

**APPROVED MINUTES  
HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014  
ANNEX CONFERENCE 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 conference room, located in the village of Holland Patent, New York on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Board vice President, Karen Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anne McGahey, President (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)  
Karen Evans, Vice President  
Richard Allen (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)  
Everett Stalker  
Traci Boris  
Matthew Milone  
Kathleen M. Davis, Superintendent of Schools  
Cheryl Venettozzi, Assistant Superintendent  
Nancy Nowicki, Assistant Superintendent (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)  
Marie Perry, District Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT**

Christopher Roberts  
James DeAngelo  
Mary Beth Piejko  
Russell Stevener

**VISITORS**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**POSITIVE THOUGHTS**

Principal Stevener and Assistant Principal Massoud sent thank you letters to 8 high school students who assisted with the Freshman Orientation transitioning program.

Principal Stevener and Assistant Principal Massoud sent a thank you letter to the Foothills Rural Community Ministry for their generous contribution of supplies for students.

**UPCOMING DATES**

September 18, 2014	Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m. – High School Library
September 19, 2014	High School & Middle School Picture Day
September 23, 2014	Holland Patent Elementary Open House 6:00 p.m.
September 27, 2014	Community Tours of Nano-Technology Center at SUNY Marcy
October 3, 2014	Purple & Gold Weekend Five Week Interim
October 4, 2014	Purple & Gold Weekend Football Game

2:00 p.m.

High School Homecoming Dance

7:00 p.m.

October 8, 2014

Holland Patent Elementary BLT Meeting  
4:30 p.m.

Elementary PTA Meeting  
5:30 p.m. – Holland Patent Elementary

Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Annex Conference Room

14- 53      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Everett Stalker made the motion, seconded by Traci Boris to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular meeting on August 13, 2014, and August 20, 2014.

Yes – 3

No - 0 Motion carried

14-54      **VISITORS**

Mrs. Evans welcomed visitors and asked if any visitors had any comments. A parent expressed concerns regarding bussing and her child.

Several parents attended with regard to the football scoreboard and sound system. They have raised money and are looking for direction. Mrs. McGahey explained that the board has had in-depth discussions for improvements. Upgrades affect the budget and we are held to the 2% cap. Dr. Stalker added that this is something the Feasibility Committee needs to review followed by regulations that we need to follow. There is a process and no quick fix. The parents were concerned with the quality of the sound system at recent football games. Mr. Allen suggested that they put the money towards renting of equipment for the last two games. Mrs. Boris added that we have had budget constraints as well as the 2% cap over the past few years. We have cut positions and been right-sizing staffing. Mrs. Davis commented that the press box, bleachers, and sound system have been built into the long term district plan. Mrs. McGahey stated for the group to contact her directly moving forward for assistance.

14-55      **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Davis distributed a letter received for the board from a parent concerning sports.

14-56      **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:40 p.m., Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to enter in executive session to discuss a particular student issue.

Yes – 5

No - 0 Motion carried

At 8:00 p.m., the board returned to open session.

14-57 **BOARD FORUM**

Mrs. McGahey asked the student representative if he had any comments.

Matthew Milone reported that a couple of high school students approached him regarding the practice of no large/small bags being allowed in the classrooms. Mr. Stevener, high school principal responded that the practice is a building level practice. The no book bag regulation has been in effect for a number of years. The additional elimination of small bags has been added. The administration believes that it is in response to student safety and to control substance abuse at the high school. The teachers are in full support of the practice and find it to be very positive.

14-58 **DISTRICT UPDATE**

Mrs. Davis reported that open houses are going well.

14-59 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. McGahey stated that the Feasibility Committee scheduled earlier had been cancelled and is tentatively rescheduled for September 30, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

14-60 **DATA PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Nowicki, Assistant Superintendent reported on New York State test scores in Grades 3-8 for math, ELA, science as well as high school programming. The data provides the district with the area/grade levels that will be addressed over the school year. Mrs. Nowicki fielded questions from board on specific areas.

14-61 **BOARD GOALS**

The board's current goals were enclosed for review and revision. The board had no revisions and will be brought to the next board meeting for adoption.

14-62 **BILL SCHEDULES**

Mrs. Evans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept for payment bill schedule #1 General Fund in the amount of \$198,374.89, for the period ending September 17, 2014 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 #2 School Lunch in the amount of \$25.94, for the period ending September 17, 2014 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 #1 Federal Funds in the amount of \$8,780.01, for the period ending September 17, 2014 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 #2 Capital Project (EPC) in the amount of \$114,530.68, for the period ending September 17, 2014 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 Capital Project (EPC) in the amount of \$440,000.00, for the period ending September 17, 2014 and make it a matter of record.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

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**2014-15 BUDGET CALENDAR (FISCAL YEAR 2015-16)**  
**APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTITUTIONS**  
**APPROVAL OF 2014-15 AGREEMENT FOR TAX COLLECTOR**  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**AMENDED APPOINTMENT**  
**APPOINTMENTS**  
**2014-15 COACHING & VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS**  
**2014-15 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS**  
**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**  
**AMENDED 2014-15 COACHING APPOINTMENT**  
**2014-15 DIGNITY ACT COORDINATOR APPOINTMENTS**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Everett Stalker, to approve/accept/ adopt the following by consent:

Approve the 2014-15 Budget Calendar for the fiscal year 2015-16.

