Harrisville Central School Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting January 9, 2012

Present: Jan Mosher, James Sullivan, Cory Bearor, Tennille Schmitt, Joseph Langs, Denise Avallone, Cynthia Bancroft

Also Present: Mr. Rolf Waters, Mr. Finster, Carol LaSala

President Jan Mosher called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the agenda to the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on December 12, 2011, the November 2011 Treasurer's Report/Consideration of Claims, the Student Activities Treasurer Report for July-

Nov, 2011, and the Internal Auditors Report for November 2011. Motion made by: Joseph Langs Seconded by: Denise Avallone

Voting Results: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes J. Langs Yes

Joseph Langs questioned the Internal Auditor's report and the reason purchases were being made before PO's were issued. Mr. Waters explained the current process and steps being taken to correct the procedure.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Hall asked numerous questions about personnel that were unable to be answered in open session. Ben Hunter asked about reference checks, fingerprint clearance and random drug testing procedures used by the school. Doug Watson spoke on a number of issues. Jeannette Wicks asked for clarification on the statement that our students cannot compete for higher education; Mr. Waters explained we cannot offer the Advanced Placement courses and electives offered by larger schools and said we are investigating how to offer more AP classes online, but these cost money and it is unknown who would be responsible for the payment; we are also providing college credit courses through NNCC but these credit are not transferable to private colleges.

The Senior Class represented by Mrs. Kelley, Justin Brackett and Nate Weeks presented the Board with their Senior Trip agenda and fundraising status. The Board okayed the trip as presented.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Use of Building & Grounds

RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the third and final reading of the Policy for Use of Building and Grounds.

Motion made by: Cynthia Bancroft Seconded by: Cory Bearor

Voting Results: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes
C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes
T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes

J. Langs Yes

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORT

5.1 Shared Decision Making Minutes: Mrs. Demick brought to SDM the elementary teacher's concern about the Halloween Parade.

Mr. Waters and Dixie Dickinson expressed to the Board their concern over the traditional Halloween Parade and the lack of security and safety of students. The administration and staff are looking at alternative activities to celebrate the holiday that are more educational and offering more security and safety of students.

Policy on Dignity for All Students, to be implemented July 1, 2012, is progressing using the guidelines provided by BOCES and NYSSBA organizations.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S & K-5 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **6.1A** Maintenance Report
- **6.1B** Transportation/Bus Garage Report
- **6.1C** Enrollment, Including Anticipated Kindergarten Enrollment
- 6.1D Health Office Report
- **6.1E** School Tax Incentive St. Lawrence County paid HCS \$812.44 for school tax bill processing and mailing expenses for using the installment plan.
- **6.1F** Town & School Based Health Clinic Mr. Waters reported the Town of Diana has elected to change their Harrisville Clinic provider from CAH to LCGH. However, the current SBHC under CAH is successfully serving 406 out of 439 enrolled students. Until LCGH can give the same or better service to our students, Mr. Waters' recommendation to the Board is to remain with CAH for our SBHC.

6.2 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Finster reported on the Regents schedule and number of students scheduled for testing, mostly out of state students moving to Harrisville and needing to make up Regents in order to graduate with a NYS Regents diploma. He also explained the ongoing efforts of the University of Rochester's Suicide Prevention study, the surveys and the staff training they will provide for HCS teachers. There will be a February Spirit Day to send our basketball teams into the playoffs and will include a Pep Rally and bonfire, weather permitting.

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6.3 General **Construction Bid** RESOLVED to adopt a resolution accepting the bid of \$110,494 by Continental

Construction, Gouverneur, NY.

Motion made by: Denise Avallone Seconded by: James Sullivan

Voting Results: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes

J. Langs Yes

The board entered executive session at 8:35 PM for CSE, business and personnel matters.

Motion made by: Cynthia Bancroft Motion Seconded by: Joseph Langs

Voting Results: YES 7 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes

J. Langs Yes

The board returned at 10:00 PM.

6.4 CSE RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the following CSE

Recommendations recommendations: #687, #1010, #471.

Motion made by: Joseph Langs Seconded by: Cory Bearor Voting Results: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes

J. Langs Yes

7.0 PERSONNEL

7.1 Long Term

H. Courser

RESOLVED to adopt a resolution appointing Heather Courser as a long term

substitute Reading teacher, effective January 10, 2012.

Substitute Reading Teacher - Motion made by: Cynthia Bancroft Motion Seconded by: Tennille Schmitt Voting Results: YÉS 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan Yes D. Avallone Yes C. Bearor Yes C. Bancroft Yes T. Schmitt Yes J. Mosher Yes

J. Langs Yes

8.0 COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

8.1. Letter from the Office of the Aging about the Harrisville Music Department

9.0 The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Motion Seconded by: Denise Avallone Motion Made by: Cynthia Bancroft

Voting Results: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

J. Sullivan D. Avallone Yes Yes C. Bancroft C. Bearor Yes Yes T. Schmitt J. Mosher Yes Yes

J. Langs Yes

Respectively Submitted,

CYANNE STORMS, District Clerk