

1. OPENING.

- 1.01 Call to Order – The President calls the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 1.02 Recording of Attendance: Board Members Present: D. Reiser, A. Laput, L. Bohs, C. Bliefernich, B. Siegel
Others Present: R. Dufour, S. Krebs, V. Keegan, R. Luis and approximately 25 citizens.
- 1.03 Presentations:
- Principal Krebs presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding substance abuse prevention at ECS. Faculty, staff and outside individuals came up with ideas such as; Teen Intervene, EPIC (Every Person Influences Children), BOTVIN Life skills, D.A.R.E. Program through the SC Sheriff's Dept., SADD, and NARCAN (Antidote) training.
 - Dave Binkowski presented to the Board of Education an idea of hanging banners up in the gym for community businesses. These banners would only be hung during basketball season. Mr. Binkowski explained the advertising system and analysis by the Booster Club in regards to fundraising. Superintendent Dufour explained he spoke to our school attorney and our attorney stated it is against the law to hang banners in the gym. Ms. Luis, District Treasurer stated that the same information came from the State Comptroller. Board President, D. Reiser stated that he was going to check into other school's policies and why they are able to do so. Mr. Binkowski also stated that the gym floor was delayed a few days. He thanked those that are volunteering.

2. DISTRICT REPORTS

- 2.01 Elementary Principal Report (Virginia Keegan)
- Reported opening of school went smooth. Painting took place over the summer of vibrant colors throughout the school.
- 2.02 Secondary Principal Report (Scott Krebs)
- Reported opening school went very smoothly at the high school.
- 2.03 Business Office Report (Ruth Luis)
- Reported on implementation of food service modifications, preparation of ST-3 Reporting, and preparation for school tax bills. Stated auditors will be at the next Board of Education Meeting to present their findings on our tax bills. Every tax bill has been sent out incorrectly, based on a wrong equalization rate from the County. New billing will be mailed out asap. People's payments will be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.04 District Report (Robert Dufour)
- Reported that the opening of both schools went very nicely, as well as the teacher conferences. He stated that it was a pleasure to have students back in our hallways and hearing their voices.
 - Reported that we were forced to end our contract with the security company we were using for our security officers due to operational difficulties with the company who was providing the service. Temporarily using Atlas Security Services and both our veteran Security Officers are still currently working for this new provider and a new request for proposals will be issued and a contract awarded within the next couple of months.
 - New Recess Policy has been implemented already at GRM.
 - Replacing of Smart Boards with flat panel displays was taking place at both schools.

- Chrome Books are being used in core classrooms for daily instruction at the high school and a few for classroom centers down at GRM.

- 2.05 Board President Report (Doug Reiser)
Attended opening day at GRM with two others. Great day. Commended the faculty and staff.
- 2.06 Central Treasurer's Report (Stephanie Zub) (Not Present)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Limited to Consent Agenda Items 4.01 through 7.02)

J. Hanson – Thanked R. Luis on her work on the incorrect tax billing. Asked to send letters out to the people who have already paid.

R. Dufour - The County recommended we correct this next year. Highland Town did not agree and wanted it corrected this year.

B. Siegel – Questioned if the bus rates were the same as last year. (6.01)

R. Luis – Stated the bus rates are the same as last year.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS.

**** Consent Agenda – Recommended Action 4.01 through 7.02
Made on motion by A. Laput and seconded by C. Bliefernich.**

**Voting: D. Reiser yes; A. Laput yes; L. Bohs yes ; C. Bliefernich yes; B. Siegel yes.
Voting: 5 Yes. Motion carried.**

- 4.01 Approval of the Minutes of the Special BOE Meeting held on July 28, 2016.
- 4.02 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2016.
- 4.03 Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for August, 2016.
- 4.04 Approval of the Payment of Bills appearing on Multi-Fund Warrant #02 (Checks #59947-59999), Multi-Fund Warrant #03 (Checks # 60000-60044) and Multi-Fund Warrant #4 (Checks #60045-60099).
- 4.05 Approval of the Claims Auditor's Report on Multi-Fund Warrant #02 (Checks #59947-59999), Multi-Fund Warrant #03 (Checks # 60000-60044) and Multi-Fund Warrant #4 (Checks #60045-60099).
- 4.06 Approval of the Board of Education to refund Nathan J. DeGraw, 1210 Forestburgh Rd, Glen Spey, NY 12737 the amount of \$407.88 due to a clerical error on the 2014-15 tax roll for the School District; "Failure to enter the STAR Exemption to which the property owner was entitled", pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

6. APPOINTMENTS & AUTHORIZATIONS.

6.01 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following changes in rates for substitute bus drivers:

Substitute Bus Driver – Driving - 100% current driver rate
Substitute Bus Driver – Training – 75% of current driver rate
Substitute Bus Driver – Monitoring – 75% of current driver rate

6.02 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Lisa Marie Drewett as the 2016-2017 Modified Fall Cross Country Track Coach as per contract.

