

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010  
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, April 7, 2010. Board President Mrs. McGahey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anne McGahey, President  
Karen Evans, Vice President  
Traci Boris  
Everett Stalker  
Richard Allen  
Jordan Roberts  
Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools  
Louis D'Ambro, Assistant Superintendent  
Wendy A. Lloyd, District Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT**

Nancy Nowicki  
John Egresits  
John Bubb  
Dennis Geer  
Allen Hyde  
Todd Richard  
Charles Pratt  
Cheryl Venettozzi  
Michael Sweeney

**VISITORS**

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**ABSENT**

Kristin Casab

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on March 17, 2010.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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**POSITIVE THOUGHTS**

A Shining Knight Awards was presented to Tom Storton of the Maintenance Department. Rachel Grower was awarded a Shining Knight award but was not in attendance.

Holland Patent High School Jazz Ensemble Director Timothy Ischia received the 2010 Outstanding Director Award at this year's 23rd Annual Oneida Jazz Festival. Mr. Ischia and the Holland Patent High School Jazz Ensemble have participated in the Oneida Jazz Festival annually for nearly ten years. When presenting the award, Festival Director Timothy Watson said "Each year we select one director to recognize for all the time and extra work they put in with their students to prepare them for and participate in our festival. The selection is never easy because there are so many dedicated music teachers." Mr. Ischia was presented with a plaque, a dinner gift certificate and an Oneida Jazz Festival jacket. The plaque reads "With thanks and recognition for his dedication and personal commitment to his students; giving his time, talent and energy to

participate annually in the Oneida Jazz Festival and for promoting jazz and jazz education in his school." The Oneida Jazz Festival is the largest scholastic festival of its kind in NY, with over 35 school jazz groups participating annually. The festival invites several nationally-known jazz artists each year to serve as adjudicators, clinicians and performers.

High School Principal John W. Egresits and Administrative Intern Ericka R. Gerace wrote a thank you letter to teachers Rebecca Shanley, Rose Cidzik, Laura Schreyer, Tiffany Hosmer, and Chelsea Kehl for the amazing job they did with International Night on March 8, 2010.

High School Principal John W. Egresits and Administrative Intern Ericka R. Gerace wrote a thank you letter to Pattie Sheehan-Milinowski of the Butler-Sheehan Academy of Irish Dance for the amazing entertainment and culture that she provided at the International Night on March 8, 2010 at Holland Patent High School.

General William Floyd Elementary Principal Kristin Casab wrote a thank you letter to Joseph Rowlands of Ratlin Bog for taking the time out of your day to perform for our students at General William Floyd.

Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Health John Bubb wrote a thank you to Marsha Zomro for her generous donation of the Oncourse golf clubs to the Holland Patent High School golf teams.

General William Floyd Elementary Principal Kristin Casab wrote a thank you letter to teacher Candy Owen for taking the initiative to organize the General William Floyd Elementary book fair. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. The book fair was a great success.

General William Floyd Elementary Principal Kristin Casab wrote a thank you letter to Alice Beer, Joann Carro, Kelly Wilcox, Christine Andrews, Michelle Viscosi, Jessica Kirk, Anna Knopka, Kim Race, Lisa Iselo, Lois Newman, and Kim Morris for taking the time out of their busy schedules to work at the General William Floyd Book Fair.

Middle School Principal Charles Pratt and Dean of Students Intern Todd Richard wrote a thank you letter to Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar for sponsoring the pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 14, 2010 for our Middle School.

Middle School Principal Charles Pratt and Dean of Students Intern Todd Richard wrote a thank you letter to staff members Richard Axt, Eileen Bates, Lorna Deily, Denise Dunn, Anne Farley, James Fruscella, Jennifer McDonald, Christine Morgan, Nancy Morrison, John Riemenschneider, Kristen Riemenschneider, Heather Roberts, and Michael Stripp for their time and effort to make the Pancake Breakfast a success. They raised over \$900, which will be used to make sure the camping trip is affordable for all of our students.

Middle School Principal Charles Pratt and Dean of Students Intern Todd Richard wrote a thank you letter to Layna, Daniel, Madasyn, and Tarin for their help on Sunday at our Middle School Pancake Breakfast.

Middle School Principal Charles Pratt and High School Principal John Egresits received a letter from Steve Kessler of New Windsor, New York who was an adjudicator at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oneida Jazz Festival. He wrote to let Mr. Pratt and Mr. Egresits know what an absolutely wonderful jazz group Ms. Siniscarco and Mr. Ischia have developed.

Chris Hoke wrote a thank you to letter to National Honor Society Advisor Carol Moseman regarding the help of students Amber, Devin, Ian and Bryan who participated in a food drive at the second annual “Remembering the Irish Famine” Food Drive held during the Utica St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Davis received a thank you from the Trenton Master Plan Coordinator Geri Speich for the time and effort she expended to present information to the Trenton Master Plan Advisory Group.

General William Floyd Elementary Principal Kristin Casab wrote a letter to teacher Patty Aubry for taking the initiative to coordinate our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Science Fair.

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**REVIEW OF UPCOMING DATES**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| April 8, 2010  | MS Academic Fair, 6:30 p.m.                               |
|                | HPE & GWF Parent-Teacher Conferences<br>11 a.m. dismissal |
| April 9, 2010  | HS Transition Day, 12 – 2 p.m.                            |
|                | 30 Week Marking Period                                    |
|                | HS Cabaret, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.                         |
|                | Elementary Music Festival @ Clinton                       |
| April 10, 2010 | Cabaret, 7:30 p.m.  |
|                | Elementary Music Festival @ Clinton                       |
| April 12, 2010 | GWF Concert, Gr. 2 & 4<br>HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.        |
| April 13, 2010 | HPE & GWF Parent-Teacher Conferences<br>11 a.m. Dismissal |

HPE Concert, Gr. 2 & 4  
HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

April 19 – 23, 2010

Spring Recess

April 24, 2010

Junior Prom Grand March  
HS Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

April 26 – 28, 2010

NYS Gr. 3 – 8 ELA

April 27, 2010

Board of Education Meeting  
Annex Board Room, 7 p.m.

