | \$13.46 per hour |
| LeeAnn Bartosik | 13.46 per hour |
| Terry Henry | 13.46 per hour |
| Marie Lucey | 13.46 per hour |
| Sharon Messersmith | 12.56 per hour |
| Judy Quackenbush | 12.56 per hour |

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the change in pay for the following Summer Reading Program that was approved at the July 14, 2009 BOE meeting:

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| Michelle Culver | \$59.25 per hour |
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Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve additional hours for Summer Curriculum for the following:

National Honor Society increase 1 day x 3 participants for a total of 3 days x \$38/hr = \$2,052
 (General Fund) (an increase of \$684.00)
 Isabel McGuire Denise Hoag Kim Hayden

Mr. Facin explained, this required more hours and a good project was turned in.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the appointment of Erin Bettis as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher without a BA Degree and as a Substitute Secretary at a rate in accordance with the Hoosick Falls Support Staff Contract, on an emergency conditional status, upon completion of a fingerprint test and a background check.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the appointments of the following for the 2009-2010 school year per MOA's as written:

| <u>Teacher</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Stipend per MOA</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| David Hammond | After School Detention 7-12 | \$29.61 / hr |
| Bill Brown | After School Detention K-6 | \$29.61 / hr |
| Jenn McDonald | Mentor Coordinator | \$2,300 stipend |
| Bill Brown | Cafeteria Supervision Elementary | \$1,200 stipend |
| Holly Grogan | Cafeteria Supervision Elementary | \$1,200 stipend |
| Chris Zakrzewski | Cafeteria Supervision Elementary | \$1,200 stipend |
| * Open - 9 positions | Cafeteria Supervision Elementary | \$1,200 stipend |
| Jennifer McDonald | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Christina Stebbins | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Tara Antolick | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Kelli Grennan | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Kim Hayden | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Amy Ferullo | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Denise Hoag | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Lisa Ferrannini | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Sheryl Rifenburg | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Colleen Corcoran | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Ambigay Yudkoff | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |
| Lynda Bilow | Cafeteria Supervision High School | \$1,200 stipend |

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the appointment of Peter Coon as a Substitute Custodial Worker effective August 20, 2009 at a rate in accordance with the Hoosick Falls Support Staff Contract, on an emergency conditional status upon completion of a fingerprint test and a background test.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

C. Miscellaneous:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to Excess books per list.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the Jr./Sr. High School Student & Parent Handbook (grades 7-12) for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Table the "Hoosick Falls CSD Code of Conduct for Extra Curricular Activities" for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve an increase in the

credit limit for the Key Bank credit card from \$3,000 to \$5,000, effective August 11, 2009.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

5. A motion to was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft approve the 2009-2010 Service Agreement with OMNI Financial Group, Inc. for administrative services regarding 403(b) Annuity Plans, in the amount of \$3,600.
 - Mr. Helft asked how many employees participated in this.
 - Mrs. Hatfield stated that approximately 40 employees participate.Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Skott to approve the Hoosick Falls Girls Soccer Field Trip to Rochester and Buffalo, effective August 28 through August 30, 2009. There will be no financial impact to the school, students are responsible for the cost.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

CSE Recommendations:

A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to have the Board of Education approve the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided to students with disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Subsequent Meeting Dates:

- The Board of Education will hold its' Regular Meeting on September 17, 2009 @ 7:00 PM in the high school library.

2nd Public Comment Session: Started at 9:13 pm and Ended at 9:14 pm.

Board Forum: This is an opportunity for Board members to ask clarifying questions.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to go into Executive Session at 9:14 PM for reason to discuss contract negotiations with the School Support Staff.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

There will be no board actions following this executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Mausert to return to Regular Session at 10:20 pm.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.