

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009  
ANNEX BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District was held in the Annex Board Room, located in the village of Holland Patent, New York on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Board Vice President Mrs. Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Kennedy, President  
Karen Evans, Vice President  
Traci Boris  
Anne McGahey  
Everett Stalker  
Bradley Ashcroft  
Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools  
Louis D'Ambro, Assistant Superintendent  
Wendy A. Lloyd, District Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT**

Nancy Nowicki  
John Egresits  
John Bubb  
Kristin Casab  
Allen Hyde  
Lawrence Orr  
Charles Pratt  
Cheryl Venettozzi  
John Hurteau  
Dennis Geer  
Greg Benincasa  
James Garito  
Mike Nuffer  
Rebecca Shanley  
Tiffany Hosmer  
Anne Edwards  
Donna Grems  
Vera Furmanski  
Kristen Riemenschneider  
Paul Kotwica  
Patrick Peterson

**VISITORS**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Boris made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on January 14, 2009.

Yes – 4

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mr. Kennedy arrived at 7:02 p.m.

**POSITIVE THOUGHTS**

Middle School students Austin Mann, Abigail Milone, Joseph Carrock, and Katie Weiss are recipients of the Certificate of Merit in recognition of their praiseworthy completion of the 2008 Excelsior Scholars Program. This program was successful due to the efforts of Teacher Center Director Patrick Peterson, teacher Stacey Smith, and SUNYIT K-12 Outreach, Program Manager Elizabeth Rossi.

Mrs. Davis turned the program over to student school board rep Bradley Ashcroft who presented Austin Mann, Joseph Carrock, and Katie Weiss with their certificates of merit from Governor Paterson.

Mrs. Davis introduced Elizabeth Rossi from SUNYIT who was the district's coordinator for the Excelsior Program. Mrs. Rossi is a member of the Holland Patent Teacher Center Policy Board. She worked with Patrick Peterson to secure a \$30,000 grant.

Science teacher Stacey Smith was not in attendance but shared comments that she was very pleased to be a part of the Excelsior Scholar program. It was an honor to work with the students who were chosen and worked very hard, with the professors of math, science and technology at SUNYIT who put a lot of time and effort into their teaching, and with Elizabeth Rossi who is an inspiration. It was because of Elizabeth's energy and organization that we all were able to spend two glorious weeks in the summer sharing our enthusiasm about science and building a community of learners that links the middle school to higher education. This connection is essential to providing the best possible education for the students at Holland Patent, and I remain dedicated to maintaining this bond.

Mr. Peterson commented it was a great pleasure to work with Elizabeth Rossi. He also noted that Mrs. Stacey Smith went above and beyond assisting the students.

Mr. Ashcroft also presented the Shining Knight awards to Rebecca Shanley- HS, Tiffany Hosmer - HS, Donna Grems - GWF, Anne Edwards – PPS Office, Paul Kotwica - HS, Vera Furmanski - HPE, and Kristen Riemenschneider - MS. Craig Ueltschi – Maintenance received a certificate but was unable to attend.

President of the Humane Society of Rome, Inc. Lynn Rosen wrote a thank you letter to Rebecca Shanley and Tiffany Hosmer for the donation of \$185.00 given to the Rome Shelter.

Sharon Firley and Lorraine Pawson of the Foothills Rural Community Ministry Christmas Basket Project thanked the district employees for the wonderful support and generosity in contributing to the Christmas Basket Project.

Holland Patent Elementary Principal Allen Hyde wrote a thank you letter to Ms. Secor of the Adirondack Rotary for the recent donation of student dictionaries to the third grade students.

High School student Dan Fruscella was named to the NY State Class B all star first team as a defensive player. This is an outstanding accomplishment due to the large number of high school football players in New York State. It's the highest recognition a high school player can attain during his high school career.

