



Members Present: Sylvester Cleary, David Caccamise, Amy Drozdziel, Patricia Dugan, Bruce Ellis, L. Rodney Rogers, Carol Woodward

Administration: Dr. Whitney Vantine, Daniel Grande, Patrick Moses, Carolyn Robertson

District Clerk: June Prince

Other: Brenda Antolini, Gary Chilcott, Ashley Cross, Renee & Mike Garrett, Tom Halicki, Sarah LoManto, Mike Murphy, Kris & Rhianna Nasal, Sarah Pleva, Brian Schneider, Richard Slawson, Dick Yeager, Susan Chiappone – Buffalo News, Samantha McDonnell – Observer

## **Regular Board Meeting**

### **1. Call to Order – Regular Meeting**

Sylvester Cleary opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

### **2. Pledge to the Flag**

### **3. Presentations**

Ashley Cross, our new nurse, was introduced by Patrick Moses and presented a hornet pin by Sylvester Cleary.

Sylvester Cleary presented Dr. Vantine a mug and thanked him for his service as interim superintendent.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Carol Woodward made the motion, seconded by Bruce Ellis to approve the agenda.

Agenda Approved

All voted yes.

### **5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to five minutes per person)**

Gary Chilcott – Chautauqua County Veterans' Service Agency Director  
Tom Halicki – J. Carter Knapp Legion Commander

### **6. Supervisory Reports**

Supervisory Reports

Mr. Grande reported that there was still strong growth in our students' progress, even though there were a number of days off, thanks to our tutoring and other intervention programs. The Parent Connection was acknowledged for the numerous activities provided to our students in December. Mr. Murphy was also thanked for always going "above and beyond" in his service to our District.



Mr. Moses reported that the digital quarterly report cards would be out soon and that they would be using e-Doctrina for mid-year testing. He also described the various accomplishments & events that took place with the high school students and staff during December. They included Faith Mierzwa and Alexis Detweiler each taking first place in their gingerbread house competitions; the annual visit by the Band, Chorus, and Key Club to the County Home and Dunkirk Resource Center; donations to the Chautauqua Food Bank from the food drive sponsored by the National Honor Society; and donations from staff to help local families in need which was headed by Mary Beth Einhouse, Brianne Hazelton and Laurie Becker. He also announced that Mike Murphy has started a new MS/HS Open Mic opportunity that is available to students on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 – 4:00.

Mrs. Robertson announced that the regional manager training, initiated by Amy Drozdziel, has participation of 7 districts (26 people) and that the cost is very affordable due to the number of people involved. She also reminded the Board that the first meeting in the budget process will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **7. Board Reports**

Board Reports

### **A. President**

Sylvester Cleary reported that the CCSBA Legislative Committee Meeting would be at 6:00 pm at Cassadaga Valley Central School on January 21<sup>st</sup> with David Little, Executive Director of the Rural Schools Association, as the guest speaker.

Mr. Cleary also said he would be attending the NSBA Advocacy Institute February 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> and will meet with our Congressmen.

CCSBA meeting will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville.

### **B. Committees**

Budget Committee Meeting – January 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm

### **C. Superintendent**

Dr. Vantine thanked the Board and Forestville staff for the support he received during his time here.

## **8. Discussion Items**

Alternative Veterans'  
Exemption  
Discussion

Board members were asked to give their opinions on offering an Alternative Veterans' Exemption. Rodney Rogers, Bruce Ellis, and Sylvester Cleary each shared their reasons for not supporting the exemption as it is currently proposed by the State. No other Board members commented. Sylvester Cleary concluded that no action will be taken on this matter at this time.



**9. Old Business**

None

**10. New Business Consent Agenda**

David Caccamise made the motion, seconded by Rodney Rogers, upon recommendation of the Superintendent to approve items 10A-D3

**A. Meeting Minutes**

December Regular  
and Special Meeting  
Minutes Approved

- 1) Approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2014
- 2) Approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 9 2014
- 3) Approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014
- 4) Approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2014

**B. Financial Items**

- 1) Treasurer's Report – November 2014 for all funds
- 2) Warrant Summary Report and Claims Auditor Report – December, 2014
- 3) Extra-Curricular Report – November 2014
- 4) Budget Transfers

Treasurer's Report  
Warrant & Claims  
Auditor Report, Extra  
Curricular Report  
Approved