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**VISITORS**

There were no visitors who wished to address the board.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Davis distributed a copy of a letter from Colleen Wuest who completed a shadowing experience with John Egresits and Kristin Casab through the ELMV program. Her letter expressed that she was very impressed with both administrators for their skill and knowledge of their students. Mrs. Davis expressed a thank you to Colleen Wuest for writing such a lovely letter.

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**BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Allen has been involved this year with Cabaret through his son and commended the music department for their time. He never really knew how much time went into it. They meet multiple times and have three hour practices. He thanked the music department.

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**DISTRICT UPDATE**

Mrs. Davis received a call from the Town of Trenton Supervisor Mark Scheidelman who asked if the district would be interested in acquiring an old school house on property located between Toad Hollow Road and Rte. 28. The owners of the property would like to have the building moved. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Geer will pay a visit to the landowners.

09-259      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Stalker reported that the Audit Committee met this evening. They reviewed the audit and are formulating a management letter. The committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 27, 2010.

Mrs. Boris reported that the Policy Committee met this evening. They reviewed policies which will be presented to the board on April 27, 2010.

09-260      **RESOLUTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM GOVERNOR**

Mr. Allen made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Boris to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Holland Patent Central School District agrees to further reduce the tax levy if the Governor reinstates additional aid.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

09-261      **ADOPTION OF 2010-11 BUDGET**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to adopt the 2010-11 budget in the amount of \$28,292,558.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion carried

09-262      **BILL SCHEDULES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #10 General Fund in the amount of \$144,972.30, for the period ending April 7, 2010 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #8 School Lunch in the amount of \$24,128.41, for the period ending April 7, 2010 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #10 Federal Funds in the amount of \$6,350.35, for the period ending April 7, 2010 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #10 Capital Project in the amount of \$13,045.47, for the period ending April 7, 2010 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

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**APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK**  
**2010-11 BOCES CONTRACT FOR RENTAL OF FACILITIES –**  
**ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL**  
**2010-11 BOCES CONTRACT FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES**  
**APPROVAL OF UPSTATE CEREBRAL PALSY CONTRACT**  
**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**  
**APPOINTMENTS**

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

Approve the following textbook:

United States History - Prentice Hall, 2010

Approve the 2010-11 BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities – Elementary Summer School.

Approve the 2010-11 BOCES Contract For Ancillary Services.

Approve the contract for Upstate Cerebral Palsy for the 2009-10 school year.

Approve the request of Tina Wright for a leave of absence for one-half day on March 22, 2010.

Approve the request Jamie Heiser for a leave of absence for the period of April 19 through to June 24, 2010.

Approve the appointment of Kerry Sullivan to the position of Global Studies Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and June 5, and 12, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Daniel O'Bryan to the position of Chemistry Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and June 5, and 12, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Bill Locke to the position of United States History/Government Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 8, 15, 22, 29, and June 5, and 12, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Kathy Nieman to the position of Algebra Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 8, 15, and June 5, 12, and 19, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Richard Zacek to the position of Geometry Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 8, 15, 22, and June 5, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Lisa Szot to the position of Geometry & Algebra2/Trigonometry Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, May 15, 22, and June 12, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

Approve the appointment of Jeanne Owens to the position of AP Biology Saturday Morning Review Teacher for Saturday, April 17, 24, and May 1, and 8, 2010, at the rate of \$37.58/hr.

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><br><u><i>Non-certified Rate \$65/day</i></u> | <u>Certified</u> |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| Lesli Anweiler   | 6851 Irish Road<br>Marcy, NY 13403   | No               |
| Kristin Hameline | 10004 Korber Road<br>Holland Patent, NY 13354                                      | No               |

Approve the following current substitute non-instructional appointments effective April 8, 2010:

| <u>Title</u>  | <u>Rate of Pay</u>                               |
|---|--|
| <b>Substitute School Bus Driver</b><br>Roberta Smith<br>Stephen Ogden | <b>90% of Step 1 (\$16.25/hr.) = \$14.63/hr.</b> |
| <b>Substitute Cleaner</b><br>Joshua Clemons                           | <b>90% of Step 1 (\$10.43/hr.) = \$9.39/hr.</b>  |
| <b>Substitute School Bus Attendant</b><br>Roberta Smith               | <b>90% of Step 1 (\$10.43/hr.) = \$9.39/hr.</b>  |

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the conditional appointment of Roberta Smith, substitute school bus attendant, effective April 8, 2010 be approved. The appointment is contingent upon satisfactory criminal background clearance from the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the FBI.

**Substitute Food Service Helper 90% of Step 1 (\$8.69/hr.) = \$7.82/hr.**  
Victoria Bennison

Approve the provisional appointment of Anne Miles to the position of Clerk, 10 month position, 5 hours per day, Schedule B, Step 1, at a rate of \$11.14 per hour and for a probationary period of 26 weeks effective April 8, 2010.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

09-264 **ENCLOSURES**

There were no comments on the enclosures.

09-265 **RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

09-266 **RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

09-267 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m., Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular people and the Approval of Interim Dean of Students contract.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried



At 9:10 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

09-268

**APPROVAL OF INTERIM DEAN OF STUDENTS CONTRACT**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the Interim Dean of Students Contract.

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

09-269

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yes – 5

No – 0 Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Board Room.

Wendy A. Lloyd  
District Clerk