

Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by Mr. Sutton.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton.

Board Members Present were Mrs. B. Foster, Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. D. Skott and Mr. D. Sutton
Arriving late was Mr. Mausert at 6:26 PM.

Board Members Absent were Mr. J. Helft and Mr. Wilwol.

Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools,
Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin, Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed and Mrs. S. Vadney,
7-12 Principal. Absent was Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal.

New Board Actions

A. Leaves / Resignations:

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mrs. Foster to accept the Resignation from Jennifer Birns, Teacher of Special Education, effective March 24, 2010.
Vote: 4 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

B. Appointments:

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Skott to approve the Appointment of Kelly Rossley, NYS Certified Teacher of Elementary Education at a BA Step 1 salary of \$35,047 pro-rated to \$11,565.51 effective March 24, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Ms. Rossley has been cleared by NYSED.
Vote: 4 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

- Mr. Sutton stated that the Board will be going into Executive Session following board discussions.

Board Discussions:

A. Budget Presentation:

1. Enrollment and Class Size Review by Mrs. Vadney and Mr. Facin.
 - Mrs. Vadney stated that this year's enrollment will impact next year. This year's enrollment is 609 students and that includes GED students of 5.
 - Mr. Facin stated that female gender out performs the male gender in both areas of academics and athletics. This has changed from the last decade when the male gender out performed the female gender K-12.
 - Mr. Facin stated that our enrollment has been very steady over the past years.
 - Mr. Facin commented that we are tightening our belt, but at the same time, keeping our instructional practices solid and the same to continue the results that we are having and keep our programs intact.
 - Mrs. Vadney reviewed class size. We are trying to keep our class size small during this difficult during this difficult economic strain.
 - Mr. Facin stated that we are very fortunate to continue the class sizes with the reduction in personnel. We are still doing it without impacting the most important process when instruction begins and to continue with the results that we get.
2. Athletics by Mr. Lilac on cost-per-player.
 - The cost per player per sport includes the admission cost to games. Some sports do not have any admission revenue to help offset the cost per player. Varsity football and boys basketball have good attendance which will bring the cost per player down
 - Mrs. Gormley asked if equipment supplies was included in this and Mr. Lilac answered no.
 - Mr. Skott asked if transportation was included in this and Mr. Lilac answered no.
 - Mr. Facin stated that Mr. Lilac does a great job replacing uniforms for teams on a rotating basis.

- Mr. Sutton commented that the rotating of uniform purchase is like the bus purchases.
- Mr. Facin stated that Lisa Ferrannini and Mark Marquart are starting up a lacrosse club this spring and will be doing fundraising to offset the costs. They have about 40 to 50 students signed up to participate.
- * Mr. Mausert arrived at this time at 6:26 pm.
- Mr. Lilac stated that the athletic budget is only 1% of the overall budget.
- Reduction in the athletic budget will be equipment and intramurals, a 2.52% reduction from last year's athletic budget.
- Section II dues and fees will go up next year.
- Mr. Skott asked about the Section II admission costs to sectional games, where does this money go?
- Mr. Facin answered that the use of the civic center fee is extremely high, it doesn't pay for meals at sectional regional games for players any longer, but does provide transportation to final games and overnight accommodations. The district paid for the Pep Band to perform at the Civic Center plus admission for the band members to get into the games. Cheerleaders are allowed in for free.
- Mr. Sutton stated that he is very proud of our sports programs and our community is very supportive of our athletic program also.
- Mrs. Gormley asked about the reduction in equipment, will this be a safety issue down the road?
- Mr. Lilac stated no it will not be a safety issue.
- Mr. Facin commented on the "school spirit" here at HFCS which reflects in attendance at games.

3. Technology by David Breese

- Mr. Breese reviewed his responsibilities through out the school. Installation and maintenance of all areas of technology like internet, e-rate, smartboards, desktops, file servers, etc.
- Mr. Sutton asked if the equipment was bought on state contract.
- Mr. Breese said some is off state contract, all depends on equipment, I do get some equipment cheaper than state contract.
- Mr. Facin stated that Mr. Breese does get more value of the dollar.
- Mr. Breese stated that this is the third year in a row that the operational technology budget has not increased.
- Mr. Facin stated that we have supplemented the technology through federal grants and that we have more federal money that we need to spend on technology through ERA.
- Mrs. Hatfield stated that there is state aid for technology and we maximize it every year and that way we are guaranteed that money the following year.

4. BOCES Services

- Mrs. Hatfield reviewed some of the services that we use through BOCES
 - all call system
 - state aid planning service
 - insurance consultant
 - OLAS (Online Application Service) positions available
- Being a non-component school, we only pay for services that we use. If we end a service in mid stream, we only pay for what we received and not for the entire school year.
- Mr. Facin stated that once you are a component of BOCES, you cannot get out of it. There is an annual fee of \$200,000 every year and you have to use their services, but now we get to choose what services we need to use and pay as we use those services. If we were a member, we would share their debt. They have approached us to become a member and we have declined. Mrs. Hatfield and I review the bills received on a monthly basis.
- Mr. Sutton asked if there were any questions from the public at this time.
- Jim Martinez asked what the difference was between abolishing and reduction in positions.
- Mr. Facin answered that when a position is abolished, the position would no longer exist. When you have a reduction in positions, you are spending less and when the need arises, you can fill that position. Those individuals are put on a callback list, this is a NYS law, and when a position is available, we go to the callback list to fill that position.

- Mr. Sutton thanked those for their presentations this evening.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mrs. Foster to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 7:37 PM.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Mausert to return to Regular Session at 9:06 PM.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Skott to Adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Pamela J. Cottrell, District Clerk