

**PORT JERVIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2014

The Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 1, 2014 in the High School Cafeteria.

Members Present: Judith Amato
 Michael Bello
 Noeleen Casey-Tomasi
 Tammy Myers
 William Onofry
 Florence Santini
 William Smith
 Reyes Torres Jr.
 Robert Witherow

Others Present: Thomas Bongiovi, Superintendent
 Cynthia Benedict, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
 Lorelei Case, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Dawn Lasch, Clerk of the Board

Call to Order - Agenda Item 1

The meeting was called to order by past Board President, William Smith.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session – Agenda Item 2

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Bill Onofry to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual issues at 6:30 p.m. with a 6-0 vote.

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Board Members – Organizational Agenda Item I

Dawn Lasch swore in newly elected Board members Judith Amato, Florence Santini and incumbent William Smith.

Election of Officers by the Board Clerk – Organizational Agenda Item II

President of the Board of Education:

Tammy Myers moved, seconded by Bob Witherow to open the nominations for School Board President. Tammy Myers nominated William Onofry as President. Reyes Torres nominated William Smith as President. There were no other nominations.

Votes were recorded as follows: Yes 5, No 4 for William Onofry as School Board President.
Motion carried.

Vice-President of the Board of Education:

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to open the nominations for School Board Vice-President. Bill Smith nominated Michael Bello as Vice-President. Bill Onofry nominated Noeleen Casey-Tomasi as Vice President. There were no other nominations.

Votes were recorded as follows: Yes 6, No 3 for Mike Bello as School Board Vice-President.
Motion carried.

Flo Santini moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to close the nominations.
District Clerk Dawn Lasch swore in William Onofry as President and Michael Bello as Vice-President of the School Board.

The meeting was turned over to newly elected School Board President, William Onofry.

Regular Session Resumes – Agenda Item 3

Bill Onofry moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to open the Organizational meeting at 7:55 p.m. with a 9-0 vote.

AGENDA ITEMS III – XI

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Tammy Myers to approve the following appointments with a 9-0 vote.

III. Designation of Official Newspapers, Radio Stations, and Television Stations

Newspapers: Times Herald Record
Radio Stations: WDLC, WTSX, and WSUL
Television Stations: Port Jervis Education Channel 20

IV. Statutory Public Official Bonds

1. Collector of Taxes	\$1,000,000
2. District Treasurer	\$1,000,000
3. School Activities Treasurer	\$1,000,000

V. Designation of Depository

JP Morgan Chase	TD Bank
M & T Bank	MBIA CLASS

VI. Designation of Establishing Petty Cash Funds

1. General Fund:	\$100.00	Buildings and Grounds (Donald Preiss)
	\$100.00	District Office (Thomas Bongiovi)
	\$400.00	Food Service

Replenishment is on an as needed basis.

VII. Delegate to the Orange County School Boards Association

The District should appoint a Port Jervis Board of Education delegate to the Orange County School Boards Association. Mike Bello was appointed.

VIII. Delegate to the New York State School Boards Association

The District should appoint a Port Jervis Board of Education delegate to the New York State School Boards Association. Bill Smith was appointed Delegate and Bob Witherow as Alternate.

IX. Transfer Authority for the Superintendent

- A. The Superintendent of Schools may make transfers between functional codes in the budget not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). All such transfers will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- B. The Superintendent of Schools may make unlimited transfers between object codes within the same function codes.

X. Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage reimbursement for employees or Board members for the use of their personal car will be at the Internal Revenue Service prevailing rate per mile for the 2014-2015 school year.

XI. Annual Appointments

Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Public Comment – Agenda Item 4

Ms. Jody Case-Kennedy – said Michele Martin and I are coordinating the Summer Reading Program in conjunction with the PJ Recreation Department again this summer. We have a lot of support from Donna Muro, Ruth Zuclich, Linda Korycki, Lorelei Case and lots of volunteers to date. Right now we have approximately 200 K-6 children registered. Through the Rec. program we are providing lunch. The 3-6 graders are being provided, by Quality Bus, an opportunity to take the bus down to the Recreation Center or any playground and have their parents pick them up at the end of the day. I am here because we can always use more volunteers. Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. from July 7th to August 7th. We would love to have some new faces to work with the children. Stop by and see what we do.