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### **REVIEW OF UPCOMING DATES**

February 6, 2009	Elementary Report Cards go home
February 9 – 13, 2009	GWF PTG Have A Heart Food Drive
February 11, 2009	HPE PTA Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
February 12, 2009	HPE First Grade Valentine's Day Concert Cafeteria/Gymnasium – 1:45 p.m.
February 13, 2009	HS Valentine's Dance 7-9 p.m.
February 16, 2009	President's Day – Holiday
February 19, 2009	Special Board of Education Meeting Annex Board Room, 5:30 p.m.
February 16 – 20, 2009	Mid-Winter Recess
February 25 – 27, 2009	HPE & GWF Kindergarten Registration
February 27, 2009	HPE Open Mic Night 6 – 8 p.m.
February 28, 2009	HS/MS Jazz Fest & New Hartford
March 2, 2009	Alternate Date for Honor Society Induction
March 4, 2009	Teacher Center Policy Board Meeting, 3:45 p.m.  Board of Education Meeting Annex Board Room, 7 p.m.
March 2 – 5, 2009	Gr. 3 NYS Math

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### **VISITORS**

Johnnie Jones asked about the creation of a Director of Physical Education and questioned the board about the posting of the positions.

Mrs. Davis indicated there was a board resolution in August on this issue which can be accessed online. She also shared that both the Physical Education teacher and Director of Physical Education positions were posted.

Julie Becker asked a question regarding the Fundraising for Organizations (PTA/PTO/Boosters) draft policy.

Mr. Kennedy noted this policy will be discussed this evening.

08-283      **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

08-284      **BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Kennedy noted items 4 – 10 were under consent.

Mrs. Evans asked to remove #10 Appointments from consent and for discussion in executive session.

Mrs. Boris asked to remove items #4 Approval of Job Description, #6 SEQRA Resolution, and #9 Resignations from consent and for discussion in open session.

Mrs. Boris commented she was pleased to attend the Taco Night Benefit in Westernville last week. She could not believe the number of faculty, staff, and administrators who put this on. She noted the people who put the time and energies was tremendous and gave a huge thank you.

Mrs. McGahey also attended the Taco Night Benefit and was it was really, really nice to see so many teachers turn out.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Mr. Ashcroft for doing a great a job with the presentations this evening.

08-285      **DISTRICT UPDATE**

Greg Benincasa, Joe Garito, and Mike Nuffer of H. B. Beebe, the district's construction management firm, presented an update on the capital project.

08-286      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Boris reported that the Feasibility Sub-Committee met this evening. She commented that the committee discussed not having another capital project for May 2009 vote. Mrs. Davis and Mr. D'Ambro worked very hard in collaboration with Bernie Donegan to get the soil removal moved into the existing project

which would save a significant amount of money. The committee felt they should be conservative in light of the fiscal crisis.

Mrs. McGahey and Mrs. Davis attended the legislative breakfast on Saturday, January 31, 2009 with Senator Arcuri, Senator Griffo, and Assemblyman Townsend.

Mrs. Evans asked Mr. Peterson to provide a report on the Teacher Center.

Mr. Peterson noted they are working on several grants and there will be a conference in May on P-16.

08-287 **TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Mr. Hurteau provided an update on the technology plan of the district.

08-288 **BUDGET REVIEW**

Mr. D'Ambro reviewed the following budget items with the Board of Education:

Special Programs  
Co-Curricular, Sports

08-289 **POLICY REVIEW**

The following policies were reviewed:

#4050 Fund-Raising Activities  
#4031.1 Administrative Regulation for Cell Phones and Pagers

The Fundraising for Organizations (PTA/PTO/Boosters) policy was tabled for the March 4, 2009 meeting..

Mr. Egresits arrived at 8:32 p.m.

08-290 **BUS PROPOSITION**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**RESIGNATION FOR REASON OF RETIREMENT**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to approve/accept/adopt the following by consent:

Adopt the following resolution regarding the bus proposition:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one new/unused conversion van-special needs bus, one new/unused conversion van with 2 way radio and digital camera, and one new/unused medium size conventional bus, with 2 way radio and digital camera, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$216,800.00 after trade in allowances, and that such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

Approve a special Board of Education meeting for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 the fourth Tuesday in April, at 5:30 p.m., in the Annex Board Room on which each component district will conduct a public meeting to elect members of the Cooperative Board and to adopt a resolution concerning the approval or disapproval of the tentative administrative budget.

Accept the resignation of Thomas Lyman for the reason of retirement from the position of custodian effective July 1, 2009.

Accept the resignation of Charlene Castelletti for the reason of retirement from the position of speech therapist effective June 30, 2009.

Accept the resignation of Jeannine Grossman for the reason of retirement from the position of science teacher effective July 24, 2009.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

08-291

### **APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the job description of the Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics.

