

A Special Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Heuvelton Central School District was held in the Multi-Media Room on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. The Meeting was called to order by President Michael Davis at 7:02 p.m.

**Members present:** Michael Davis, President, Andrew Martin, Vice President, Keith Carmany, Dennis Durant, Barbara Knauf, Michelle McGaw and Thomas Nichols

**Members absent:** None

**Also present:** Susan Todd, Superintendent, Michael Robinson, Assistant Business Manager and Tessa Herron, District Clerk

**Guests:** B. Simmons, J. Fischer & P. Hebert

- 15-138 **Motion #1**  
Adopt Revised Agenda To adopt the proposed agenda.  
Moved: Carmany Seconded: Martin  
Six present, six ayes. Carried
- 15-139 **Public Forum** No one from the public addressed the BOE at this time.
- 15-140 **Items for Discussion**  
Suggested Policy Revisions from Erie 1 BOCES
  - #5241 Alternative Veterans' Exemption
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Readings scheduled for April 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
 Mr. Martin suggested that Mrs. Todd reach out to Pete Havens to possibly find out the number of Veteran's in our area. Mrs. Todd stated that she will contact him. The Board was informed that if someone wants this exemption they have to apply for it.

**Mr. Nichols entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.**

- 15-141 **Items for Discussion - Budget**  
Mrs. Todd shared with the Board that late in the day on April 1<sup>st</sup> she was notified that the district would be receiving an additional amount of \$76,405 in State aid. The first draft of the Budget did include a cut to a secretarial position, a reduction to one Teaching Assistant, CSE Chairperson will be taken over by the School Psychologist – she will keep an hourly report, reduction of BOCES Services for a FCS teacher – 2 teachers in house that will take over one period a day, Bus bid came in lower than anticipated. With those reductions that brings the budget down to an \$80,000 shortfall. Mrs. Todd provided a handout of the past budget history of yes/no votes.

Mr. Nichols asked about the STAR property tax rebate that if the district passes a budget over the tax cap residents that have the STAR don't get that. What is in jeopardy if we have to go over the tax cap? Mr. Nichols feels that it would be proactive as a Board to have this information. Mr. Robinson stated that he will look into this Property Tax Freeze credit. Mr. Nichols shared his concern regarding the cut of the secretarial position. He is wondering how everything playing out with the shift in duties. Mrs. Todd stated that she has not received any feedback negative or positive and it seems to be working out.

Mr. Durant stated that it looks like we are looking at a 3/10th of a percent increase over what it was last year. Mr. Martin asked how we did this year for spending. Did we overspend? Mr. Robinson replied that our expenses are more than revenue. The district is on pace to have a shortfall for the current year. Mr. Durant stated that the district is in a lot better shape than others are.

Mrs. Todd had a few items to bring the Board up to date on:

- The batting cage has been fixed and is working fine. Mr. Cole and the Maintenance crew went to work on it right away. It cost approximately \$75 to fix. Mr. Martin stated that if this is an add alternate on the Capital Project that it may not get completed. Mrs. Knauf asked when the Board would know about if this gets approved. The bids will determine if alternates are possible.
- BOCES meeting is tomorrow night
- NC Symposium – Mr. Davis and Mrs. Knauf stated that they will be in attendance. Mrs. Todd stated that she did get feedback from Rev. David Norman that he will be attending with two other members.
- Next BOE meeting -- 4/18 @ 7 p.m.

- 15-142 **Public Forum** No one from the public addressed the BOE at this time.

- 15-143 **Motion #2**  
Convene Executive Session To approve convening an Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the annual evaluation of the Superintendent and the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.  
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Carmany  
Seven present, seven ayes. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tessa E. Herron*  
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District Clerk

- 15-144 Motion #15  
End Executive Session To approve ending Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.  
Moved: Durant Seconded: Carmany  
Seven present, seven ayes. Carried
  
- 15-145 Motion #17  
Adjournment To approve adjourning the meeting at 8:25 p.m.  
Moved: Carmany Seconded: Durant  
Seven present, seven ayes. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan E. Todd  
Clerk Pro-Tem