

HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2024 in the Library

Present: Jan Mosher, President; Cory Bearor, Vice-President; Parish Atkinson; Kathy Felio; Heidi McIntosh and Tennille Schmitt

Also Present: Robert Finster, Superintendent/Elementary Principal; Eric Luther, MS/HS Principal; Sheryl Tuttle-Lamb, Curriculum Coordinator; Amy Frost, District Treasurer and Jolie Snider, District Clerk

Excused: Denise Avallone

1.0 President Jan Mosher called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2.0 RESOLVED to adopt a single resolution approving the following routine items:

2.1 Preliminary Actions & Business Operations

- a. Additions to and Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2024
- c. Treasurer’s Report – None
- d. Student Activities Report – None
- e. Claims Auditor Report
- f. Financial Reports –None

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

3.0 Public Participation – Mr. Bearor stated Mr. Paul Jackson called him regarding the Fire Department’s request for the school’s support of Property Tax Law 466-A which allows for partial tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. Mr. Luther stated he spoke to a parent that wanted him to discuss the following at a Board meeting. He asked a student to put a sweatshirt in their locker due to what he felt was an inappropriate picture. The father felt this was wrong and that the section in the handbook should be revised. The Board stated the section in the handbook about student dress code is accurate and will not be revised.

4.0 Old Business - None

5.0 Committee Reports – None

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Superintendent Report – Mr. Finster introduced Mrs. Shelby Bebelheimer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher. Mr. Finster discussed the Workplace Violence Act stating public schools

are now required to develop a program. Annually the Committee will walk through the buildings to assure compliance is met. Governor Hochul has signed a law stating a student must be part of the Board of Education. This will be a one-year appointment and they will be an ex-officio member of the Board. Mr. Finster reviewed the Strength and Need Assessment that is due November 1<sup>st</sup> to the New York State Department of Education. Within the plan the District's strengths and weaknesses will need to be shown. Mr. Finster informed the BOE that there will be a lockdown drill this week along with fire drills.

- 6.1.a Maintenance Report
- 6.1.b Transportation/Bus Garage Report
- 6.1.c Enrollment Report
- 6.1.d Health Office Report

- 6.2 MS/HS Principal's Report – Mr. Luther met with all middle school and high school classes to talk about dress code and cell phones. Section X is holding a Leadership Summit and we have allocated six spots for our school. Mr. Luther has been working on updating the MS and HS Student Handbooks.
- 6.3 Curriculum Coordinator's Report – Mrs. Tuttle-Lamb stated the Spirit Committee is planning on having the Grandparents' Day again this year. During Open House on September 4<sup>th</sup>, there were organizations here to assist families that may need their services (i.e. DSS, Food Pantry, Delta Avallone will also be here providing free haircuts). During the Staff Development Days on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>, there were games and exercises to promote team building along with massages and facials available for the staff. Administration has developed the Pirate Passion Award and it has been awarded to Scherril Swanson for September.
- 6.4 Student Handbook Grades 5-8 – RESOLVED to table the approval of the Student Handbook Grades 5-8.

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Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

- 6.5 Student Handbook Grades 9-12 – RESOLVED to table the approval of the Student Handbook Grades 9-12.

Motion made by:	Cory Bearor	Seconded by:	Parish Atkinson
Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

**Executive Session** – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person.

**The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.**

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

- 6.6 CSE Recommendations – None  
6.7 504 Recommendations – None  
6.8 CPSE Recommendations – None

7.0 Personnel –

- 7.1 Uncertified Substitute Teacher – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving Joshua Bennett as an Uncertified Substitute Teacher, pending fingerprinting and required training.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Tennille Schmitt
Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

8.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Mosher	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes

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Respectfully submitted,

Jolie Snider  
District Clerk