Mrs. Evans – Yes

Dr. Stalker – Yes

Mrs. McGahey – Yes

Mr. Kennedy – Yes

Mrs. Boris – No

Motion Carried

08-292

**RESIGNATIONS**

Mrs. Boris made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to accept the following resignations:

Accept the resignation of John Bubb from the positions of physical education teacher, Assistant Principal Intern, and head varsity girl's track coach pending appointment to the position of Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Health.

Accept the resignation of Josh Olney from the positions of teaching assistant and long-term physical education teacher pending appointment to the position of physical education teacher.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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**SEQRA RESOLUTION**

This item was tabled.

08-294

**BILL SCHEDULES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #7 General Fund in the amount of \$51,199.53, for the period ending February 4, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #6 School Lunch in the amount of \$19,743.04, for the period ending February 4, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #7 Federal Funds in the amount of \$69,847.00, for the period ending February 4, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to accept for payment bill schedule #8 Capital Project in the amount of \$496,376.79, for the period ending February 4, 2009 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-295 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending December 30, 2008 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-296 **ENCLOSURES**

Mrs. Davis mentioned a benefit to be held at the Stittville Fire Department called St. Baldrick’s. This benefit will support children with cancer.

08-297 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education, the employment history of particular people, and Appointments.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

At 10:16 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

08-298 **APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the following current substitute teacher appointments at a per diem rate of Certified \$80 per day; Non-certified \$65 per day:

<u>Name</u>	<u><i>Certified Rate \$80/day</i></u> <u><i>Non-certified Rate \$65/day</i></u>	<u>Certified</u>
Graves, Linda	11080 Bell Hill Road Deerfield, NY 13502	<b>Yes</b>
Hoehn, Kelly	7576 Watson Hollow Road	<b>Yes</b>

Rome, NY 13440

Zacek, Nathaniel

387 Dover Road  
Barneveld, NY 13304

**No**

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to appoint Barbara Brinckerhoff to the position of chaperone at the rate of \$60/event for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution of appointment of John Bubb:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Holland Patent Central School District, at its meeting on February 4, 2009, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint **John Bubb**, 641 Brennan Road, Ilion, New York 13357, conditionally per SED's approval (letter dated January 14, 2009). Once he has met all of the qualifications permitting him to serve as a School Building Leader, in the tenure area of School Building Leader, to the eleven (11) month position of Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics, his probationary period of three (3) years will commence on the date his certificate is granted by the state pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents at a salary of \$66,000 prorated for the 2008-09 school year. This position replaces the Athletic Director as well as the Director of Physical Education positions.

Mrs. Evans – Yes

Dr. Stalker – Yes

Mrs. McGahey – Yes

Mr. Kennedy – Yes

Mrs. Boris – No

Motion Carried

Mrs. Boris noted that her vote does not represent her confidence in Mr. Bubb. Her no vote represents her objection to the addition of the job title of Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics.

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to adopt the following resolution of appointment of Josh Olney:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Holland Patent Central School District, at its meeting on February 4, 2009, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint **Josh Olney**, 505 Walnut Street, Rome, New York 13440, who holds a New York State Initial teaching certificate #XXXXXXXXXX in Physical Education to the position of physical education teacher; for a probationary period of three (3) years to commence on April 6, 2009 and to expire on April 6, 2012; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Josh Olney be paid on Step C-8 (\$36,254) plus masters degree (\$800) for a total salary of \$37,054 prorated for the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to provisionally appoint Michael P. Sweeney to the position of transportation supervisor, twelve month position, at a salary of \$72,000, for a probationary period of 26 weeks, effective July 1, 2009.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the conditional appointment of Michael P. Sweeney, transportation supervisor, effective July 1, 2009 be approved. The appointment is contingent upon satisfactory criminal background clearance from the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the FBI.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the appointment of Katie Bonney to the position of school bus attendant, 4 hours, 30 minutes per day, Schedule A, Step 1, at a rate of \$10.27 per hour and for a probationary period of twenty-six weeks effective February 5, 2009.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

08-299

**RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey to approve the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education which are on file.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss at this time, Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mrs. McGahey, to adjourn the meeting.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 p.m.

A special Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget, long range financial plan, and capital improvements.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

Wendy A. Lloyd  
District Clerk