

**Horseheads Central School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Superintendent's Conference Room  
August 12, 2013**

**Present:** Apgar, Boulas, Conklin, Jacobus, Sadler, Strollo

**Also Present:** Marino

**Absent:** Brinthead, Johnson, Lynch, Smith

**Call to Order:** Board Vice-President Pam Strollo called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Agenda Changes**

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo stated there are no changes to the agenda.

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo stated there wasn't anyone from the Public present.

**2013-2014 PROPERTY TAX WARRANT**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education to approve the 2013-214 Property Tax Warrant as presented.

WHEREAS, Chapter 73 of the laws of 1977 amended Section 1318 subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law requires the tax warrant to state the amount of unappropriated fund balance, and

The undesignated, unappropriated, unencumbered fund balance at June 30, 2013 is \$2,865,626.00.

THEREFORE BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education apply \$6,000,000 of the unreserved fund balance to the reduction of the tax levy.

**BE IT ADDITONALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

To the Tax Collector of the Horsheads Central School District, Towns of Baldwin, Big Flats, Catlin Erin, Horseheads, Veteran and Cayuta, Counties of Chemung and Schuyler in New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2013(in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law).
2. To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2013.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$34,522,231.00 in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provision of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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5. To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his/her property in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Section 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.
7. To issue upon request receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes as required by Section 986 of the Real Property Tax Law.
8. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and, if any taxes on the tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting therefore on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law. The warrant is issued pursuant to Section 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Section 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately and after it is properly approved by a majority of the Board of Education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2, of the Real Property Tax Law.

Ayes	Noes	Abstained	Absent
Apgar Boulas			Brinthaupt
Conklin Jacobus			Johnson Lynch
Sadler Strollo			
MOTION CARRIED			

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought the 2013-2014 Property Tax Warrant to the Board for Board action and stated that we are going to have to do an amendment at the August Board Meeting because there are still two towns that need to submit their assessments. Ralph also stated that the tax rate actually dropped 1.33%.

**RESOLUTION WAIVING LANGUAGE IN CURRENT BOARD POLICY 4321.8 AS PER THE SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

A request for an impartial hearing having been made, and the Board President having appointed Lynn Almeleh who was the next available person from the District’s rotational hearing officer list in order to expedite the appointment of a Hearing Officer in accordance with Board Policy,

Upon motion by Apgar, seconded by Jacobus, the Board hereby waives the limitation in its Hearing Officer Reimbursement Policy regarding automobile travel expense and agrees to reimburse the Hearing Officer for reasonable airline travel expense and ratifies the appointment of Lynn Almeleh as Hearing Officer and requests the Hearing Officer to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of law and regulations.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Apgar			
Boulas			Brinthaup
Conklin			
Jacobus			Johnson Lynch
Sadler			
Strollo			

**MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought a Resolution Waiving Language in Current Board Policy 4321.8 as per the School Attorney to the Board for Board action. Dr. Marino stated that this Resolution is the waiving of automobile travel expense and agreeing to reimburse the Hearing Officer for reasonable airline travel expense and ratifies the appointment of Lynn Almeleh as Hearing Officer and requests the Hearing Officer to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of law and regulations. Dr. Marino stated that the School Attorney Ed Sarzynski is suggesting that we waive this Policy.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired if there will be an increase in cost. Dr. Marino stated it will be the cost of the airline ticket which we do not have at this time as it will depend on the scheduled date of arrival and departure. Dr. Marino also noted that we would have to pay her mileage if she were to drive here. Dr. Marino stated this is a pretty intense case involving the parent and the School Attorney Ed Sarzynski is asking us to do this due to the comfort level that he has to put in this case and believes she would be the best one to hear this case.

Board Member David Sadler inquired as to how often would this happen in the future if we approve this one? Dr. Marino stated that he has never brought one to the Board since he has been Superintendent because we have followed Board Policy, however; because the School Attorney asked us to do this due to how complicated and sensitive the case is; he felt that it should be brought to the Board. Dr. Marino stated that if the Board approves this request, Director of Student Services Kim Williams will book the flight.

