

**DRAFT**

**Horseheads Central School District  
Business Meeting of the Board of Education  
Gardner Road Elementary School  
March 26, 2015**

**Present:** Apgar, Boulas, Conklin, Jacobus, Johnson, Lynch, Reasons, Sadler, Stollo

**Also Present:** Bostwick, Bracy, Buzzetti, Christansen, Donahue, Kelly, Marino, Patterson, Scaptura, Sechrist, Sotero, Williams

**Absent:** Brinthaup

**Call to Order:** Board President Brian Lynch called the Business Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Minutes**

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Stollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education accepts the minutes of the February 26, 2015, Business Meeting and March 5, 2015, Community Budget Workshop and March 16, 2015, Special Joint Meeting with Elmira Heights as amended.

Ayes	Noes	Abstained	Absent
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**President's Remarks**

Board President Brian Lynch welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Brian stated it is great to see such a huge turnout and stated the Board really enjoys going to all of the schools throughout the year and seeing the activities that are going on in the schools and looks forwards to hearing the different schools' presentations as they are the highlight of the meeting. Brian reviewed the procedures for the Questions and Comments Section and reminded the Public to state their full name and address before commenting.

**Agenda Changes**

Board President Brian Lynch stated there will be changes to the following Agenda Items, 8.2 will need to have Board Action and the addition of Agenda Item 11.1.5 – Approval of a SEQRA Resolution pertaining to Agenda Item 11.18. Brian stated there will also be an Executive Session directly after tonight's Regular Session to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations, review the history of a particular person and the history of a particular corporation.

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

Bill Knowles, 46 Pine Circle Extension, thanked all those in the District who donated towards his son, Logan, being able to attend the Nastar National Ski Championships in Aspen, Colorado, last week. Mr. Knowles stated this was a life-time experience for Logan, one which he will never forget.

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Jamy Brice-Hyde, 708 Tift Avenue, High School Social Studies teacher, commented regarding the Policy for Testing. She stated she has a real problem with children being punished for something that their parents are making them do. She does not know how it is educationally sound for a child to sit for 1 to 1 ½ hours during testing.

Lisa Christiansen, 213 Kennedy Drive, stated that she is hoping that the Board will support the Testing Policy to rescind it tonight. Mrs. Christiansen pointed out that 66% of the schools allow students who refuse to take the test to go to an alternate location, 19% sit quietly at their desk and work, the remaining are following the Policy. Mrs. Christiansen inquired why the Board allows for the child to sit and stare during testing. She stated as parents, we are not doing this to punish our child, but because it is our only recourse, we do not have a choice.

### **Awards, Honors and Recognition**

#### **Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino recognized the following honors and achievements:**

- Senior Jake Malloy has earned an appointment to the US Air Force Academy as a member of the Class of 2019. He reports to the Academy on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Junior Matthew Dunn has won an American Visions Medal in the prestigious National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Matthew will receive the award for his sculpture "Four Winged Hot Glue Hot Rod" this June at Carnegie Hall in New York City; the sculpture will be on display in New York for the National Scholastic Art Show.
- Ninth-grader Logan Knowles won a Gold Medal in his division at the Nastar National Ski Championships in Aspen, Colorado, last week. Nastar stands for the NAtional STANDARD Race which is the largest Public Grassroots Ski Race Program in the world.
- Senior Amanda Schiefen is the Elmira Kiwanis Female Athlete of the Winter Season.
- The Middle School Science Olympiad Team traveled to Maine-Endwell on February 28<sup>th</sup> for the regional competition. They did a great job, earning a third place in the team competition and several individual awards:
  - o First Place Gold Medals: Belinda Zhang, Selina Liu, Chloe Callahan, Lindell Williams, Bevin Manuelpillai, Joanne Kim, Lauren Stewart, and Jeffery Liang.
  - o Second Place Silver Medals: Jordan Reed, Bevin Manuelpillai, Mackenzie Hyde, Lauren Stewart, and Chloe Callahan.
  - o Third Place Bronze Medals: Andy He, Jordan Reed, Mackenzie Hyde, Bevin Manuelpillai, Lauren Stewart, Chloe Callahan, Tina Samodal, Belinda Zhang, and Nick Morey.
- Seven winter teams have earned Scholar-Athlete Team status by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Bowling, Boys Indoor Track, Girls Indoor Track, Boys Swimming, and Wrestling.
- Senior Nidhi Shah has earned a National Merit Lockheed Martin Corporate Foundation Scholarship.
- The GST BOCES Culinary Team of Horseheads High School students Hannah Merrill, Samantha Olcott, and Rebecca Stoddard, and Spencer Van Etten student Mykensie Wemmer won first place in the State Pro Start Competition at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The team will travel to California next month for the National Competition.
- Senior Brendan Marshall and Sophomore James Parker were chosen to participate in the 2015 New York School Band Directors Association High School Honor Concert Band on March 8<sup>th</sup> in Liverpool, NY.
- Gardner Road Third-Grader Kris Patel tied for fourth place overall in the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Campbell-Savona High School. Fifth-Grader Julian Bostwick and Sixth-Grader Mackenzi Wakley tied for 15<sup>th</sup> place, and Gardner Road Third-Grader Shoonfon Li tied for 30<sup>th</sup>.
- At the Regional National History Day Competition on March 14<sup>th</sup>, High School students won first-second place, and third place for the fifth consecutive year: Meredith Braiman won first place, Avery Nelson won second place, and Alexander Miller won third place. The students will go on to the State Competition in Cooperstown on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