Mrs. Leroy said she is a taxpayer, employee, and been a Special Education teacher in this district for 33 years. I have spent 20 years putting my children through this school district. I would like to talk about some decisions made by the Board previous to you. Mrs. Leroy explained how last year on the first day of school her room was out of compliance and there was a classroom at HBE in the same position as she was. We asked for additional staff and we were told there was absolutely no money. My co-teacher and I had to work as diligently as we could with the large amount of children that we had trying to adapt the new Common Core Curriculum and meet all of their needs. In the spring, our Special Ed. director came to the School Board and asked for two additional Special Ed. teachers. She was immediately told no, too much money; we were too close to the tax cap and it just wasn't going to happen. A few weeks later, NY State gave us a windfall of \$900,000 and only one Special Ed. teacher was approved. That teacher is going up to HBE to help with their compliance program, but that still leaves ASK overcrowded and out of compliance. Mrs. Leroy also explained how upsetting it is to her to see that the HS Science teaching position will also be cut next year. My son attended that AP Chem. class and I know he is better prepared for college having had the AP Chem. I am saddened that that opportunity will not be available to the students behind him. I'm asking this Board to evaluate each position that was not filled. Ask administration since we did not hire a special education teacher and a science teacher, how your programs have changed. I would ask you to do this for all the staff that did not make the cut. In talking about the budget, having one of the largest fund balances in the county is very impressive but when it comes to the cost of student programs, that's kind of irresponsible.

Kevin Birmingham said I am here to address the Board regarding the Athletic Directors position. This upcoming year, Ron Semerano has spent 37 ½ years with the district as a teacher, as a coach of many sports and most recently as Athletic Director. In my opinion, he deserves to be re-appointed as Athletic Director because it is the right thing to do. During my service with the district, I had the privilege of sharing an office with Joseph McCafferty for 15 years. Mr. McCafferty is one of the most ethical and principal people I have ever met. He is also a strong Union supporter and was the PJTA President for a number of years. During that time, Joe and I talked many times about issues that the Union had with the district, with administration or with the Board. One thing Joe told me and stayed with me is "When good people get together they can find a way to do the right thing". I ask the Board, administration, the PJTA leadership to be good people, get together and do the right thing.

Administrative Reports – Agenda Item 5

Ms. Case welcomed the new board members. Thank you to everyone who assisted and participated in the graduation preparation, ceremony and break down. I would like to take a moment to thank Don Preiss and his staff. Because of his organizational and leadership skills, the process has been improved every year. This year he wanted to add the Port logo to the grounds. The district was fortunate to have Matt Sexton with the skill set to grid the perfect replica. Thank you to our B&G staff for working with Matt and our gifted students to complete the task. Thank you to every maintenance worker, IT employee, cleaner, custodian and clerk that orchestrated all the pieces behind the scenes. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

We are onto the summer demolition work – the high school locker room demolition has begun. Asbestos removal in the rooms receiving new ceilings, lighting and floors is underway. District-wide renovations, repairs and cleaning have been scheduled.

The auditors were in the district on June 18 and 19th. They will return the last week of July. Meanwhile, my staff and I are closing out the school year and preparing documents for audit review.

The Summer Food Service program is ready to go. Thank you to MaryAnn Hull and Lynette Davenport for preparing elementary student transportation for our Summer School and Reading program students.

As July 4 approaches, may we remember the freedoms and rights that our great country guarantees us. May everyone have a safe, fun filled summer.

Mrs. Benedict said the past few weeks were very busy in all of our buildings throughout the district. There was much to celebrate as our Kindergartners were recognized and our 6th graders move up to the middle school and our seniors graduated this past Friday night. Thank you to all our faculty and staff, parents and community members for your dedication to our district and our students and for being a part of our students' successes and supporting the educational reform that is taking place. As always, it is very important for us to focus on student learning as the reason we are all here by maintaining teaching and learning as our top priorities.

