

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL
 Board of Education
 Hancock, New York

August 21, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Board Room

<p>President Johnston called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 PM.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Members Present: Cliff Johnston, Christopher Geer, Sr., Gene Homer, Nick Hazen, Vicky Bogart</p>	
<p>Others: Lori Asquith, Superintendent, Tammi Wadson, District Clerk, Lothar Holbert, Wayne Highlands Representative</p>	<p>Roll Call -Others</p>
<p>Absent: Julie Bergman, MS/HS Principal, Thomas Durkot, Elementary Principal</p>	
<p>Visitors: Darci D’Ercole, Brittany White, Melissa Karcher</p>	<p>Visitors</p>
<p>Presentations: NYSSBA Board Retreat, Asbestos Abatement Project Final Update</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>Geer moved, with a second Homer recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby approve the following Consent Agenda resolutions:</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p>1) Approved the minutes, minutes, Regular and Executive Meeting, August 3, 2023.</p>	<p>Minutes, Regular and Executive Session- August 3, 2023</p>
<p>2) Approved the CSE, 504, CPSE recommendations.</p>	<p>Approved CSE, 504, CPSE</p>
<p>3) Approved the recommendations of the Hancock Central School District Internal Claims Auditor for the period ending 07/28/2023.</p>	<p>Approved Internal Claims Auditor 07/28/2023</p>
<p>4) Approved the Central Treasurer Report for May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023.</p>	<p>Approved Central Treasurer Report May 2023, June 2023, July 2023</p>
<p>5) Approved the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library Reports for June 2023.</p>	<p>Approved LAR Memorial Library Reports for June 2023</p>

<p>6) Approved the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2022 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2022 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2022 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$55.15.</p>	<p>Approved Tax Bill Refund 2022 – W. Simon</p>
<p>7) Approved the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2021 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2021 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2021 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$54.11.</p>	<p>Approved Tax Bill Refund 2021 – W. Simon</p>
<p>8) Approved the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2020 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2020 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2020 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$53.51.</p>	<p>Approved Tax Bill Refund 2020 – W. Simon</p>
<p>9) Approved the Hancock Central School Building Level School Emergency Response Plans (the MS/HS building plan and the elementary building plan) for school year 2023-2024.</p>	<p>Approved Building Level Emer. Response Plans 2023-2024</p>
<p>10) Approved the Hancock Central School District-Wide School Safety Plan for school year 2023-2024.</p>	<p>Approved District-Wide Safety Plans 2023-2024</p>
<p>11) Approved the following: Non-Instructional Employee Handbook 2023-2024 Teacher's Handbook 2023-2024</p>	<p>Approved Non-Instructional and Teacher's Handbook</p>
<p>12) Approved to dispose and shred the attached list of files #08072023 from the Records Room that have expired their retention dates per the records retention schedule and the Records Management Officer.</p>	<p>Approved to Dispose of Records #08072023</p>
<p>13) Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hancock Association of Paraprofessionals and the Hancock Central School District</p>	<p>Approved MOU – Sub Registry 2023-2024</p>