- At the recent Area 1 Skills USA Competition at SUNY Alfred, Skyler Russell was part of the first place TV/Video Production Team, and Olivia Piazza was a member of the first place Quiz Bowl team.
- Seniors Derrick Griffith and Zack Parker, students in the GST BOCES Conservation Program and members of Future Farmers of America, traveled to Albany earlier this month to promote conservation issues, meeting with Senator Tom O'Mara, who is chairperson of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee.
- In celebration of National Youth Art Month, student art is on display in several areas: Intermediate School Art Teacher Chris Bell's students have art displayed at the Corning Credit Union in Horseheads, art work from Sherri Crans' students is on display at Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt; and art work from the High School is on display at the Horseheads Library.
- Foster Clark was selected to the All-Section 4 and the Southern Tier West/Metro All-Conference teams for boys' basketball. Ben Clark, Devonte Gaskins, and Sean Paul Owen earned STAC division honors.
- High School February Students of the Month(February's character trait was responsibility) are:
  - o 9th Grade: Ryan Casey, Brianna Ketter, Halie Saunders, Abigail Ozog
  - o 10th Grade: Parker Dickinson, Mia Hanson, Marah McCauley, Tyler Rogan
  - o 11th Grade: Meredith Braiman, Alexi Deiseroth
  - o 12th Grade: Austin Andryshak, Sarah Castor, Emma Eisner, Jessica Hoffman
- Gardner Road Elementary School donated 969 pounds of food to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier through their February Food Drive.
- The Girls Bowling Team won first place in Section 4 this year and went on to tenth place at the State Tournament in Syracuse.
- Senior Danny Anderson has been selected as one of three Students of the Month for January at the GST BOCES Bush Education Center. Danny is in the Audio Media Design program and was recently accepted to the New York University Tisch School of the Arts for film production.
- The High School Student Council donated \$110 to the Horseheads Animal Shelter (half the proceeds from their Candy Gram sale).
- Intermediate Kids of Character for this month are Emma Bartlett and Abby Christmas.
- Tom Skidmore, Retired Athletic Director and Horseheads graduate, has been inducted into the New York State Athletic Administrators Hall of Fame. Tom was the District's Athletic Director for 13 years until his retirement in 1997, and prior to that, he was a Physical Education Teacher and Coach.

Board Member Rose Apgar recognized the three Horseheads Juniors who were recognized by the American Legion.

Board Member Warren Conklin recognized Student Representative Kate Reasons for speaking at the Save Our Schools—Advocates for Public Education—Public Forum which took place on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Corning-Painted Post Middle School Auditorium. Warren stated that Kate gave a very articulate and passionate defense of public education and thanked her for taking time out of her busy schedule to represent our District. She did a wonderful job.

## **Presentations**

### **Gardner Elementary School PTO Update**

Gardner Road PTO President Heather Davis stated that the PTO has all new officers this year who are very enthusiastic and looking forwards to providing new activities and opportunities for the staff, students and parents of the Gardner Road Community. Heather shared how the PTO is working to enhance the students' educational experience and provide them with the best education possible. Heather stated last year the PTO held its' first Car Wash with all of

the money raised going to a charity chosen by the students and this year the students were able to work at Applebees where they were able to serve customers breakfast. The PTO is also looking at a Roller Skating event to be held at Joycrest. In the future the PTO is going to seek advice from the students as to what they would like to do and is looking for more areas where the students are able to work alongside the PTO and staff. Heather stated that the PTO sponsors a large number of programs/activities/events for the school community such as the Fall Festival, Ice Cream Social, Field Trips, the Holiday Shoppe, Bell Ringing and Family Fun Nights. The PTO also supports the Character Education Program and encourages Fitness with the Mini-Mud Run and also strives for enhancing the children's thinking skills which is shown through the Math Challenge and the Battle of the Books Programs. The PTO supports the staff financially throughout the year on an as-needed basis. Heather stated that the results of the PTO are very obvious as you walk throughout the school or attend an event and see the smiles on the kids' faces and hear the laughter of their voices.

### **Gardner Road Elementary School Presentation: "Golden Stars Engaged in the Arts & Leadership"**

Gardner Road Elementary School Principal Patrick Patterson welcomed the Board and the public to tonight's presentation of the "Golden Stars Engaged in the Arts & Leadership" and acknowledged those staff members and students who were in attendance. Patrick stated last year the Site Based Team, with the assistance of staff and students put together a video clip of a series of snapshots of what happens in the classroom showing highlights of how we help students grow academically, socially and beyond the classroom. Tonight the presentation focuses on how our students are engaged in the Arts and Leadership of the school. Information shared will include initiatives at Gardner Road, including students in special area classrooms, curriculum highlights, and how students take what they learn in special areas back to the classroom.

Art Teacher Amy Klossner reported on how academics in the areas of Math, Science and ELA are integrated into the Art Class. Amy stated an example of this would be during science class the students may be learning the parts of an insect and they would incorporate this information in to their drawing of an insect with its correct body proportions, etc. Technology and Art are connected through the use of creating a "Word Club" around the "Main Idea." Music Integration is creative intelligence having fun.

Physical Education Teacher Steve Monks stated that he is very proud to be part of the Gardner Road Community and has the best job anyone could ask for. Steve stated he is most proud of the fact that he is able to meet the physical and emotional needs of students in order to provide them with a smooth transition to the Intermediate School. He is proud that he is able to extend his influence outside of the Physical Education Curriculum. Steve presented the history of the Physical Education Program and how the curriculum connects to Math and Science, presenting an example of how it is incorporated into the teaching of Lacrosse.

Librarian Kathleen Gorman reported on how excited the students are to do "Book Testings," using digital literacy. Kathleen also emphasized the importance of teaching the students how to evaluate WebSites and the importance of learning digital etiquette and cyber-bullying.