Board Member David Sadler inquired as to what is it that the parents want? Dr. Marino stated that the parents feel that their child is not getting what is entitled to him. However, it is an interpretation of the child's needs and we now need someone to explain it to us.

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

A request for an impartial hearing have been made, Brian Lynch, President made tentative appointment: and the Board President has appointed Lynn Almeleh, Esq. in accordance with Board Policy who was the next available person from the District's rotational hearing officer list,

Upon motion by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar, Lynn Almeleh, Esq. is appointed Hearing Officer in regard to a pending request for a hearing and is requested to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of the law and regulations.

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

Conklin  
Jacobus

Johnson  
Lynch

Sadler  
Strollo

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino brought a Resolution ratifying the appointment of Lynn Almeleh, Esq., as the Impartial Hearing Officer, to the Board for Board action.

**ALGEBRA 1 TEXTBOOKS**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education to approve the Math(Algebra 1) Textbook Adoption for 2013-2014.

Ayes	Noes	Abstained	Absent
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Apgar  
Boulas

Brinthaup

Conklin  
Jacobus

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MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino stated that at the June Board Meeting Director of Secondary Education Jay Hillman stated that the High School Math Department was still working on the finalization of the new Math book and now that the process has been finalized, Jay would like the new textbook to be approved so that it can be ordered and received for the start of school, therefore; Dr. Marino brought the Textbook Adoption of "Algebra I" to the Board for Board action.

Director of Secondary Education Jay Hillman explained that due to the timeline for the implementation of the new Common Core Aligned courses was not released until April it was discussed at the June Board Meeting that the Algebra textbooks would need to be ordered over the summer. Jay stated at the time there was only one(1) book that was being marketed or sold in New York State that was Common Core Aligned. It was proposed that given the timing of the new release the Department would need to select a book and bring it to the Board over the summer. Jay stated that the Committee has looked at the book, "Algebra 1," which is a consumable and is bringing this Textbook Adoption to the Board for Board action. Jay stated that the District will not be locked into it for five years.

Superintendent Dr. Ralph Marino stated that we will be using our State Aid(\$18,000) which is a one-time expenditure to purchase 475 copies of this book for the High School and the Middle School. Jay stated that it should also be noted that the supplemental materials could not even be sent to the Print Shop to be copied cheaper than the cost to purchase them.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired if you see the State being more certain a year from now to see if we will need to purchase consumables. Jay stated that it is cheaper to buy them then the textbook because the textbook and workbook are all in one and the kids are able to write their notes in the books. Dr. Marino stated that he is still not convinced these modules may have everything in them. Ralph stated this is a three-year package so we have time to look at it and examine it. There are some concerns with the parents regarding activities in the modules. Ralph noted this concerns are a value judgment.

Board Member Warren Conklin inquired if there is a link to the module, who gets the money and how do we control it? Dr. Marino stated that it is evolving, textbook companies are involved and eventually it will all be one.

Board Member Karen Boulas inquired if there are State aidable options when this takes place? Dr. Marino stated we don't know yet which is one of our concerns.

Board Member David Sadler inquired if the District's computer system can be configured so that every time something is clicked on it does not go anywhere so that we are not charged. Dr. Marino stated that we do not have an answer to this yet either. We need to know the cost factor that will be involved.

Board Vice-President Pam Strollo inquired as to what happens if the system goes down and a teacher is not able to teach? Dr. Marino stated that this is going to be a gradual approach and we will be looking into this.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no Questions or Comments from Board Members.

**BOARD RETREAT**

Vice-President Pam Strollo reminded the Board that the Board Retreat will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and to please do their homework in preparation of the full-day Retreat.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by, Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourn from its Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:23 AM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Apgar			
Boulas			Brinthaup
Conklin			
Jacobus			Johnson
			Lynch
Sadler			
Strollo			
MOTION CARRIED			

Respectfully submitted by:

*Candy L. Maine,*

Candy Maine, District Clerk