<p>approving the position of Substitute Registry for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a stipend of \$5,394/year.</p>	
<p>14) Approved the appointment of Kelly DaBrescia to the Substitute Registry position for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a stipend of \$5,394/year.</p>	<p>Approved Substitute Registry – K. DaBrescia</p>
<p>15) Approved the school play proposal: <i>Headin' for a Weddin'</i>.</p>	<p>Approved School Play</p>
<p>16) Accepted with regret, the resignation of Lori Rosendale, Literacy Teacher, effective August 14, 2023.</p>	<p>Approved Resignation- L. Rosendale</p>
<p>17) Approved the appointment of Kaila Gamble as the MS/HS DASA Coordinator as the rate of \$905/year.</p>	<p>Approved MS/HS DASA – K. Gamble</p>
<p>18) Approved the appointment of Amber Dennis as a Certified Term Substitute, at the base rate of \$47,000/year for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>	<p>Approved Certified Term Substitute – A. Dennis</p>
<p>19) Approved the appointment of Lauren Mobile as a full-time 1:1 aide/monitor at the rate of \$14.75/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>	<p>Approved 1:1 Aide – L. Mobile</p>
<p>20) Approved the appointment of Kara Wormuth as a full-time aide/monitor at the rate of \$14.75/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>	<p>Approved Full Time aide/monitor – K. Wormuth</p>
<p>Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried</p>	
<p>Geer moved, with a second by Hazen to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of a particular employee with Superintendent Asquith. President Johnston commenced the Executive Session at 7:32 PM.</p>	<p>Commence Executive Session</p>
<p>Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried</p>	
<p>Geer moved, with a second by Hazen to terminate Executive Session. President Johnston terminated Exempt Session at 8:01 PM and declared the meeting in Open Session.</p>	<p>Terminate Executive Session</p>
<p>Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.</p>	
<p>Homer moved, with a second by Bogart as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby appoint Jodi Newman to the permanent appointment of Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, from the Certification of Eligibles</p>	<p>Approved Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – J. Newman</p>

List, Delaware County Personnel Office, effective August 21, 2023 including a 26-week probationary period at her current salary of \$66,584.

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried

Homer moved, with a second by Geer as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby approve Lou Cella, who holds a New York State Library Media Specialist, Initial Certificate expiring on August 31, 2028 be appointed to a four-year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2027 to the position of Library Media Specialist Teacher in the tenure area of School Media Specialist (Library) at a starting salary of \$57,500/year.

* To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried

Geer moved, with a second by Homer as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby authorize Litigation Against Social Media Companies as follows:

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- "calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;"
- emphasized that "now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;"
- "[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;" and
- "[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a

Approved Library
Media Specialist – L.
Cella

Approved Litigation
Against Social Media
Companies

fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- "Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media 'almost constantly.'"
- "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;"
- "in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;"
- "[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;"
- "[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel 'addicted' to a social media platform;"
- "[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;" and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use "depression among youth."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media" and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media."

WHEREAS, the Hancock Central School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has

resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.

Geer moved, with a second by Hazen as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby approve the appointment of Cynthia Gill be approved as follows: The Superintendent having advised the Board that a conditional appointment is necessary in relation to the appointment of a Substitute Clerical Worker and the prospective employee having filed a statement regarding criminal convictions and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department an application for conditional appointment and the fingerprints of the prospective employee, and on recommendation of the Superintendent, it is resolved that the conditional appointment is hereby made for Cynthia Gill as a Substitute Clerical Worker at the rate of \$15.50/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.

Geer moved, with a second by Homer as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby appoint Lori A. Asquith as the designee to sign COBRA letters for health insurance for the Hancock CSD.

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.

Geer moved, with a second by Hazen as recommended by Superintendent Asquith to adopt the following:

Approved Sub
Clerical Worker – C.
Gill

Approved COBRA
Designee – L.
Asquith

Approved Non-
Certified Sub Teacher
and Sub

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education, Hancock Central School District, does hereby approve the appointment of Ella Simmons be approved as follows: The Superintendent having advised the Board that a conditional appointment is necessary in relation to the appointment of a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide/Monitor and the prospective employee having filed a statement regarding criminal convictions and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department an application for conditional appointment and the fingerprints of the prospective employee, and on recommendation of the Superintendent, it is resolved that the conditional appointment is hereby made for Ella Simmons as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$115/day and Substitute Aide/Monitor at the rate of \$15.50/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.

Aide/Monitor – E. Simmons

Geer moved, with a second by Hazen adjourn the meeting. President Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

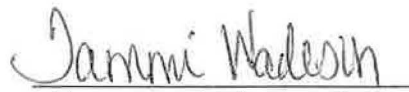
Adjournment

Yes 5; No 0 – Motion Carried.

APPROVED:



President, Board of Education



Clerk, Board of Education