Music Teacher Zach Hamilton reported on how Music integrates into academics such as teaching the science of sound to first graders where messages are sent to the brain through the use of sound. Zach stated the students learn the Celebration of Music History of Different Styles and in third grade students also learn how to play the recorder. Zach stated that Band and Chorus are a Collaboration of music that encompasses all academic areas. Zach stated he has a Non-Verbal Kindergartener who expresses his music through the use of the piano as he is learning how music connects to our lives.

Principal Patrick Patterson stated that the Character Education Program is a very important part of the school. The students are recognized for the 7 Habits of Happy Kids, there is Coordination of Monthly Spirit Days and Enhancing Community Spirit. The third and fourth grade students are very active members of the Program. All students are respectful of each other and all adults who are a part of their lives. Students have made posters that are displayed throughout the school as reminders of the Character Education Traits. Kindergarten and First Grade students' job is to take care of the Atrium next to the Cafeteria by watering the plants and also help to decide what plants to grow on a yearly basis.

The School Store which is opened on Tuesdays and Thursday is organized and operated by the PTO and assistance from second grade students. The entire second grade class decide what supplies will be sold throughout the school year. The students also tally the number of students who earn the Character Education stars for the month and report it in the Golden Star- Gazette and the monthly newsletter.

Gardner Road has partnered with many community organizations throughout the year which has taught the students the importance of giving back to their community. Last summer the students raised \$260.00 in the Spare Coin Drive and this year the students donated \$530.00 to the Arctic League. The students also held a Hats, Gloves and Scarfs drive with the PTO matching the amount collected. The school also collected 960 pounds of food which was donated to the Food Bank.

Board President Brian Lynch thanked Gardner Road Elementary School Principal Patrick Patterson, the Site Based Team, the staff, students and parents for an amazing presentation. Brian stated the students did an amazing job. Brian stated that last year's presentation was great and this year's was just as equally great. He stated it is great to see the different activities that the students participate in and to see them enjoying them is wonderful. Brian stated he is a huge supporter of the Arts and it is also great to see the importance that the arts and special areas play in the student's success at Gardner Road Elementary School. Brian stated whatever it takes we have to support of the arts as the arts is an integral part of the Horseheads Brand. The staff and students presented a great commentary with the Arts being tied into the academics and technology. The special areas/arts have a lot to offer and it is great to see the teachers make the extra effort to really encourage the kids and show them how this is possible. It is great to see the curriculum tie into the Chemung River Project and Physical Education in with history, math and science. Library is also another area that has changed dramatically due to the digital world and it is very important that the kids understand right from wrong in the use of computers and the Web. The correlation between music appreciation and science is a great way to expose students to the different types of Arts. Brian stated the kids did an amazing job presenting with no flaws or nervousness and it is great to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the students participating in community events and the Character Education Program. The Safety Patrol is a great thing to start this year. The five-minute warm-up video is a fantastic way to get the kids moving in the morning. The various number of activities and programs that the students participate in is huge. It is also great to see the students take ownership and responsibility of manning the School Store and water the plants at such a young age, providing them the responsibility to decide what items need to be ordered or plants to grow is a great thing to do. The Community truly benefits from the huge donation of food to the Food Pantry and the donation to the Arctic League for needy families are wonderful acts of community spirit. Brian stated the PTO is a vital part of the schools and thanked the PTO for the hundreds of hours that they donate to the school and for the financial support that they provide to the staff and students during these challenging budget times. Brian stated the PTO certainly brings the school together.

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo stated the theme of tonight's presentation was noticed this evening as you walked in to the auditorium you could see the amount of work the staff and students accomplish throughout the year. The presentation of the Arts and the individual

Programs was outstanding. Mr. Monk's presentation of the correlation of the Physical Education Program to the academics and the Character Education Program is beyond words. Also, the participation in the community and the donation of the Food to the Food Bank is incredible.

Board Student Representative Kate Reasons stated it is great to see the kids communicate so fluently at such a young age level. The connection of the arts and the academic programs, clubs and community involvement that occurs at Gardner Road Elementary School is amazing.

Board Member Karen Boulas thanked the staff for what they do and how they do it. She stated their hard work and dedication to the students' learning and success came across very clear throughout the presentation showing that the students want to learn and enjoy learning. Karen stated she was very impressed with the students' public speaking skills as they did not seem nervous at all and thanked the staff for teaching the children these skills.

Board Member David Sadler thanked the staff and students for a very impressive presentation. He stated that Board President Brian Lynch summarized the entire presentation very nicely and the energy and excitement of the students is amazing.

Board Member Rose Apgar also thanked the staff and the students for a very impressive presentation. Rose stated when they were on tour during the visitation; Mr. Monks and Mr. Hamilton were putting on quite the presentation of "Why they like to dance." It was truly entertaining.

Board Member Doug Johnson also thanked the staff and students for all of their hard work and stated that every time the Board comes to Gardner Road he knows that they will see a very creative presentation.

### **Report From The Superintendent**

#### **Update on the Facility Capacity/Utilization and Grade Configuration Task Force**

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino updated the Board on the Facility Capacity/Utilization and Grade Configuration Task Force noting that the Task Force has completed the Draft of the Impact Statements for the six options. Ralph noted the Board's Planning and Development Committee will review them and then report back to the Board.

#### **Update on the Consolidation/Feasibility Study with Elmira Heights Central School District**

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino presented the Board with an update on the Feasibility/Consolidation Study with Elmira Heights Central School District. Ralph noted the Community Advisory Committee's last meeting will be held in May and noted we are still on schedule for the draft to be sent to the State Education Department in May with a final Joint Meeting to be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to accept the report and decide what the next steps are.

