


Heuvelton, NY 13654

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Heuvelton Central School District was held in the Multi-Media Room on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. The Meeting was called to order by President Michael Davis at 7:02 p.m.

- Members present:** Michael Davis, President, Barbara Knauf, Michelle McGaw and Thomas Nichols
- Members absent:** Keith Carmany, Dennis Durant and Andrew Martin
- Also present:** Susan Todd, Superintendent, Jesse Coburn, 7-12 Principal, Shannon Jordan, PreK-6 Principal, Michael Robinson, Assistant Business Manager and Tessa Herron, District Clerk
- Guests:** M. Whalen, S. Johnston & J. Liquori
- 14-141 **Motion #1**
Adopt Revised Agenda To adopt the revised agenda.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Knauf
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-142 **Public Forum** No one from the public addressed the Board at this time.
- 14-143 **Motion #2**
Approve Consent Agenda To accept the recommendations on the consent agenda for the February 25, 2015 meeting which included:
- To approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
 - To accept the Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2015.
 - To approve the Budget Transfers for the period ending January 31, 2015.
 - To accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2015.
 - To accept the Warrants for the period ending January 31, 2015, as previously approved by the Claims Auditor.
 - 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.
 - To approve the 2015-2016 St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School calendar.
- Moved: Knauf Seconded: Nichols
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-144 **Special Presentation** Google Conference update & presentations: John Liquori, Sonja Johnston & Maggie Whalen
Mrs. Jordan informed the Board that 23 people attended the Google Conference in the beginning of December in Montreal. Staff members took away a lot of valuable information and have decided to do Google Slams with their peers where they pack in a lot of information in a short amount of time. Ms. Whalen, Mr. Liquori and Mrs. Johnston each gave individual demonstrations on innovative uses of technology in classroom instruction.
- 14-145 **Motion #3**
Personnel To appoint the following individuals for Spring Coaching appointments for the 2014-2015 school year:
- Josh McAllister – Boys Golf (Step 5-6 \$3,236)
 - Denise Curry – Girls Modified Lacrosse (Step 1-2 \$2,157)
- Moved: McGaw Seconded: Knauf
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-146 **Motion #4**
Personnel To approve the following individuals as Spring 2015 volunteer assistants:
- Chris Showers – Girls Modified Softball
 - Jamie Ladouceur – Girls Modified Softball
- Moved: Nichols Seconded: McGaw
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-147 **Motion #5**
Personnel To accept, with regrets, the resignation of Alson Caswell as Bus Driver for the purpose of retirement effective September 6, 2015.
Moved: Knauf Seconded: McGaw
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-148 **Motion #6**
New Business Be it resolved, that the Heuvelton Central School District hereby nominates Dr. John Zeh of Heuvelton, NY, for reelection on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board seat.
Moved: Knauf Seconded: McGaw
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-149 **Motion #7**
New Business To approve Change Orders EC-02, PC-01, HC-01, GC-03 and GC-04 for the Capital Project.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: Knauf
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-150 **Item for Discussion** Parent request for Volleyball merger with OFA for 2015 Fall season.
- Mr. Steele & Mrs. Todd have concerns about requesting this merger. A parent approached Mr. Steele and gave a number of 10 girls that may be interested. The cost to merge with OFA next year would be \$480 each girl. This sport runs at the same time as the Soccer season and could possibly hurt the soccer team. Mr. Nichols stated that he would like more information. Mrs. Todd stated she will report out at our next BOE meeting regarding numbers of sports that the district currently merges

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with OFA and the HCS participation rate for each of these sports. Mrs. Knauf would like estimated cost we spent last year for merger sports.

- 14-151 Motion #8
New Business To appoint a Chairperson and Election Inspectors for the 2014-2015 Capital Project vote. Further recommend the Board establish a rate of \$75 per day as compensation for the Election Inspectors:
- Hilda Friot, Chairman
 - Kathy Sheppard
 - Marilyn Denesha
- Moved: Nichols Seconded: Knauf
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- 14-152 Administrative/Board Reports
Reports Mrs. Jordan reported that there was a PreK-6 Staff meeting today. Mrs. Jordan informed the Board of many events/activities that will be going on in the month of March such as Read Across America that incorporates Dr. Suess' birthday to promote reading, Arika Gordon Taylor – 5th grade study of the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Taylor is the cousin of Emmitt Till and is the director of the Mamie Till foundation. Ms. Taylor presents to districts on violence prevention. Ms. Taylor will be in district on March 16 & 17 working with Mr. Liquori's 5th graders and Mrs. Madlin's 8th graders and then offering a presentation to 9-12 graders. Mrs. Jordan informed the Board that the Elementary got to experience the author Michael Shoulders visit the school again.
- Mr. Coburn reported that on February 10th the Heuvelton Central School 7-12 teachers joined together with Colton-Pierrepont teachers for the 2nd STEP day. The student population went to Clarkson while 90% of the secondary staff went to Colton to work with their teachers on technology. This also corresponded with February 10th being internet safety awareness day. Mr. Coburn would like to recognize the accomplishments of our students and the basketball team's success. Mr. Coburn informed the Board that the PTA is sponsoring a dance next Friday for 7-8 graders. Mr. Coburn stated that on March 19th there will be a half day Staff Development in house and on March 20th a Regional Staff Development day.
- Mr. Davis shared that he sees a great energy in the building.
- Mr. Robinson reported on the Preliminary Budget Forecast. Mr. Robinson stated that it is difficult to build a budget when you don't have solid numbers from the State. Mr. Robinson did share that there is a shortfall of about \$253,000. The District's tax cap amounts to 2.62%.
- Mrs. Todd gave an update on the Administrative Goals for 2014-2015 that she worked on alongside Mr. Coburn and Mrs. Jordan while they attended the Leadership Conference in Lake Placid. Mrs. Todd reminded the Board of upcoming dates:
- Friday – Girls Bball game @ 8 @ SUNY Canton Roo house
 - March 11th – Public information meeting @ 6:30 in the LGIR followed by Budget meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - March 26 – Open House, 1:00-8:00 Capital Project vote
 - March 19th – Dr. William Daggett will be presenting on the half day staff development
- 14-153 Correspondence Letter from HTA President Sonja Johnston & NYSUT proposed resolution regarding "no confidence" in the Education portion of Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget of 2015.
- Mrs. Johnston stated she felt the Board should be aware of what is going on with the Governor. Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that there is a rally scheduled for this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Massena High School in the Auditorium protesting the Governor's Executive Budget.
- BOCES Annual Meeting Memo
- 14-154 Public Forum No one from the public addressed the Board at this time.
- 14-155 Motion #9
Convene Executive Session To approve convene an Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment of a particular individual and for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law and to appoint Susan Todd as Clerk Pro-Tem.
- Moved: McGaw Seconded: Knauf
Four present, four ayes. Carried
- Respectfully Submitted,

Tessa E. Herron
District Clerk
- 14-156 Motion #11
End Executive Session To approve ending Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.
- Moved: McGaw Seconded: Nichols
Four present, four ayes. Carried

14-157 Motion #12
Adjournment

To approve adjourning the meeting at 9:32 p.m.
Moved: Nichols Seconded: McGaw
Four present, four ayes. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan E. Todd
Clerk Pro-Tem