Reading is one of our priorities of learning and it is important that our students continue to read while school is not in session. By reading throughout the summer our students will stay academically sharp for the next school year. I encourage students to participate in the summer reading programs offered at our library and school district. Please check our website for our schools' current summer reading lists. The lists include suggestions for each grade level for summer reading. You may ask for them at the public library and while you are there you can check out their 2014 Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, Boom, Pop!".

Also, PJCS and PJ Rec. will again be offering a summer reading program. The program will run from July 7 to August 7 from 9:00 -11:00 am at the ASK elementary school. Grades K-2 will meet on Monday and Wed. and students in grades 3-6 will meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Permission slip, flyer and information are all posted on our website.

Students registered for summer school are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early the first day. Elementary Summer School Program will begin on Monday, July 7th and the hours are 8:20-12:20 and secondary classes will begin on July 8th, and period one begins at 7 am. Summer school will be held at ASK.

I wish everyone a wonderful 4th of July holiday, and an enjoyable summer.

Mr. Bongiovi reviewed some of the great events that happened in June such as the HS Scholarship Night, HBE Leadership Day, the Senior Prom, the ASK and HBE sixth grade moving up ceremonies, the ASK and HBE Kindergarten recognition ceremonies, BOCES Graduation, the PJHS Graduation ceremony and the All Night Grad. Party.

Mr. Bongiovi welcomed the new Board members and congratulated Mr. Onofry and Mr. Bello for their new positions. I wish everyone a great 4th of July.

Consent Agenda Items – Agenda Item 6

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the following:

- a. **Minutes from the May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Section 1)**
- b. **Minutes from the June 10, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Education (Section 1)**

c. CSE/CPSE Minutes (enclosure no. 1c)

CSE Minutes: 04/30/14R; 05/01/14R; 05/01/14 (14-15)R; 05/07/14 (14-15)R; 05/12/14 (14-15)R; 05/16/14; 05/16/14 (14-15); 05/21/14 (14-15); 05/27/14 (14-15)R; 05/28/14 (14-15); 05/29/14 (14-15)R; 05/30/14 (14-15); 06/02/14 (14-15); 06/03/14 (14-15); 06/04/14 (14-15); 06/05/14 (14-15); 06/06/14; 06/06/14 (14-15); 06/09/14 (14-15); 06/10/14 (14-15); 06/11/14; 06/11/14 (14-15); 06/12/14; 06/12/14 (14-15); 06/13/14; 06/16/14; 06/16/14 (14-15); 06/17/14; 06/17/14 (14-15); 06/19/14 (14-15)

CPSE Minutes: 04/21/14; 05/07/14; 05/09/14; 05/16/14; 05/19/14; 05/21/14; 05/28/14; 05/30/14; 06/02/14; 06/04/14; 06/05/14; 06/09/14; 06/18/14; 06/23/14

d. Financial Reports for May 2014: Comprehensive Budget Status, Revenue Status, and Warrant

e. Treasurer's Report for May 2014

f. Budget Transfers

g. Adopt Investment Policies Number 5220 and Number 5221 for the 2014-2015 School Year

h. FMLA, Intermittent and Leave of Absences per Enclosures

i. Disposal of Books from ASK Library

j. Disposal of Outdated Computers at the HS and ASK

k. Disposal of Old Treadmill at the High School

l. Approval of Section 504 Committee Members for the 2014-2015 School Year

m. Appoint Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2014-2015 School Year

n. Accept Payment for Surplus Compressor

o. Accept Donation to All Night Grad Party for Surplus Chairs

p. Resignation (s)

Name: Dayna Valenti
Position: Science Teacher
Assignment: High School
Effective: August 31, 2014

Name: Bethann Paul
Position: Special Education Teacher
Assignment: High School
Effective: June 30, 2014

q. Retirement

Name: Tami Waltke (15 years)
Position: Clerk Typist
Assignment: High School
Effective: August 30, 2014

Motion carried with a 8 yes, 1 no (Casey-Tomasi) vote. Mrs. Casey-Tomasi ask that a comment that Mr. Smith said at the May 22nd meeting be included in these minutes as follows: Mr. Smith, after reading his response to Mrs. Casey-Tomasi's complaint, said "I copied the Superintendent, and the rest of the Board of Education so you had it". Mrs. Casey-Tomasi said this comment was stated at the meeting but we never received copies.