#### **2015-2016 Budget Planning and Development Process**

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino reported on the development of the 2015-2016 School Budget Planning and Development Process, noting that the third and final Board of Education Community Budget Workshop will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Broad Street School. Ralph noted that he is remaining cautiously optimistic that the State Budget will be on time and that hopefully we will have our State Aid runs from Albany and will be able to reflect it in our budget.

#### **Application for Team of One(to Girls' Golf Team)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves an Application for Team of One(to Girls' Golf Team) as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought the request for approval of an Application for Team of One(to Girls' Golf Team) to the Board for Board action. Ralph stated this has already been approved by Bert Conklin, our Athletic Director, High School Principal Karen Donahue and now needs Board approval. Ralph stated that Corning does not have a Girls' Golf Team and there is one student, Emily Cunningham, who has applied to be on the Horseheads Girls Varsity Golf Team.

Board Member Karen Boulas inquired if this will require an additional expense to the District. Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino stated there is no additional expense to our District.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired what is the responsibility of our Coach in terms of disciplinary action if any is needed. Ralph stated that ultimately it would be the Corning-Painted Post School District as the student would have to follow their Code of Conduct which is in place.

**Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar**

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought the approval of the proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar to the Board for Board action. Ralph stated that it was approved by BOCES earlier this month and the District made our adjustments and now we need Board approval. Ralph noted it is a very late start of the school year, therefore, there will no longer be a February break and noted that Spring break is also very late.

**High School Junior Class Day Trip(May 30, 2015, to Hershey, PA)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves an Application for the High School Junior Class Day Trip, May 30, 2015, to Hershey, PA, as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought the request for approval of an Application for the High School Junior Class Day Trip, May 30, 2015, to Hershey, PA, to the Board for Board action. Ralph noted the cost is \$50.00 per student which includes admission to Hershey Park and transportation to and from Horseheads to Hershey Park.

**Report from the Board of Education President**

**Donation From Target to Ridge Road Elementary School**

Moved by Strollo, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves a Donation of \$269.87 from Target to Ridge Road Elementary School as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Board President Brian Lynch brought a donation of \$269.87 from Target to Ridge Road Elementary School to the Board for Board action. Brian stated this is for Ridge Road's share of the "Take Charge of Education with Target."

**Donation From KOHL's to Center Street Elementary School**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves a Donation of 100 Stuffed Animals along with 100 Books from KOHL's Department Store to Center Street Elementary School as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Board President Brian Lynch brought a donation of 100 Stuffed Animals along with 100 Books from KOHL's Department Store to Center Street Elementary School to the Board for Board action.

**Board of Education Summer Retreat Dates: July 16 and August 24, 2015**

Moved by Strollo, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Board of Education Summer Retreat Dates of July 16 and August 24, 2015, as submitted.



<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Board President Brian Lynch brought the Board of Education Summer Retreat Dates of July 16 and August 24, 2015, to the Board for Board action.

**Report from the Director of Elementary Education**

There wasn't a report.

**Report from the Director of Secondary Education**

There wasn't a report.

**Report from the School Business Executive**

**Disposal of District Property**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Disposal of District Property as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Disposal of District Property to the Board for Board action.

**Treasurer's Report(February 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Treasurer's Report February 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**Claims Auditor Report(February2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Claims Auditor Report for February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Claims Auditor Report for February 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**High School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Reports(January and February 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the High School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Reports for January and February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the High School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Reports for January and February 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**Middle School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Reports(January 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Middle School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report for January 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Middle School Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report for January 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**Athletics Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report(February 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Athletics Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report for February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Athletics Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report for February 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**Budget Transfers Report(February 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Boulas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Budget Transfers Report for February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Budget Transfers Report for February 2015 to the Board for Board action. Board Member David Sadler stated that he will abstain due to being a member of the Horseheads Christian School Board and Board Member Doug Johnson will abstain due to being a BOCES employee.

**Revenue and Expense Report(February 2015)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Revenue and Expense Report for February 2015 as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Revenue and Expense Report for February 2015 to the Board for Board action.

**Budget Transfers Over \$10,000**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approve Budget Transfers in the amount of \$233,468.98, which exceeds the Superintendent's \$10,000 approval limit.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of Budget Transfers in the amount of \$233,468.98, which exceeds the Superintendent's \$10,000 approval limit to the Board for Board action.

**Donation and Increase in Appropriations(GR PTO)**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved and set on May 20, 2014.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the District has received a donation of \$123.52 on behalf of the Gardner Road Elementary School PTO. This donation will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the above gift and directs the budget be amended accordingly.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-99-00-00-490	\$123.52	Arts in Education – BOCES CoSer 401
A980-2705	\$123.52	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriation become effective March 26, 2015.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of a Donation and Increase in Appropriations from the Gardner Road PTO to Gardner Road Elementary School to the Board for Board action. Katy stated Gardner Road Elementary School received a donation of \$123.52 on behalf of the Gardner Road Elementary School PTO which will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation and Increase in Appropriations(GR PTO)**

Moved by Jacobus seconded by Boulas.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved and set on May 20, 2014.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the District has received a donation of \$135.72 on behalf of the Gardner Road Elementary School PTO. This donation will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the above gift and directs the budget be amended accordingly.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-99-00-00-490	\$135.72	Arts in Education – BOCES CoSer 401
A980-2705	\$135.72	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriation become effective March 26, 2015.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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**MOTION CARRIED**

