

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Hancock, New York

October 10, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

Board Room

<p>President Johnston called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 PM.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Members Present: Cliff Johnston, Nick Hazen, Vicky Bogart</p>	
<p>Others: Lori Asquith, Superintendent, Tammi Wadeson, District Clerk,</p>	<p>Roll Call -Others</p>
<p>Absent: Christopher Geer, Sr., Lothar Holbert, Wayne Highlands Representative</p>	
<p>Visitors: Vicky Kravetsky, Ariel Skotch, Angie Hazen and Patty Gross</p>	<p>Visitors</p>
<p>Presentations: Senior Trip Presentation</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>Hazen moved, with a second Bogart 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, Regular and Executive Meeting, September 25, 2023.</p>	<p>Minutes, Regular and Executive Session- September 25, 2023</p>
<p>2) Approved the recommendations of the Hancock Central School District Internal Claims Auditor for the period ending 10/06/2023.</p>	<p>Approved Internal Claims Auditor</p>
<p>3) Approved the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Capital Fund and Federal Aid Fund bills for the period ending 10/06/2023.</p>	<p>Approved Bills</p>
<p>4) Approved the appointment of Kimberly Makowski and Judy Ellis as Co-Weight Room Supervisor's for the 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$1,831/ year shared.</p>	<p>Approved Co-Curricular – Weight Room Supervisors – J. Ellis and K. Makowski</p>
<p>5) Approved the appointment of Valerie Tompkins 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 Valerie Tompkins as a Non-</p>	<p>Approved Non-Certified Sub and Aide/Monitor – V. Tompkins</p>

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

If you wish to address the Board, you must indicate so by signing

Name:

Address:

Organization Represented:

yes:

Name:	Address:	Organization Represented:	yes:
Patty Gross		HTA	yes
Vicki Kraus		HTA	
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Aniel Skotch		HTA	

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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.

6) Approved the following Tax Bill Correction:

In accordance with a Small Claims Assessment Review stipulation, Filing # EF2023-539, regarding parcel 123689, 419.-1-21.121, Jesse Alexander Harding and Patricia Shiu vs. Jim Basile the Assessors of the Town of Hancock, Hancock New York. I have investigated the filed stipulation. The 2023 decision requires that the total assessed value for 2023 Assessment Roll on tax parcel 13689, 419.-1-21.121 be corrected to \$900. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2023 School Tax Bill Correction in the amount of \$101.68.

In accordance with a Small Claims Assessment Review stipulation, Filing# EF2023-539, regarding parcel 123689, 419.-1-21.122, Jesse Alexander Harding and Patricia Shiu vs. Jim Basile the Assessors of the Town of Hancock, Hancock New York. I have investigated the filed stipulation. The 2023 decision requires that the total assessed value for 2023 Assessment Roll on tax parcel 13689, 419.-1-21.122 be corrected to \$1,180. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2023 School Tax Bill Correction in the amount of \$133.32.

In accordance with a Small Claims Assessment Review stipulation, Filing# EF2023-539, regarding parcel 123689, 419.-1-21.13, Jesse Alexander Harding and Patricia Shiu vs. Jim Basile the Assessors of the Town of Hancock, Hancock New York. I have investigated the filed stipulation. The 2023 decision requires that the total assessed value for 2023 Assessment Roll on tax parcel 13689, 419.-1-21.13 be corrected to \$2,000. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2023 School Tax Bill Correction in the amount of \$225.95.

Approved Tax Bill Corrections
Harding/Shiu

7) Approved the following Tax Bill Correction: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2023 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123601 429.17-2-67 owned by Janet Sutliff. The Assessor has verified that the ENHANCED STAR Exemption (41834 STAR ENHANCED) was not applied to the 2023 Assessment Roll, when in fact the Owner was entitled to the exemption. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2023 School Tax Bill Correction in the amount of \$1,431.54.

Approved Tax Bill Corrections – J. Sutliff

Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried

Bogart 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 following resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigation:

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Hancock Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$2,524


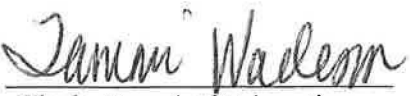
; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved partial
vaping litigation

<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried</p> <p>Hazen 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 approve a transfer of \$116,310 to the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget for the purpose of replenishing the funds used in paying the contractual retirement unused sick/vacation time buy-outs as well as contractual incentives of Kelly Czapnik, Terrance Dougherty and Cynthia Gill. The source of funds will be from the Employee Benefit and Liability Reserve (EBLAR). The Board authorizes moving \$116,310 from the EBLAR reserve to the unassigned fund balance.</p>	<p>Approved EBLAR transfer – Czapnik, Dougherty, C. Gill</p>
<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried</p> <p>Bogart 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 external audit completed by RBT, LLP. for the year ending June 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Approved External Audit 06/30/2023</p>
<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried</p> <p>Hazen moved, with a second by Bogart to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of a particular employee with Superintendent Asquith. President Johnston commenced the Executive Session at 7:45 PM.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried</p> <p>Hazen moved, with a second by Bogart to terminate Executive Session. President Johnston terminated Executive Session at 8:15 PM and declared the meeting in Open Session.</p>	<p>Terminate Executive Session</p>
<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried.</p> <p>Hazen moved, with a second by Bogart to adjourn the meeting. President Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>
<p>Yes 3; No 0 – Motion Carried.</p> <p>APPROVED:  President, Board of Education</p> <p> Clerk, Board of Education</p>	