Principal/Acting Principal Resolution – Agenda Item 7

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the following appointments:

BE IT RESOLVED, in the event the principal is not physically present in the school on one or more days (or portion thereof) during the 2014-2015 school year, the following will be appointed "Acting Principal" for all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law.

<u>School</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Acting Principal</u>
Anna S. Kuhl Hamilton Bicentennial Middle School High School	Brett Cancredi Linda Korycki Jean Lain Andrew Marotta	Matthew Wentworth or Nicole Ey Donna Muro Jared Kahmar Heidi Nyland or Jared Kahmar

Mr. Bongiovi explained that Jared Kahmar was appointed as a place holder as acting principal at the Middle School until an Assistant Principal is appointed and that person will then be appointed to replace Mr. Kahmar. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Appoint Ruth Zuclich "Acting Principal" for All Short-term Student Discipline Matters Pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law for all Special Education Students Being Educated out of District – Agenda Item 8

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Bob Witherow to approve Ruth Zuclich as "Acting Principal" for All Short-term Student Discipline Matters Pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law for all Special Education Students Being Educated out of District. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Appoint Special Education Committee Members for the 2014-2015 School Year as Follows: - Agenda Item 9

- a. Committee on Special Education Membership
- b. Committee on Special Education Sub-committee Membership
- c. Committee on Pre-school Special Education Membership
- d. Committee on Special Education/Pre-school Special Education Parent Members

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Mike Bello to approve the aforementioned Committee Members. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Request for Board of Education to Appoint a Designee and an Alternate Designee to Appoint Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2014-2015 School Year -Agenda Item 10

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Noeleen Casey-Tomasi to approve the following:

The State Education Department requires that Impartial Hearing Officers be appointed by the Board of Education or its designee within 40 hours of the hearing officer accepting the assignment. When appointments are made by a designee, the Board of Education is advised to take a formal action to appoint the Impartial Hearing Officer at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Designee: the Board President

Alternate Designee: the Board Vice President (in the event the designee is unavailable when an Impartial Hearing officer needs to be appointed)

No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of CSE Vendor List – Agenda Item 11

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Judy Amato to approve the CSE Vendor List. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Appointment (s) – Agenda Item 12

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to bring the appointments to the floor.

Bill Onofry moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to sever items H and I from the appointments. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve the remainder of the appointments as follows:

A. Instructional

Name: Jennifer Grismer
Position: Social Worker
Assignment: High School
Effective: September 2, 2014
Probation: September 2, 2014 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$56,869 – Step 1
1,500 - Masters
2,576 - Credits (56)
\$60,945

B. Stipend Positions for the 2014-2015 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Deborah Rutt	School District Treasurer	\$8,055
Lisa Buczek	Internal Claims Auditor	\$5,832
Dawn Lasch	School District Clerk	\$5,273
Michele O'Donnell	Budget Vote & Election Preparation	\$2,636

C. Secondary Summer School Appointments – Instructional – Vacancy No. 1785
Effective Date: July 8, 2014 – August 12, 2014 (8/13 & 8/14 Regents exams)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joseph Coniglio	Social Studies (1)	\$1,968
Ashley Sparke	English	\$5,075
Debra Cassara	Math (1)	\$1,968
Nicholas Emanuele	Health (2)	\$3,175