Budget Transfers  
Approved

Transfer From		Transfer To		Amount	Reason
A5510-160-00-00	TRANS SALARY- REGULAR	A5510-400-04-42	OUTSIDE REPAIRS & SERVICE	\$5,700	Cover bus repairs

**5) Purchases**

Cummins Northeast	Bus Repairs	\$5,670.02
Valley Tire Co	Bus Tires	\$3,075.68

Purchases and  
Blanket Purchase  
Orders Approved

**6) Blanket Purchase Orders**

Superior Lubricants Co	Diesel Fuel	\$38,000.00
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**C. Personnel**

- 1) Approve the amendment to the employment agreement with the Interim Superintendent of Schools through January 18, 2015.

Interim  
Superintendent  
Agreement  
Amended through  
Jan. 18, 2015



- 2) Appoint Ashley Cross, who is licensed as a Registered Nurse, upon successful completion of all requirements, to a 1.0 FTE probationary registered nurse position effective January 20, 2015. Salary for the 2014-15 school year will be Step 1 FTA contractual rate prorated for the partial year. The six month probationary period begins January 20, 2015 and will end on July 19, 2015.

A Cross Appointed  
Nurse Effective Jan  
20, 2015

- 3) Elimination of one part time 3.25 hour aide position effective December 19, 2014. The Board of Education has determined Judith Lucas as the least senior employee in the aide area and shall be placed on the layoff list effective December 19, 2014 for a period of one (1) year until December 18, 2015.

Eliminate 1 P/T Aide  
Position. J Lucas  
placed on Layoff List  
Until Dec. 18, 2015

- 4) Approve the following reduction in hours for Sara Botticello (aide) to 1.50 hours effective December 19, 2014.

Transportation Dept.  
Hours Approved

- 5) Approve the following reduction in hours for James LoManto to 4.75 hours effective January 5, 2015.

- 6) Approve Donald Einhouse Jr. as an Assistant Modified Boys Basketball coach for the 2014-15 year. Salary will be determined by the FTA contract.

Coach Approved  
2014-15

- 7) Approve the following substitutes:

Ericka Daubek – uncertified substitute teacher effective December 16, 2014  
Anna Domedion – substitute nurse  
Brianna Hoige – uncertified substitute teacher  
Judith Lucas – substitute aide effective December 19, 2014

Substitutes  
Approved

**D. Other**

- 1) Approve IEP Recommendations #6415, 6418, 1408, 1448, 7025, 9098, 8762

IEP  
Recommendations

- 2) Approve the updated Professional Development plan as of July 1, 2014.

PDP Approved

- 3) Surplus 1 General Slicer #000223.

Surplus

All voted yes.



E. Appoint Superintendent & Welcome Reception

R. Garrett Appointed Superintendent
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The following motion was made by Bruce Ellis, seconded by Rodney Rogers

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined, following a search, that RENEE GARRETT possesses the qualities and characteristics of a superintendent; and,

**WHEREAS**, RENEE GARRETT has obtained proper certification through the State Education Department in accordance with Commissioners Regulations 8 NYCRR 80-5.9; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has offered and RENEE GARRETT has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools of the District;

**BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;**

- (a) The Board of Education hereby appoints RENEE GARRETT to the position of Superintendent of Schools of the Forestville Central School District for a term commencing on January 19, 2015 in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the employment agreement between RENEE GARRETT and the Board; and,
- (b) The employment agreement for the period of January 19, 2015 through June 30, 2018 between RENEE GARRETT and the Board is hereby approved; and
- (c) The Board authorizes Board President, MR. SYLVESTER CLEARY, to execute the employment agreement between the Board and RENEE GARRETT and take any further action necessary to legally obligate the Board to said employment agreement.

Ayes: David Caccamise  
Amy Drozdziel  
Patricia Dugan  
Bruce Ellis  
Rodney Rogers  
Carol Woodward  
Sylvester Cleary

Noes: None

Absent: None

Sylvester Cleary introduced Renee Garrett and presented her with a hornet sweatshirt and pin, which was followed by a welcome reception.

**11. Adjournment**

Rodney Rogers made the motion, seconded by David Caccamise to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

All voted yes.



**12. Correspondence/Information**

CCSBA Meeting – January 22, 2015  
Muck family thank you note

June Prince  
District Clerk