

HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library

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

Also Present: Robert Finster, Superintendent/Elementary Principal; Amy Frost, District Treasurer and Jolie Snider, District Clerk

Excused: Eric Luther, MS/HS Principal, Sheryl Tuttle-Lamb, Curriculum Coordinator

1.0 Jan Moser, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 – February 13, 2023
- c. Treasurer’s Reports – December 2022 and January 2023
- d. Student Activities Report – January 2023
- e. Claims Auditor Report – February 2023
- f. Financial Reports – December 2022 and January 2023

Motion made by:	Cory Bearor	Seconded by:	Denise Avallone
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

3.0 Public Participation – Mrs. Hall stated she felt that within the Student Handbook it should be put that students will respect their teachers. She stated she would like to see all staff follow through on making students remove their hats, caps and hoodies. Mr. Finster said this is part of the SAVE Legislation. She also asked if students could be asked not to wear steel toe boots unless they are required to wear them for their class (i.e. BOCES). Mr. Finster said no, we cannot stop a student from wearing steel toe boots. Mrs. Hall asked why the January Board information was not on the website. Mrs. Snider, District Clerk answered because she was having issues with the website not loading her information and then she was on vacation the following week. She also asked why can the attendees not have the agenda prior to the Board meeting. Mrs. Snider answered with the exception of January, the agenda is always loaded onto the website the Friday prior to the Monday Board meeting. Mrs. Snider also stated if she ever has any questions or any problems locating the agenda or any other items on the website, to please give her a call and she can help them find the documents. Mrs. Hall asked about in school suspension versus out of school suspension. Mr. Finster stated there is a process for each student to go through and it is decided on depending on the situation. Mrs. Hall asked if there are any books in the Library that lean towards gender identity for the Elementary. Mr. Finster stated, no there are no gender identity books in the Elementary library and Mrs. French, Librarian sections the Library by Elementary, Middle School and High School. She went on to ask about the Teachers pages on the website and how so many are outdated. Mr. Finster stated we are working with NERIC to update our website. Mrs. Hall asked about CSE. She stated she feels teachers are becoming complacent and the students are paying the price. She feels this is more in the Elementary but feels it is also an issue in Highschool. Mr. Finster explained he does not feel this is the case. He said for the most part the Elementary classrooms are split into two sections. So, for example, where we had separate Special Education teachers previously these teachers are also the Gen Ed teacher in most cases (where they hold dual certifications). Therefore, they are also handling the Special Education needs of the children within the classroom. Discussion occurred about having more teachers become Special Ed certified. Even though it appears NYS made it easier to become Special Ed certified due to a shortage of teachers, a teacher still must of 18 hrs. of a core subject (i.e. Mathematics, ELA) for Secondary Special Education.

4.0 Old Business - None

5.0 Committee Reports – None

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Superintendent Report/Elementary Principal Report – There will be an Evacuation Drill sometime after Spring Break. Mr. Finster also discussed the upcoming budget and felt the “fiscal cliff” would be coming in the 2024/2025 school year. He has discussed possible cuts in the 2023/2024 school year so we do not hemorrhage in the 2024/2025 year. Governor Hochul has fully funded Foundation aid the past two years. We put Teacher’s salaries totally \$250,000 out of Federal Funds the past school year; however, in the 2024/2025 school year this will need to come from general funds. There will be a Finance Committee meeting next week to discuss the final budget.

- 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 - None

6.3 Curriculum Coordinator Report – None

6.4 Half-Day (March 16, 2023) – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving March 16, 2023, as a half-day for students.

Motion made by:	Cory Bearor	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

6.5 Corrective Action Plan for Office of the New York State Comptroller Audit Report of July 2020 “Transportation State Aid and Debt for Bus Purchases” – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the Corrective Action Plan for the Office of the New York State Comptroller Audit Report of July 2020 “Transportation State Aid and Debt for Bus Purchases”.

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

6.6 Audited Financial Statements FYE 6/30/22, Corrective Action Plan for Financial Audit and Extra Classroom Audit 6/30/22 – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the Audited Financial Statements FYE 6/30/22, Corrective Action Plan for the Financial Audit 6/30/22 and The Corrective Action Plan for the Extraclassroom Audit 6/30/22.

Motion made by:	Tennille Schmitt	Seconded by:	Denise Avallone
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 6.7 Purchase of School Buses – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition of two (2) 66- passenger school buses at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$311,980.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Parish Atkinson
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 6.8 Lease of Photocopiers/Scanners/Printer Machines – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the lease of five (5) photocopiers/scanners/printer machines at a cost of \$895.46/month for 60 months for a total of \$53,727.60.

Motion made by:	Cory Bearor	Seconded by:	Denise Avallone
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

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

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

**The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. and returned at 6:50 p.m.**

- 6.9 CSE Recommendations – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the following CSE recommendations: 712 (Grade 10 and Grade 11).

Motion made by:	Parish Atkinson	Seconded by:	Kathy Felio
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 6.10 504 Recommendations – None

- 6.11 CPSE Recommendations – None

- 7.0 Personnel

- 7.1 Cook/Manager – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving Christine Bristol as Cook/Manager at a salary not to exceed \$50,000, effective August 1, 2023.

Motion made by:	Denise Avallone	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 7.2 Weight Room Monitor – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving Patrick Kelly as a Weight Room Monitor at \$20/hr. effective March 15, 2023.

Motion made by:	Cory Bearor	Seconded by:	Parish Atkinson
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 7.3 Assistant Modified Baseball Coach – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving Cody Ferichs as Assistant Modified Baseball Coach, pending fingerprinting.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Cory Bearor
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

- 7.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Denise Avallone
Voting Results:	YES: 7	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
J. Moser	Yes	K. Felio	Yes
C. Bearor	Yes	H. McIntosh	Yes
P. Atkinson	Yes	T. Schmitt	Yes
D. Avallone	Yes		

Respectfully submitted,

Jolie Snider, District Clerk