

The meeting of the Board of Education of Massena Central School was held on February 6, 2014 at the High School. Vice President Faucher called the meeting, which was held in Room 314, to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice President Faucher, Trustees Bronchetti, Fontaine, Matthews, MacKenzie, Perretta, Serguson, Sommerfield, and Interim Superintendent William H. Flynn. Note: Trustee Sommerfield arrived at 6:35 p.m.

ABSENT: President Boyce

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the community, teachers, administrators, and members of the media.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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CLERK PRO-TEM

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Claudeen Watkins as Clerk Pro-Tem for the March 6, 2014 Board meeting in the absence of the District Clerk.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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MINUTES

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes of February 6, 2014

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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MINUTES

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes of February 27, 2014.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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HOSPITAL EVACUATION AGREEMENT

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Evacuation Agreement with the Massena Memorial Hospital.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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GAP ELIMINATION RESOLUTION

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following resolution to be forwarded to NYS Legislators:

WHEREAS, the NYS Gap elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then; and

WHEREAS, the Gap Elimination Adjustment since its inception has reduced State aid to the Massena Central School District by \$7,952,922; and

WHEREAS, this reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Massena Central School District; and

WHEREAS, this cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Massena Central School District budgets, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reduction of school district fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, efforts by the Massena Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increases in pension, health care costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

WHEREAS, adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in the Massena Central School District; and

WHEREAS, New York State, through its Gap Elimination Adjustment, has systematically reduced K-12 funding since 2010-11; and

WHEREAS, New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, some school districts even have had State Aid decreases;

RESOLVED, that the Massena Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to immediately exempt State Aid for education from the calculation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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DRAFT FOUNDATION AGREEMENT
Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Sommerfield

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Draft Agreement prepared by the Northern NY Foundation for the purposes of establishing donor-restricted funds to be used exclusively for the charitable purposes of supporting educational programs, initiatives, and opportunities in the Massena Central School District.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENT
Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Perretta

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the school calendar amendment to reflect that March 20, 2014 is a half-day, early dismissal for the elementary schools for the purpose of conducting parent/teacher conferences.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Budget Status Report as presented by the BOCES Business Manager, N. Brouillette.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer Report as presented by the BOCES Business Manager, N. Brouillette.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2014

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for November 2013 as presented by District Treasurer, A. Wood.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT- JANUARY 2014

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Report for January 2014 as prepared by L. Richards, Internal Claims Auditor.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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CSE -CPSE MEETINGS

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the CSE-CPSE Report: CPSE Meeting 2/25/14 ; CSE Meetings 12/18/13, 1/8, 1/24, 1/28, 2/4, 2/5, and 2/11/14; Sect. 504 Meetings 1/7, 1/22, 2/5, 2/10, and 2/11/14.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Flynn, the Board of Education approves the following items:

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Bronchetti

Appointment, Items 1:

Ayes 8 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 6, 2014

Substitutes, Items 2-7:

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

Motion Carried

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Serguson

Extra Duty Assignments, Items 8-26:

Motion to Table Item No. 8:

Resolution offered by Trustee Perretta
Resolution seconded by Trustee Faucher

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves **Items 9-26 and tables Item 8:**

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Perretta

Leave of Absence, Item 27:

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Bronchetti

Resignation, Item 28:

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing bargaining unit grievances.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Executive Session began at 6:52 p.m.
No action was taken during Executive Session.

Ronald R. Faucher, Clerk Pro-Tem

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CLERK PRO-TEM

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Trustee Faucher as Clerk Pro-Tem for the Executive Session.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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OPEN SESSION

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Serguson

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education returns to open session at 7:32 p.m.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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MCSEA GRIEVANCES - MCSEA 2013-14-01 AND MCSEA 2013-14-02

Resolution offered by Trustee Faucher
Resolution seconded by Trustee Perretta

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education supports and upholds the District administrators' decisions regarding the two (2) grievances.

Ayes 2 Nays 6 Motion Defeated
(Bronchetti, Fontaine, Matthews,
MacKenzie, Serguson, and Sommerfield)

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ADJOURNMENT

Resolution offered by Trustee Matthews
Resolution seconded by Trustee Serguson

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourns at 8:32 p.m.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Claudeen Watkins
Clerk Pro-Tem