6.03 Approval of Joseph Mellan as Claims Auditor for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$20.00/hr, and that the District appoint the SC BOCES Central Business office as the backup Claims Auditor.

6.04 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Adam Norris to the position of Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker 1 at the salary of \$21.90 per hour effective Sept. 7, 2016.

7. OTHER.

7.01 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the special education placements submitted as of August 31, 2016.

7.02 Approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following revision to the NYSSBA recommended policies.

First Reading

8110 School Building Safety

Second Reading

5100 Attendance Policy

Voting: D. Reiser yes; A. Laput yes; L. Bohs yes; C. Bliefernich yes; B. Siegel yes.

Voting: 5 Yes. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS.

8.01 Board of Education Workshop – October 12, 2016 from 5-8:00p.m.

8.02 Recess Policy

L. Bohs – Stated that she appreciated the incredible time and amount of work by the committee on this policy. However, she believed with all due respect it was much too long. Board of Education Policies should be to the point and asked if the committee could make this policy smaller.

A. Laput and D. Reiser - Questioned where this policy could be made smaller.

R. Dufour - Gave suggestions for condensing the policy.

L. Bohs - Requested that the Board of Education revisit this policy under Old Business at the October board meeting and asked that each board member seriously take the time to go over the policy and bring back any suggestions for making it smaller.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

9.01 Walk-on Motion – Tax Warrant

WHEREAS, the 2016-17 Tax Warrant was created based on an inaccurate equalization rate for the Town of Highland resulting in the Town of Highland being apportioned a higher tax dollar amount resulting in an inflated rate per thousand dollar of assessed value, the Board of Education seeks to correct the error by voiding the Tax Warrant signed on August 11, 2016, approving the corrected 2016-17 Tax Warrant at its regularly scheduled meeting of September 8, 2016 and producing and mailing corrected tax bills for all taxable parcels located within the boundaries of the Eldred Central School District based on the approved corrected 2016-17 Tax Warrant and adjust payment dates as listed on the corrected 2016-17 Tax Warrant to September 15, 2016 and end November 14, 2016 with no penalties and the tax penalties be filled as follows: 1st 30 days – free period (September 15-October 14, 2016) and 2nd 31 days – 2% Penalty added (October 15-November 14, 2016.)

9.02 L. Bohs requested to begin an annual high school event called, See You at the Pole. (SYAT.com). Formerly, known as Rally Around the Flag Pole. This year's date for such event is Sept. 28th. This is an event where on the first day of school students meet prior to class and circle the flag pole, a short non-denominational prayer is said for the school year. This would be sponsored by the local Bridgepoint Clergy. BOE Discussion followed and it was agreed that Mrs. Bohs would work with Mr. Krebs and the Student Council in regard to this event and making it happen.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT.

D. Jennings – Questioned if Recess Policy only affected the elementary school and the answer was yes.

M. Nealon – As a faculty member, it would have been very nice if there would have been a survey as to what we do now in the elementary school regarding recess. If you form a committee to make changes, ask the faculty as to what is done now. Continued to say she was personally insulted because there are faculty and staff at GRM, who do give recess, and now we are being told to do something different with recess without any knowledge. It has always been structured. It would have been better to have had the entire faculty involved. Our faculty is well trained as professionals. Believes that 75% of the faculty already do this. Questioned what can be done to support the other 25% who aren't.

B. Siegel – We included faculty members and community members in this committee.

J. Hanson – Reminded the Board of Education that we (the town) just hired two new constables. We have a heroin epidemic and asked that if anyone sees any out-of-state vehicles that look questionable, please contact us. Also, gave examples on how to cut down the recess policy.

T. Ludwig-Miller – Making the Recess Policy is just another way to ensure that as the Board of Education and administration retire from their positions, that such practice of recess carries on.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

11.01 Approval to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m. was made on motion by A. Laput and seconded by C. Bliefernich.

**Voting: D. Reiser; yes; A. Laput yes; L. Bohs; yes; C. Bliefernich yes B. Siegel yes.
Voting: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Julkerski, District Clerk