D. Summer School Appointments – Non-Instructional – Vacancy No. 1785
Effective Date: July 7, 2014 – August 8, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
William Harris	Food Service Helper	Step 4 –\$ 15.30/hr (2012-13)
Sandra Murray	Teacher Aide	Step 12 - \$19.50/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .45 longevity
Nancy Farr	Teacher Aide	Step 12 - \$19.50/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .20 longevity
Karen Hinkley	Teacher Aide	Step 13 - \$20.28/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .75 longevity
Maria Rodano	School Monitor	Step 12 - \$19.33/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .45 longevity

Patricia Pelton	School Monitor	Step 12 - \$19.33/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .45 longevity
Yulanda Murphy	School Monitor	Step 5 - \$15.75/hr (2012-13)

Effective Date: July 8, 2014 – August 12, 2014 (8/13 & 8/14 Regents exams)

Karin Decker	Teacher Aide	Step 12 - \$19.50/hr (2012-13) + .21 (HIO) + .20 longevity
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E. Substitute Instructional Staff for Elementary Summer School – Vacancy No. 1785

Lori Kuroski

F. Substitute Instructional Staff for Secondary Summer School – Vacancy No. 1785

Joseph Coniglio	Julia Dekan	Tammy Lara	Debra Cassara
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G. Extra-Curricular Positions for the 2013-2014 School Year as per MOA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lindsay Wylie	Sixth Grade Advisor - ASK	\$1,365
Timothy Moul	Sixth Grade Advisor – HBE	\$1,365
Patricia Halpenny	Elementary Drama Club	\$2,262

Motion carried with a 9-0 vote. After the vote Mrs. Santini asked why HBE didn't have an elementary drama club stipend. It was explained that currently HBE does not have a drama club like ASK but rather they do a variety show each year. It is something that could be considered if someone at HBE would like to create a drama club in the future.

Resolution to Approve Employment Contracts to Reflect an Increase of 1.4% in Base Salary for Confidential and Administrative Employees as Follows: - Agenda Item 13

- a. Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent
- b. Confidential Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
- c. Administrative Aide to the Assistant Superintendent for Business

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve the aforementioned employment contracts. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of OCSBA Membership Dues for the 2014-2015 School Year – Agenda Item 14

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve the aforementioned dues. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Port Jervis Free Library Payment Schedule for THE 2014-15 – Agenda Item 15

August	\$ 10,000
September	\$100,000
Final Payment	<u>\$865,000</u>
Total Collection	\$975,000

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Mike Bello to approve the aforementioned library payment schedule. Ms. Case explained that ten years ago we used to give the library all their payments in July and August. We don't actually start collecting until September. So through the ten years we have slowly removed payment in July and are giving them \$10,000 in August which will go away next year. We will give them half the payment in the beginning of September and the second half at the end of September so that by October they will be paid in full. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Adopt Policy Manual for the 2014-2015 School Year – Agenda Item 16

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve the aforementioned Policy Manual. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Adopt Code of Conduct for the 2014-2015 School Year – Agenda Item 17

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the aforementioned Code of Conduct. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Policies – Agenda Item 18

Second and Final Reading

Policy No. 3510	Emergency School Closings
Policy No. 5240	School Tax Assessment and Collection
Policy No. 5241	Property Tax Exemptions
Policy No. 5410	Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering
Policy No. 5411	Procurement of Goods and Services
Policy No. 5412	Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials
Policy No. 5520	Extra-classroom Activities Fund
Policy No. 5530	Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings
Policy No. 6111	Testing Misconduct and Mandatory Reporting Requirements
Policy No. 6172	Identification Badges
Policy No. 7511	Immunization of Students
Policy No. 7614	Preschool Special Education Program
Policy No. 7670	Due Process Complaints; Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve the second and final reading of the aforementioned policies. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance – Agenda Item 19

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve the Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of OMNI Service Agreement – Agenda Item 20

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the OMNI service agreement. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Lunch Prices for the 2014-2015 School Year – Agenda Item 21