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of a Donation and Increase in Appropriations from the Gardner Road PTO to Gardner Road Elementary School to the Board for Board action. Katy stated Gardner Road Elementary School received a donation of \$135.72 on behalf of the Gardner Road Elementary School PTO which will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation and Increase in Appropriations(CS PTO)**

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Jacobus.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved and set on May 20, 2014.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the District has received a donation of \$480.37 on behalf of the Center Street Elementary School PTO. This donation will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup> and The Unique Game Show Performances that took place at Center Street Elementary School on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the above gift and directs the budget be amended accordingly.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-99-00-00-490	\$480.37	Arts in Education – BOCES CoSer 401
A980-2705	\$480.37	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriation become effective March 26, 2015.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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**MOTION CARRIED**

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of a Donation and Increase in Appropriations on behalf of Center Street Elementary School PTO to Center Street Elementary School to the Board for Board action. Katy stated Center Street Elementary School received a donation of \$480.37 on behalf of the Center Street Elementary School PTO which will be used to help fund The Lightening Thief performance that took place at the Clemens Center on February 6<sup>th</sup> and The Unique Game Show Performances that took place at Center Street Elementary School on February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Donation and Increase in Appropriations from Target**

Moved by Jacobus seconded by Strollo.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved and set on May 20, 2014.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the District has received a donation of \$35.59 on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. When parents, teachers, and other school supporters shop with their REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of their purchase to their designated eligible K-12 school.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the above gift and directs the budget be amended accordingly.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-10-00-00-450	\$35.59	Middle School Supplies
A980-2705	\$35.59	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriation become effective March 26, 2015.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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**MOTION CARRIED**

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of a Donation and Increase in Appropriations of \$35.59 on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. The donation will be used towards Middle School supplies.

**Donation and Increase in Appropriations from Target**

Moved by Jacobus seconded by Boulas.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved and set on May 20, 2014.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the District has received a donation of \$358.46 on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. When parents, teachers, and other school supporters shop with their REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of their purchase to their designated eligible K-12 school.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the above gift and directs the budget be amended accordingly.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-12-00-00-450	\$358.46	High School Supplies
A980-2705	\$358.46	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriation become effective March 26, 2015.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of a Donation and Increase in Appropriations of \$358.46 on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. The donation will be used towards High School supplies.

**Architect RFP Results and Recommendation**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Boulas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of Hunt Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. provide Architectural Services for the Horseheads Central School District for the years of 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the recommendation of Hunt Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. to provide Architectural Services for the Horseheads Central School District for the years of 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 to the Board for Board action.

**2014-205 Tax Bill Correction**

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the 2014-2015 Tax Bill Correction to the Board for information only. Katy stated the District received notice from the Chemung County

Real Property Tax Service Agency concerning approved applications for correction to the 2014-2015 tax roll and the necessary reports will be filed with New York State to reflect this exemption change and the prorated tax amount will be added as an “omitted tax” on the 2015-2016 school tax bill.

**Resolution to Approve the Proposition to Establish Capital Reserve Fund**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and discussing the District’s building condition survey and other potential capital studies and needs,

RESOLVED, the Board Finds that it is the Best interests of the District to begin saving money for potential capital projects, and therefore the following resolution shall be put before the voters at the next annual school district meeting for election:

Shall the Board of Education establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of Education Law §3661(1)? The purpose of the fund is for construction, repair and reconstruction of capital improvements and the acquisition of equipment. The ultimate amount of the fund shall be \$10,000,000. The probable term shall be ten years. The source from which funds will be obtained can include any or all of the following: Unappropriated fund balances from the general fund as determined by the Board of Education; State Aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; interest income related to investment of monies in the fund; and any other additional monies thereafter authorized by the voters of the District.

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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the Resolution to approve the Proposition to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to the Board for Board action. Katy stated this will be on the May 19<sup>th</sup> Ballot for voter approval.

**SEQRA Resolution for the Proposed Middle School/Intermediate School Capital Project**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Horseheads Central School District is considering a project consisting of the following (the “Project”): reconstruction of the Middle School/Intermediate School Complex, including upgrading building and room security and upgrading technology and technology connectivity, and construction of a softball field at the Middle School/Intermediate School complex; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project entails the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation involving no substantial changes or expansion beyond 10,000 square feet of existing structure and/or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation which describes the design and intent of the proposed Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Horseheads Central School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed Project and under the applicable standards



of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that the Project is a Type II Action, and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the SEQRA Resolution for the Proposed Middle School/Intermediate School Capital Project that will be on the May 19, 2015 Ballot to the Board for Board action. Katy stated there is no significant environmental impact.

**Resolution to Approve the Proposition for Intermediate/Middle School Capital Project**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Johnson.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT(the "District") that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015:

**PROPOSTION**

Shall the Board of Education of the Horseheads Central School District be authorized to (A) reconstruct the Middle School/Intermediate School Complex, including upgrading building and room security and upgrading technology and technology connectivity; and construct a softball field at the Middle School/Intermediate School complex, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000, (B) expend such sum for such purpose, (C) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid received, and (D) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the Resolution to approve the Proposition for Intermediate/Middle School Capital Project to the Board for Board action. Katy stated this will be on the May 19<sup>th</sup> Ballot for voter approval.

Board Member Karen Boulas inquired if this Resolution is approved, does it mean that we have decided the Softball Field will be located at the Middle School/Intermediate School Complex? Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino stated this is correct.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired if this will impact the taxes and also stated he has a concern regarding the wording, is it conceivable that it could be a "No Vote." Dr. Marino stated that it will offset the percentage of the cost with building aid. Board Member Jim Jacobus stated he believes the wording is the way that we must have it. Board Member Doug Johnson stated he agrees that it is necessary because we are binding ourselves to pay back this money.