Approve the updated Middle School Constitutions effective September 18, 2014.

Approve the 2014-15 agreement for the Tax Collector, Mary Zacek.

Approve the request of Michael Morreale to resign from his long term substitute teacher position effective August 26, 2014.

Approve the request of Amy Piaschyk to resign from her long term substitute teacher assistant position effective September 1, 2014 pending her appointment as an elementary teacher.

Approve the amended appointment of Jeffrey Palmer, 7040 Ives Road, Marcy, New York 13403 as automotive mechanic for an effective date of September 1, 2014.

Adopt the following resolution of appointment:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, Holland Patent Central School District, 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 **Amy Piaschyk**, 9410 Starr Hill Road, Remsen, New York 13438 who holds a New York State Permanent Certificate #XXXXXX Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6, to the position of elementary teacher, for a probationary period of three (3) years in the tenure area of Elementary Education, Grades 1-6, to commence September 1, 2014 and to expire on August 31, 2017, **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Amy Piaschyk be paid on Step C10 (\$42,494) plus Masters (\$800), plus 9 cr. hrs. @ \$66/hr. (\$594) for a total salary of \$43,888 effective September 1, 2014 as outlined in the agreement between the Holland Patent Teachers Association and the Superintendent of Schools, dated July 1, 2008 or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement.

Approve the following substitute teacher appointments, at a per diem rate of Certified \$80 per day; Non-certified \$65 per day effective September 18, 2014:

John Hurteau \$80/day Certified  
 160 Hayes Circle  
 Barneveld, NY 13304

Jeanne Owens \$80/day Certified  
 130 MacArthur Road  
 Cold Brook, NY 13324

Scott Ruganis \$80/day Certified  
 23 Meadowbrook Drive  
 New Hartford, NY 13413

Approve Kathryn Cole, 1505 Bedford Street, Rome, NY 13440, for a speech therapy externship through Syracuse University at no cost to the district.

Approve Christine Raspante, 1403 Albany Street, Utica, NY 13501, for a human service internship through Mohawk Valley Community College at no cost to the district.

Approve the following coaching & volunteer appointments for the 2014-15 school year:

Coach	Sport		%	Salary
Robert Judware	Girls Modified Volleyball, Team 1	6% + 2% longevity	8	\$2,520.24
Bryan Nichols	Girls Modified Volleyball, Team 2	6% + 2% longevity	8	\$2,520.24
Brandon Lake	Boys Modified Wrestling (Split)	7.5% split	3.625	\$1,141.98
Marc Verri	Boys Modified Wrestling (Split)	8.5% split + 3% longevity	7.5	\$2,362.73

Approve the following co-curricular appointments for the 2014-15 school year (salaries are based on the 2008-2014 HPTA contract):

MS/Junior Honor Society	\$ 630.06	Chelsey Andreski
MS Chaperone (Dances, Other Events)	\$ 60/event	Brittany Reynolds

Approve the request of Amy Clark for a leave of absence without pay on Friday, October 10, 2014.

Approve the request of Frederick Herringshaw for a leave of absence without pay for 3.5 days for the following dates:

Friday, October 17, 2014	.5
Monday, October 20, 2014	1.0
Tuesday, October 21, 2014	1.0
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	1.0

Approve the amended appointment of Ronald Haier as Girls Modified Head Soccer Coach for the 2014-15 school year be amended to read as follows:

Girls Modified Head Soccer	6% + 5% longevity = 11%	\$3,465.33
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Appoint the following 2014-15 Dignity Act Coordinators, which require intensive training and reporting required by law:

\$1,000.00	Russell Stevener
\$1,000.00	Charles Pratt
\$1,000.00	James DeAngelo
\$1,000.00	Mary Beth Piejko
\$1,000.00	Kristin Casab

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m., Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to take a short recess and to return in executive session to discuss:

1. Recommendations by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education
2. Recommendations by the Committee on Special Education
3. Contract negotiations
4. Discussion on a legal matter
5. Employment history of a particular person

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

At 8:45 p.m. the Board entered executive session.

At 10:35 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

14- 65            **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve the recommendations by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

14-66            **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Karen Evans made the motion, seconded by Richard Allen, to approve the recommendations by the Committee on Special Education.

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

14- 67            **ENCLOSURES**

1. Letter to Judge Christopher Clarkin regarding sex offenders.
2. Letters to students and parents from Mr. Stevener, High School Principal with information needed prior to school starting (graduation pictures, course pick sheets, freshman welcome letter, general student welcome letter, student news/photo release, release for pictures, BOCES procedures for students, military recruiters, family emergency forms, and Code of Conduct update)
3. Policy Committee 2014-15 meeting schedule
4. Audit Committee 2014-15 meeting schedule
5. Feasibility Committee 2014-15 meeting schedule
6. School Boards Institute Calendar 2014-15 Training & Development
7. School Boards Institute Calendar 2014-15 General Membership & Executive Committee meetings & topics
8. 2014-15 Tax Rate Comparison by township
9. Holland Patent Elementary September 2014 Update Newsletter from Principal DeAngelo

There were no comments on the enclosures.

14-68            **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yes – 5  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:37 p.m.

*The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the annex conference room at 7:00 p.m.*

*Marie E. Perry  
District Clerk*