

HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2025, in the Library

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

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

Excused: Denise Avallone

- 1.0 President Cory Bearor 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 Operation:
 - a. Additions to and Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2025
 - c. Treasurer’s Report – December 2024
 - d. Student Activities Report – January 31, 2025 and February 28, 2025
 - e. Claims Auditor Report – None
 - f. Financial Reports – December 2024

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 3.0 Public Participation – Mr. Zach Smith, Town of Diana Supervisor informed the Board and staff that the bridge on the Kimballs Mill Road would be under construction with an anticipated start by the end of April. The Town is awaiting the detour to be approved by the Department of Transportation. He also stated he is still working on the sign that will be installed in September or October up by the town barn. He stated he would like to also advertise school events.

Mr. Eric Schmitt stated he was made aware of an issue from a phone call Mr. Finster received regarding nicknames that he used or the JV Girls basketball players. He explained his history of coaching here at HCS. He stated the girls wanted nicknames as he tries to keep practices fun also. He used their nicknames at the Winter Sports Banquet when telling stories and presenting their certificates. He

feels there is a Board member that is trying to stop him from coaching. He was informed that Mr. Finster received a call from this parent/Board member that the players are upset with the nicknames. Mr. Schmitt stated he was informed that the player who was allegedly upset with the nickname never went to the office to report the issue. Mr. Schmitt stated there is a process if there is a complaint or issue which entails talking with the Coach and if not rectified, then talking to the Athletic Director. Mr. Schmitt presented the list of nicknames for the team along with gifts the girls have presented to him to Mr. Bearor.

4.0 Old Business – None

5.0 Committee Reports –

5.1 Safety Meeting – March 25, 2025

6.0 New Business –

6.1 Superintendent's Report – Mr. Finster stated the 25/26 budget is still being finalized. He discussed that the aid for the 24/25 school year was overestimated since we did not receive as much BOCES aid and there has been continuous decreases in enrollment which affects State aid. He stated there would be cuts and all departments are being reviewed.

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

6.2 MS/HS Principal's Report – Mr. Luther stated the master schedule for the 25/26 school year is nearing completion. NYS Exams for 3-8 being on April 7th. Baseball and Softball season has begun. He is almost complete with CSE annual exams. Mr. Luther has met with the parents of students who are in jeopardy of not walking the stage at Graduation. He has also informed them if their student is not eligible to graduate, they will not be allowed to go on the Senior Trip.

6.3 Curriculum Coordinator Report – Mrs. Tuttle-Lamb stated she and Mr. Luther met with staff to review curriculum maps. The Elementary teachers are working on a handwriting curriculum, which will include manuscript and cursive, for the 25/26 school year. The Elementary MTSS team had their 3rd quarter meeting. The AIS team held a Publishing Party with their 3rd grade students. Parents and guardians were invited to the students read their writing projects.

- 6.4 2nd Reading and Approval of New/Revised Policies – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the 2nd reading and approval of the new/revised policies recommendations.

1210 – Board Members: Nomination and Election – This policy was revised in response to amendments to Education Law Sections 1702, 1804, 1901, 1950, 2502, 2552, 2553 that requires every district and BOES to have at least on ex-officio student Board member effective July 1, 2025.

3311 – Notification of Disclosure of Employee Disciplinary Records – New York public agencies, including K-12 districts, notify employees when their disciplinary records are requested under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).

5681 – School Safety Plans – Revised in response to amendments to 8 NYCRR Section 155.17 of the Commissioner’s regulations relating to school safety plan requirements. As part of these amendments, changes were made to what is required to be in a district-wide school safety plan.

5683 – Evacuation, Lockdown, and Emergency Dismissal Drills – The revisions require that the procedures for the conduct of drills ensure that drills conducted during the school day with students present must be conducted in a trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner.

6550 – Leave of Absences – Revised to include employers must provide nursing mothers with breaks to express breast milk during the workday.

7220 – Graduation Requirements – Revised as related to accelerated coursework and online courses was moved to separate policies due to recent changes in law and regulations.

7223 – Advanced Coursework – Developed so districts must annually notify parents and students of the benefits and opportunities within the district of participating in advanced courses.

7224 – Virtual Instruction – Developed to define parameters under which this instruction may be provided.

7470 – Student Government – Developed because every district serving high school students in grades 9-12 is required to establish at least one peer-selected student government organization within the district or building.

5240 – School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions –
Deletion – due to containing outdated and incomplete information.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Tennille Schmitt
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	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 Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Kathy Felio
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 6.5 CSE Recommendations – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the following CSE recommendations: 734 (Grade 11 and 12); 953 (Grade 10 and 11); 1015 (Grade 9 and 10); 1240 (Grade 7 and 8); 1300 (Grade 6 and 7); 1522 (Grade 5 and 6); 1529 (Grade 4 and 5); 1533 (Grade 6 and 7); 1561 (Grade 3 and 4); 1611 (Grade 6 and 7); 1616 (Grade 6 and 7); 1684 (Grade 5 and 6); 1744 (Grade 4 and 5) 1793; 1960 (Grade 7 and 8); 2012 and 2071.

Motion made by:	Tennille Schmitt	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 6.6 504 Recommendations RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the following 504 recommendation: 980.

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 6.7 CPSE Recommendations – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving the following CPSE recommendation: 1917 – Preschool.

Motion made by:	Tennille Schmitt	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

7.0 Personnel

- 7.1 Resignation – RESOLVED accepting, with regret, the resignation of Makeshia Moore, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2025.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Tennille Schmitt
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 7.2 Music Teacher – RESOLVED to adopt a resolution approving Liam VanBuren, as a full-time tenure track Music Teacher at a Step 1 salary pr the HTA contract.

Motion made by:	Heidi McIntosh	Seconded by:	Tennille Schmitt
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

- 8.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Motion made by:	Kathy Felio	Seconded by:	Heidi McIntosh
Voting Results:	Yes: 5	No: 0	Abstain: 0
C. Bearor:	Yes	K. Felio:	Yes
H. McIntosh:	Yes	T. Schmitt:	Yes
P. Atkinson:	Yes		

Respectfully submitted,

Jolie Snider
District Clerk