**Legal Notice for May 19, 2015, Budget Vote**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Legal Notice for May 19, 2015, Budget Vote as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the approval of the Legal Notice for May 19, 2015, Budget Vote to the Board for Board action.

**Renewal Agreement with Chemung County for UPK Special Education Evaluations**

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Renewal Agreement with Chemung County for UPK Special Education Evaluations as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the Renewal Agreement with Chemung County for UPK Special Education Evaluations to the Board for Board action.

**Agreement with Chemung County Child Care Council, Inc.**

School Business Administrator Katy Buzzetti brought the Agreement with Chemung County Child Care Council, Inc., to the Board for information only.

**Human Resources Director's Report**

**Human Resources Sub-Committee Recommendations**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

**CIVIL SERVICE NEW HIRES:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Clark, Justin	Transportation/Bus Driver	03/02/15	\$11.10/hr.
Johnson, Robert	Transportation/Bus Driver	03/04/15	\$11.10/hr.
Van Dinther, Karen	Transportation/Bus Driver	02/16/15	\$11.10/hr.
Weigel, Eric	Facilities/Bldg. Maint. Mech.	03/09/15	\$24,723

**CIVIL SERVICE RESIGNATIONS:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Allen, Amber	Transportation/Bus Driver	03/12/15
Cardamone, Michelle	HH Christian School/1:1 RN	03/06/15
Dyer, Hilarie	Business Office/Secretary	03/20/15
Mattison, Donna Jo	IS/Teacher Aide	03/20/15

**CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENTS:**

WHEREAS, **Ella Preston** will retire as the Transportation Supervisor effective August 14, 2015; WHEREAS, Ella is in her 16th year with the District; WHEREAS, Ella will be sorely missed by staff and students; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts Ella's retirement and hopes her future years are fulfilling.

WHEREAS, **Tanya Spencer** will retire as a Sr. Clerk Typist effective June 30, 2015; WHEREAS, Tanya is in her 15th year with the District; WHEREAS, Tanya will be sorely missed by staff and students; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts Tanya's retirement and hopes her future years are fulfilling.

WHEREAS, **Roger Wiggins** will retire as a Building Maintenance Mechanic effective March 27, 2015; WHEREAS, Roger is in his 35th year with the District; WHEREAS, Roger will be sorely missed by staff and students; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts Roger's retirement and hopes his future years are fulfilling.

**INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Jansen, Thomas	HS/Health	03/12/15 – 04/06/15	\$72,821 (Medical Paid)
McCarthy, Killeen	HS/Math	04/06/15 – 06/30/15	\$57,760 (Family Medical Paid)
Scanlon, Elizabeth	GR/Kindergarten	04/16/15 – TBD	\$62,324 (Maternity Paid)
Tremaine, Jennifer	BF/Speech	09/01/15 – 03/23/16	\$47,929 (Childcare Leave – Unpaid)

**INSTRUCTIONAL LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Besley-Oakley, Crysta	GR/Kindergarten	04/16/15 – 06/30/15	\$41,135 (Prorated)
Jordan, Carly	HS/Health (from .6 FTE to 1.0 FTE)	03/12/15 – 04/06/15	\$43,238 (Prorated)
Marks, Meghan	CS/Special Education (.4 FTE)	03/20/15 – 06/30/15	\$42,888 (Prorated)

**INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:**

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>PREFERENCE</u>
Reinhart, Katharine	Degreed	Secondary
Silata, Jennifer	Certified	Secondary

**INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT SUBSTITUTES:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Hunt, Alyssa	GR/Contract Substitute	04/16/15 – 06/30/15	\$95/day
Marks, Meghan	CS/Contract Substitute (from 1.0 FTE to .6 FTE)	05/20/15 – 06/30/15	\$95/day (.6 FTE Prorated)

**INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN POSITION - FTE:**

	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
L'Amoreaux	GR/Resource Room (from GR - .6 FTE / CS .4 FTE to GR 1.0 FTE)	03/20/15 – 06/30/15	\$61,340

**MENTORING APPOINTMENTS:**

<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>LOCATION/POSITION</u>	<u>MENTEE</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Frei, Maureen	HS/Library	Robbins, Amanda	\$600 (prorated)



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**MOTION CARRIED**

Director of Human Resources Judy Christiansen brought the renewal of the Affiliation Agreement Between the District and Mansfield University(Student Teacher Field Experience) to the Board for Board action. Judy stated we have a number of students from Mansfield who come to our District to gain experience, therefore, we wanted to formalize the Agreement.

**Tentative Custodial/Maintenance/Food Service and Monitors Contract(July 1, 2014-June 30, 2019)**

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Johnson.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Horseheads Central School District approve and ratify the Tentative Agreement with the Horseheads Central School District Custodial/Maintenance/Food Service and Monitors as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Director of Human Resources Judy Christiansen brought the approval and ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Horseheads Central School District Custodial/Maintenance/Food Service and Monitors Contract to the Board for Board action. Judy noted there is a salary increase and change of the Health Insurance Plan to NY 44 when the rest of the District changes.

**Report from the Director of Student Services**

There wasn't a report.

**Report from the Student Representative to the Board**

Student Representative Kate Reasons reported on the amazing experience she had while attending and speaking at the recent "Save Our Schools" forum and also thanked those who were able to attend. Katie acknowledge Heather Gillette for supporting the District and stated it is great to see the community rally together because that is really one of the most powerful things we can do to show Albany what we think of and how much we really cherish our public schools. Katie also reported on High School activities including the Choir Concert of Mozart's 'Requiem' on April 8th, the end of the marking period is April 10th, and the Senior Prom on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Board President Brian Lynch thanked Kate for presenting a very thorough and informative report.