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Judy Amato to approve the lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Case explained the process has changed. Up to about 4 years ago it was up to school districts to determine the price of lunches. The State has intervened and has given us a formula to use. Based on their formula we should be changing the price by 25 cents a meal, however they have it capped at 10 cents. Elementary will go from \$2.10 to \$2.20 and secondary will go from \$2.50 to \$2.60. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval to Amend the SAVIN Contract for the May 2014 Referendum for Construction Management Oversight – Agenda Item 22

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve to amend the SAVIN contract for the May 2014 Referendum for construction management oversight. Mr. Witherow asked Ms. Case to give a list of what the projects are that this contract is for. She said there will be a generator installed at the 209 complex, Smartboard/whiteboard upgrades district wide except the MS, cabinetry changes at ASK & HBE, sight lighting at the 209 complex and a new ramp by the HS modulars. Motion carried with a 9-0- vote.

Approval of Lease Agreement between the Port Jervis City School District and Quality Bus Service, LLC for the 2014-2015 School Year for Use of the Bus Garage Parking Lot – Agenda Item 23

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve the aforementioned agreement. No discussion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Side Letter of Agreement for PJTA Employees – Agenda Item 24

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the aforementioned agreement. Mr. Bongiovi explained that when Mrs. Duryea resigned from the district there were still a number of CSE Annual Evaluations that had to take place. Two psychologist, one at ASK and one at HBE added those duties to their responsibilities. While those meetings did take place during the regular school day, it pushed off many of their regular responsibilities to outside of school hours. This compensates them for the extra time spent assisting us getting those meetings done. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for CSEA Employees – Agenda Item 25

Mike Bello moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve the MOA for CSEA employees. Ms. Case explained that there are five people under the CSEA contract that have retired during the 2013 school year. The contract is currently being negotiated and a retirement incentive Article XIII sunsets as of June 30, 2013. We are asking the Board to allow this group of five people, while we are having ongoing negotiations, be granted the right to the retirement incentive which is in the current contract. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Girls Varsity Team to Attend Team USA Overnight Camp August 21 to August 23 2014 – Agenda Item 26

Judy Amato moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to approve the aforementioned trip. Ms. Case explained that this will be done right after soccer tryouts and will be paid through their extra classroom fundraising monies. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Discussion and Approval of Shared Services with the Port Jervis City Police Department – Agenda Item 27

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve the aforementioned shared services. Mr. Bongiovi explained that we met with Chief Worden of the PJ City Police Department and they would like to enhance their radio reception by putting a small antenna on the 209 complex. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of Agreement for Compass Learning – Agenda Item 28

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve the agreement for Compass Learning. Mrs. Benedict said that this is a suite of on-line and interactive software and we are looking to purchase the Odyssey Program for our students. It aligns with our Maps testing and immediately uploads the data and generates an individualized student learning path for all of our students. We would like to implement this in our K-6 classes and we are also doing a pilot program at the MS for next year. There will be 5 days of professional training for our teachers that will begin in August and be completed in the fall. The training is included in the cost of the program. The money for the program is in the textbook budget. After much discussion, motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.

Approval of AESOP (Automated Substitute Service) for the 2014-2015 School Year – Agenda Item 29

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Bob Witherow to approve the AEOSP for the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Bongiovi said in the past we have had individuals paid a stipend to manually arrange and organize our substitutes. This is an on-line system that is used widely across Orange County, where it is all automated. There will be some training involved that will take an hour or less to train the teachers how to use it. We can also generate reports from this system. We will still be responsible for providing the

substitutes and inputting information into the system. It will initially cost us \$2,000 more for the service the first year but will save us around \$5,000 a year after that. After much discussion, motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.

