

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Heuvelton Central School District was held in Middle School Computer Lab on Wednesday evening April 6, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order by Board Member Timothy Johnson at 7:37 p.m.

Members present: Dr. John Zeh, President, Dennis Durant, Timothy Johnson, Richard Moore and Thomas Nichols

Members absent: Michael Davis and Andrew Martin

Also present: Susan Todd, Superintendent; Cynthia Belleau, Elementary Principal/CSE Chairperson, Michael Warden, MS/HS Principal, Tessa Herron, District Clerk and Carol LaSala, Business Manager

Guests: S. Murdock, D. Steele, V. Hollis, D. Hale, A. Sloan and T. Cobb

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| 10-175 | Motion # 1
Adopt Proposed Agenda | To adopt the proposed agenda.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Moore
Four present, four ayes. Carried |
| 10-176 | Public Forum | No one from the public addressed the Board at this time. |
| 10-177 | Motion # 2
Approve Consent
Agenda | To accept the recommendations on the consent agenda for the April 6, 2011 meeting which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education <p>Moved: Nichols Seconded: Durant
Four present, four ayes. Carried</p> |

Dr. Zeh entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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| 10-178 | Information
Discussion/Decisions on
2011-2012 HCS Budget | Ms. LaSala handed out a revised budget document. This revised document does restore an Elementary Art position as a 0.4 and this would be through a BOCES Coser. The cost of this position would be \$34,194 with a reimbursable aid for the following year of \$24,692. This document includes restoring Lacrosse, Golf and Mr. Steele as Athletic Director. It also includes the \$46,288 restored aid from the State. The tax levy with these restorations would be 4.9%. |
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Mrs. Todd handed out a document with the Tax Levy history and budget vote results for the past five years. Mrs. Todd expressed her concern with a tax cap that could possibly take place in the upcoming years. She also reminded the Board that \$160,000 has been pulled from this budget due to the Federal Education Jobs funds granted to the district for 2011-2012. That \$160,000 will need to be added back into the budget in 2012-2013 unless four positions are cut. Mrs. Todd also provided the Board a list of number of retirees in the upcoming years. It does not appear that there will be a significant savings from retirees in the next 5 years.

Mr. Nichols and Mr. Durant expressed their concerns with voters not passing a 4.9% tax levy budget. Mr. Nichols stated he would support an increase just not a 4.9% increase. Mr. Nichols stated he would like to make cuts from other places but he was not in favor of cutting positions or sports programs. He felt the district could use additional fund balance or make cuts to other areas. Mr. Johnson agrees with Mr. Nichols suggestion of appropriating for \$54,000 to get to a 2% tax levy. Mrs. Todd expressed that she was pleased that the Board was having respectful discussions about difficult decisions that need to be made regarding the 2011-2012 budget.

Mr. Durant expressed that the district should be guarding the fund balance. He stated that the fund balance should be protected to the greatest extent. Mr. Durant suggested looking again at the athletic budget in regards to the contests through Section X. Mr. Durant asked if there were some things the district is hanging onto that can be cut. Mr. Steele explained the maximum number of contests athletes can play.

Dr. Zeh expressed that he felt a 4.9% tax levy was fair since other people are making sacrifices to make this budget work. He mentioned the fact that administrators and middle management had agreed to a zero % increase in salary. Mr. Nichols expressed that he would rather see a 2.9% tax levy. Mr. Nichols stated that he feels taxpayers should be able to see all budget documents. Ms. LaSala explained that the public has access to the 3-part budget. Mrs. Todd added that a Budget newsletter is mailed to each resident prior to the Budget vote.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to get feedback from Steve Klempa and his thoughts on using NYSEERDA to look at more ways to save money through energy.

Mr. Nichols asked to be provided with a total amount that was set for change orders and have we reached that amount.

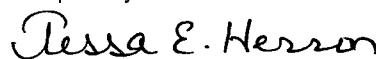
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- 10-179 Motion # 3
2011-2012 HCS Budget To approve the 2011-2012 budget amount of 11,458,400 with a change in unappropriated fund balance from \$736,950 to an appropriated fund balance of \$791,826.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Johnson
No vote taken.
- 10-180 Motion # 4
Table 2011-2012 HCS Budget To table approving the 2011-2012 budget amount of 11,458,400 with a change in unappropriated fund balance from \$736,950 to an appropriated fund balance of \$791,826.
Moved: Moore Seconded: Nichols
Five present, five ayes. Carried
- 10-181 Motion #5
District Students with Disabilities To approve arranging for the appropriate programs and services for District Students with disabilities as previously approved by the District's Committee on Special Education and the District's Preschool Committee on Special Education.
Moved: Durant Seconded: Johnson
Five present, five ayes. Carried
- 10-182 Motion # 6
Emergency Days To approve the following unused emergency (snow) days if no other emergency days are needed prior to June 24, 2011:
- Monday, April 25, 2011 to be added to Easter weekend
 - Friday, May 27, 2011 to be added to Memorial Day weekend
 - Friday, June 24, 2011
- Moved: Johnson Seconded: Moore
Five present, five ayes. Carried
- 10-183 Motion # 7
Change Order To approve the change order #E-001 for the Capital Project.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Johnson
Five present, five ayes. Carried
- Mr. Johnson stated that it seems like every meeting the Board has a change order to approve. Are these within the scope of the project? Mrs. Todd informed him that they are. Mrs. Todd explained that she will be meeting with Steve Klempa and will get a more thorough report.
- 10-184 Motion # 8
Personnel To appoint Kimberly Holmes to perform the duties of Long-Term Teaching Assistant for Jenelle Riordan at the per diem rate of \$80.00 per day.
Moved: Durant Seconded: Johnson
Five present, five ayes. Carried
- 10-185 Public Forum Tina Cobb stated that the website is a way to get information out to the public. Ms. Cobb expressed the district should utilize this piece more.
- Ann Sloan stated that she has spoken with Lisbon Central School regarding ways to conserve energy and save money. Mrs. Sloan stated that she overheard the electrical company working in our district for the Capital Project suggested that the lights in the gymnasium could be changed and would be a savings of up to \$8,000. NYSERDA is backing this. Mrs. Sloan expressed her concern if our district waits 2 or more years to replace these lights will NYSERDA still be backing it. Mrs. Sloan said she had heard that the district told the company they were not interested. Mrs. Todd asked who Mrs. Sloan meant by "the district." Mrs. Todd stated that no one has approached her to discuss this issue.
- Jon Putney suggested the MEGA program might be something to look into for conserving energy. Mr. Nichols will provide Mrs. Todd with Mike Cunningham's contact information for this program.

Executive Session convened at 8:52 p.m.

- 10-186 Motion # 9
Convene Executive Session To approve convening an Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Johnson
Five present, five ayes. Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Tessa E. Herron
District Clerk

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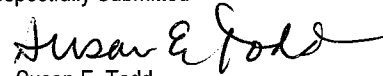
10-187 Motion # 10 To appoint Susan Todd as Clerk Pro-Tem.
Clerk Pro-Tem Moved: Durant Seconded: Johnson
Five present, five ayes. Carried

10-188 Motion #11 To approve ending Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.
End Executive Session Moved: Nichols Seconded: Durant
Five present, five ayes. Carried

Executive Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

10-189 Motion # 12 To approve adjourning the meeting at 9:47 p.m.
Adjournment Moved: Johnson Seconded: Durant
Five present, five ayes. Carried

Respectfully Submitted



Susan E. Todd
Clerk Pro-Tem