**Report from the Athletic and Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee**

**Minutes of March 2, 2015, Meeting**

Chair Warren Conklin reported on the March 2, 2015, meeting of the Athletic and Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee. Warren stated the Committee discussed the Private Use of Vehicles and forwarded it to the Policy Committee to incorporate suggestions from the District's legal counsel. Director of Athletics Bert Conklin explained the State's new Selective Classification System for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes and how it affects those who want to compete at either the Junior Varsity or Varsity level of competition. The Committee also discussed Board Document 1500-R and if we should alter the legal holidays when use of school facilities are prohibited. Warren stated there is some inconsistency as we allow teams to practice on some legal holidays, but not others, therefore the Committee will review it again and may make changes.

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**Report from the Audit Sub-Committee**

There wasn't a report.

**Report from the Curriculum and Assessment Sub-Committee****Minutes of March 5, 2015, Meeting**

Chair Warren Conklin reported on the March 5, 2015, meeting of the Curriculum and Assessment Sub-Committee. Warren stated the Committee heard an update of the "Go Math Program and an overview of training that is being provided to the teachers by Curriculum Mentor Tiffany Henry. Director of Elementary Education Karen Bracy presented the Committee with an update of the Dagget Project and the Model Schools Conference in Atlanta that will take place the end of June.

**Report from the Finance Sub-Committee****Minutes of March 16, 2015, Meeting**

Chair Jim Jacobus reported on the March 16, 2015, meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee. Jim stated that all of the items that were presented earlier tonight under the School Business Administrator's Report were discussed. Jim stated the Committee also spent a lengthy amount of time discussing the Watchdog Proposal for 2015 Construction Management Services, discussed the new Tap Cap Calculation which the Board will see on April 9<sup>th</sup> and put together the framework for the next budget which will be presented to the Board at its final Budget Workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup> and will be seeking Board input.

**Report from the Human Resources Sub-Committee****Minutes of March 11, 2015, Meeting**

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo reported on the March 11, 2015, meeting of the Human Resources Sub-Committee. Pam stated the Committee reviewed the Human Resources Recommendations that were presented earlier this evening for Board action and also reviewed the status of the Health Insurance Claims with Excellus and Probationary Teachers at the Intermediate School and High School who will be presented to the Board for tenure at its June meeting.

**Report From The Legislative Liaison(s)****Legislative Update**

There wasn't a report.

**Report from the Planning and Development Sub-Committee****Minutes of March 3, 2015, Meeting**

Board Member Doug Johnson reported on the March 3, 2015, meeting of the Planning and Development Sub-Committee. Doug stated the Committee was presented an update from Dr. Marino on the Consolidation Feasibility Study and Facility Utilization/Capacity and Grade Configuration Study and also discussed the Board of Education Summer Retreat.

**Report from the Policy Referral/Review Sub-Committee****Minutes of March 4, 2015, Meeting**

Chair Doug Johnson reported on the March 4, 2015, meeting of the Policy Referral/Review Sub-Committee stating there will be a number of Policies presented to the Board for a first reading with Board action to take place at the April Board Meeting.

**Proposed Changes to Policy 6900: Disposal of District Property**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6900: Disposal of District Property for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated that the Committee reviewed the revised Policy and approved the revisions, including the addition of information to Paragraph A, along with the addition of Library Books to the first sentence of the first paragraph on Page 2 of the Policy.

**Proposed Replacement of Policy 6000: Fiscal Management Goals**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6000: Fiscal Management Goals for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated the draft is a combination of language from our current Policy 6000(Fiscal Management Goals), language from NYSSBA's sample Policy 6600(Accounting System), with the elimination of Policy 6610.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired regarding language of Policy 6000, particularly the first paragraph, stating the District's fiscal management, "the Board seeks to makes," it sounds like we are passing a Policy we are in violation of. Warren asked for clarification in regards to No. 8 as he isn't sure what it means, are we going to establish a Policy, if so, how will that take place(reflecting teachers and students)? Doug stated the District's Budget Development Process is pretty open; anyone is able to attend the Budget Workshops. Board Member Jim Jacobus stated in the past, teachers have spoken at Budget Workshops. Board Member Warren Conklin also inquired regarding No. 7 and if we are going to write a Policy that will define and link the services and programs to the budget? Warren stated that he feels we are doing a good job now and that we do not need to write another document. Doug stated we already have a process that is pretty well-defined; however, he will take it to the Policy Committee to review it again.

**Proposed Elimination of Policy 6610: Accounting System**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of the proposed elimination of Policy 6610: Accounting System for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated this Policy will be eliminated because the main parts of this Policy are now in the Proposed Replacement Policy 6000: Fiscal Management Goals.

**Proposed Changes to Policy 6640: Inventories/Capitalization**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6640: Inventories/Capitalization for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated the only change is to the Legal Reference, deletion of "2503, and adding 1709.

**Proposed Changes to Policy 6655: Claims Auditor**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6655: Claims Auditor for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated the only change is to the Legal Reference, deletion of "2509,2526, 2554(b).

**Proposed Changes to Policy 6660: Independent Auditor**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6660: Independent Auditor for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated the changes are the deletion of the words, "Finance and" in name of the Audit Committee and changes to the Legal Reference, deletion of "2509, 2526, 2554(b).

**Proposed Changes to Policy 6670: Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts**

Chair Doug Johnson presented the Board with a first reading of proposed changes to Policy 6670: Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts for information only and will be presented to the Board for a second reading and Board action at its' April Board Meeting. Doug stated the only change is the title of the "Business Manager" to "Business Official."