Appointment of School Board Member for the Audit Committee – Agenda Item 30

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Mike Bello to bring agenda item 30 to the floor for discussion. Ms. Case explained that the Audit Committee consists of two Board members, one serves as a chairman and one community member. The Audit Committee meets about four times a year and we try to make the meetings before executive session. President Onofry asked for any volunteers. Bill Smith volunteered as Chairman, Tammy Myers as a member and Robert Schultz as the community member. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Appointment of Liaisons/Members of the Following Committees – Agenda Item 31

President William Onofry appointed Board members to the following committees:

Buildings & Grounds Committee - William Onofry Chairman, Noeleen Casey-Tomasi

Policy Committee – William Smith Chairman, Noeleen Casey-Tomasi

DLT Liaison – Robert Witherow

Health/Safety/Wellness Committee Liaison – Florence Santini

Port Jervis Liaison – Florence Santini

Deerpark Liaison – William Smith

Legislative Liaison – William Smith

Education Committee – Robert Witherow Chairman, William Smith, Judith Amato

Visitation Committee – Board as a Whole

Board Member Comments – Agenda Item 32

Mrs. Casey-Tomasi – congratulated Mr. Onofry and Mr. Bello in their new positions and the new Board members. She also thanked the public speakers for their comments. It's important to hear from the public. I am pleased that we have the summer reading program again this summer in conjunction with the recreation department. There are tons of things for kids to do this summer that are supervised and I encourage the kids to attend. I had questions and comments at the last meeting pertaining to item 15 where the name was not disclosed and that enclosure was not made public. I am very uncomfortable with that and I will be pursuing that more with the Board during executive session.

Mr. Bello welcomed Judy Amato to the BOE and welcomed back Flo Santini. The BOCES CTECH recognition ceremony was attended by both Mr. Bongiovi and Mr. Marotta – supporting our students. The graduation last Friday night was an excellent ceremony. I feel everyone out did themselves from Building and Grounds, to the respectful students and the ceremony itself. I was especially pleased with the students that are entering the military, by holding the American flag and then folding it at the beginning of the ceremony. I thought that was an excellent touch. I would like to thank Bill Smith for donating his sound equipment for graduation, that he does every year, and for other events that he donates his time and equipment to during the school year.

Mr. Witherow said that Mrs. Leroy mentioned about the fact that we were short a teacher and we were struggling for money etc. I am going to reiterate what I've said many times, I think we need to partner

more with BOCES to procure some of the resources that they provide and we get for this district so that BOCES reimbursement monies can be used to fill some of those gaps.

Mr. Smith said he would like to echo Mr. Bello and Mr. Witherow on their comments. The All Night Grad party was awesome as usual. I would like to thank all the businesses that donated food and everybody that contributed to that event. The Scholarship night was wonderful. All the businesses, associations and families that donate the money for scholarships should be well commended. The HBE Leadership was totally impressive. Mr. Marotta and the students did an excellent job on graduation night.

Mr. Onofry said I will be on vacation on July 22nd and I would like to propose that we cancel the 22nd meeting and also the Board Retreat until the new Board members actually have some time to give some input on what they would actually like to do for the retreat. I would like to move the July 22nd meeting to the night set aside for the Board Retreat, which would be Monday, August 4th. After some discussion, Mr. Onofry said we will re-schedule the next meeting for Monday, August 4th with a retreat date to be discussed.

Informational Items – Agenda Item 33

All informational Items were acknowledged and received.

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Tammy Myers to enter into executive session at 9 pm for the purpose of employment issues. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to return to regular session at 9:48 pm. Motion carried with a 8-0-1 (Smith) vote.

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Tammy Myers to sever Timothy Leonard as the Baseball Varsity coach from the athletic coaching positions for 2014-15. Motion carried with a 8-0 vote.

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Bob Witherow to approve the remainder of the athletic coaching positions for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried with a 8-0 vote.

Reyes Torres moved, seconded by Bob Witherow to Table Item I (ARCH Principals) from the appointments. Motion carried with a 8-0 vote.

Adjournment

Bob Witherow moved, seconded by Reyes Torres to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. with a 8-0 vote.

The next Regular Board Meeting/Goals Workshop will be held on **Monday, August 4, 2013** at 6:30 p.m. (executive session) and 7:30 p.m. (open business meeting) in the High School Cafeteria.

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