**Resolution to Rescind the March 27, 2014, Board of Education Resolution(regarding testing procedures for the State's Grades 3-8 English and Language Arts and Math testing) and DIRECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES**

Upon the motion of Jacobus and Apgar, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Horseheads Central School District finds:

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WHEREAS in March, 2014, the Board of Education adopted a Resolution relative to testing procedures for the State’s grades three through eight English Language Arts and Math testing;

WHEREAS, that Resolution provided that: “The Board of Education supports the continuation of testing procedures associated with the New York State Grades three through eight English Language Arts and Math. Specifically, students will have such assessments placed in front of them. When the first student in such testing session has completed his/her assessment, she/he will be permitted to read a book in accordance with the State teacher’s administration manual for such assessments (at which time a student who refuses to participate in such assessment will be permitted to read a book). Such procedures will be followed for any make-up dates of such testing.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

The Board rescinds this Resolution.

Ayes	Noes	Abstained	Absent
	Apgar Boulas		Brinthaup
Conklin Jacobus	Johnson Lynch		
Sadler	Strollo		

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chair Doug Johnson brought a Resolution to Rescind the March 27, 2014, Board of Education Resolution (regarding testing procedures for the State’s Grades 3-8 English and Language Arts and Math testing) and DIRECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES to the Board for Board action.

Board Member Jim Jacobus stated the reason he asked to bring it forward is because to him having a child sit and stare for a test is morally inappropriate and having a child signaled out in a classroom of twenty-five students is terrible. Jim stated he believes that it opens the child to ridicule and is a Policy that does not make sense and would make more sense to have a Policy where the student could leave the room and read or work on some other educational task which would be more practical.

Board Member Warren Conklin stated that last year he voted in support of this Policy, however, tonight he will change his vote as a “No.” Warren stated his rationale for voting “Yes” last year was due to the District’s financial condition he felt more fiscally responsible to do so, however, with the number of Districts that opted out last year and did not lose any State Aid, he is in favor of rescinding this Resolution. Warren stated the data now indicates that there is not a threat of receiving State Aid, therefore, the Policy is not educationally sound for the students and he will vote, “Yes to rescind this Resolution.”

Board Member David Sadler stated that he also has an issue signaling out a child because of a decision the parent has made. David stated he believes the parents feel they are powerless and the only thing they are able to control is the test by not allowing their child to take it. The parents are engaging in an act of single disobedience as they feel this is the only recourse they have, therefore, David stated he is going to vote, “Yes,” to rescind this Policy.

Board Member Karen Boulas commented that she understands the parents’ point of view; however, she does not want the parents to feel they are being punished or the students due to



this Policy. Karen stated we are running an educational institute that needs to follow guidelines that are set by the State. If we were to rescind this Policy, we would need to have another room for children to go to, another proctor, which could ultimately cause unnecessary chaos.

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo stated that she is in agreement with Board Member Karen Boulas. She understands and supports that the parents believe they are deciding what is best for their child, however, Pam stated she cannot support the rescinding of this Policy as it would be in violation of State law; therefore, she is in favor of leaving the established Policy in place.

Board Student Representative Kate Reasons stated that if she was a parent she would be deterred from having her child sit and stare while other children were testing. She stated it does not make sense to her to punish the child by sitting and waiting for the first student to complete the test when the child could be doing something educational such as silently reading throughout the entire test.

Board Member Doug Johnson stated since there is no alternate procedure, we have a duty to present the test and follow the State Law. If we were to rescind this Policy, what do we do with the students who would not take the test, where would they go if they were to Opt Out of testing? Doug stated that he believes it is not appropriate to change our Policy for one percent vs. ninety-nine percent of the community. Furthermore, Doug stated he realizes that people are concerned about this and want to be able to express their opinion, however; they need to go to the legislatures to make their voice heard.

Board President Brian Lynch stated he is in agreement with Vice-President Pam Strollo and Board Member Karen Boulas and that we should seek advice from our Legal Counsel for next year's testing. Brian stated we have not seen any changes from Albany to follow at this point so we should follow the current Policy that we have.

Board Member Rose Apgar stated that she is in agreement with Board Member Karen Boulas, Vice-President Pam Strollo and Board President Brian Lynch and that we cannot change the law that has already been set. The community should contact their Congressman and voice their concern to them.

Board Member Jim Jacobus stated at no time did he make a political statement, but he is here for the student. Jim stated it is our responsibility to take care of our students. With the current Policy we are putting our student in a position that they did not ask to be in which is morally wrong to punish a child for a parent's decision.

### **Report From the Visitation Committee**

#### **March 20, 2015 Tour of Gardner Road Elementary School**

Chair Rose Apgar stated the Visitation Committee toured Gardner Road Elementary School on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Rose stated this year the Security System has been a priority concentrating on renovating the entrance and upgrading the Main Office with digital cameras in the Main Office. Rose stated that Principal Patrick Patterson stated that Gardner Road Elementary School has room for another Pre-K Program at their school.

### **Questions and Comments from Board Members**

Board Member Doug Johnson congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Malloy for their son, Jake Malloy's, appointment to the US Air Force Academy.

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourn from its Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:40 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Boulas

Brinthaup

Conklin  
Jacobus  
Sadler  
Strollo

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Johnson.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education go into Executive Session at 7:47 PM to approve CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations, review the history of a particular person and the history of a particular corporation.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Johnson.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approve the CPSE/CSE/504 recommendations as presented.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourn from Executive Session at 8:44 PM and reconvene to its Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:44 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourn from its Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:44 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Respectfully submitted by:

*Candy L. Maine,*

Candy L. Maine,  
District Clerk

