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**ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

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A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District was held on February 12, 2015, at the Attica Central School District's Sr. High School Chorus Room, 3338 E. Main Street, Attica, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Witkowski at 7:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Witkowski-President, Mrs. Perl-Vice President, Mr. Lane, Mrs. Struzik, Mr. Kirsch and Mr. Fugle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Kelly

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dziak, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Beitz, Mrs. Tomidy, Mr. Audsley, Mrs. Lacey, Mr. Romesser and Mrs. Breissinger

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Charles A. Bastian, President and Mr. Jason Schwartz, Financial Analyst from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. were present to review the Long Range Financial Analysis Report. The presentation began with a review of the existing debt service for buildings, including an estimated local share of existing and future building debt. The tax levy cap was mentioned. A generalized capital project planning timeline was also reviewed. The existing debt service for buses, along with the estimated local share of existing and future bus debt chart were discussed. The analysis of fund balances, including reserves, assigned/unassigned appropriated fund balances were examined. A component of our budget comes from state aid, so the state aid projections were mentioned. At this time, no firm figures have been released by the Governor. The presentation continued with a long range financial analysis of the district's revenues, expenses, and fund balance. Mr. Bastian indicated there are three choices when your expenses exceed your revenues: 1) trim expenses; 2) override tax cap with community support; or 3) use fund balance (reserves). Discussion continued on it not just being upstate versus downstate issue for state aid, but it is more of a wealth issue. If state aid keeps dwindling, each year's graduates will have been offered less program than previous graduates. Where we are looking at only offering one foreign language, another district is offering seven. Mr. Thompson urged the community members in attendance to write letters to our representatives, Lt. Governor Hochul and Governor Cuomo.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Melanie Toland-George, spoke regarding return of the late bus.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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- Dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015
- Approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015.
- Approved a 12-month probationary appointment for Theresa Hopkins as a full-time Cleaner, in accordance with the recommendation, and pending NYS fingerprint clearance.
- Appointed Ryan Johnson to the substitute custodian list, in accordance with the recommendation, and pending NYS fingerprint clearance.
- Appointed Elizabeth Crans to the substitute teacher and substitute teacher aide lists, in accordance with the recommendation, and pending NYS fingerprint clearance.
- Approved the Spring Performance Schedule for the Attica Mighty Marching Blue Devil Band.

Cleaner – T Hopkins

Sub Custodian-R Johnson

Sub-E Crans

Band – Spring Performance

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- Approved a request from Lori Bifarella to attend the WSSA Sport Stacking World Championships in Montreal, Canada, on April 11-12, 2015, with conference travel days on April 10 and 13, 2015, in accordance with the request and recommendation.

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- Approved the list of surplus equipment to be sold by on-line auction.

Surplus Equip

**Motion by Mr. Kirsch, seconded by Mrs. Perl, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above.**

**Item #1415 -054 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No**

- To approve the list of election officials for use during school votes.

Election Officials

**Motion by Mrs. Perl, seconded by Mr. Kirsch, to approve the list of election officials for use during school votes.**

**Item #1415 -055 MOTION CARRIED 5-Yes; 0-No;  
1-Abstain (S Witkowski)**

**BOARD INFORMATION**

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1. Financial Information: Detail Warrants
2. Minutes: Professional Growth Committee – December 17, 2014; District Technology Team – December 17, 2014; Building Compact Teams – December 2014; Genesee Valley Educational Partnership – November 19, 2014 & December 17, 2014
3. Building Reports – Mr. Witkowski commended Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Barber for starting a STEM program after school.
4. 2015-16 Budget Information in accordance with Budget Calendar. Mr. Thompson reviewed the budget sheets, along with early 2014-15 revenue and expenditure projections; and 2015-16 TRS rates. Discussed late bus transportation with drop off at centralized locations versus door-to-door. Changes in the way the technology bond will be handled – spend up front and then you are reimbursed.
5. Transition Plan for Sheldon to Prospect – Mrs. Beitz and Mrs. Tomidy have worked together to identify ways to transition the Sheldon students into the Prospect Elementary School. First the concept will be of one “elementary” school to be identified as Attica Elementary. An information letter to all parents before the end of the school year to include school contact and logistical information, such as parking, school hours, etc. They have already started bringing the students together for sledding day and have planned other events, such as reading week, track meets, visitation days. All Kindergarten screening will be done at the Attica Elementary School in March. The goal is to keep everyone safe, happy and learning.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

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Regents testing and common core exams were mentioned. The Legislative Breakfast featured representatives: Senator Gallivan, Senator Ranzenhofer, Senator Young, Assemblyman DiPietro, and Assemblyman Nojay. They understand our issue with state aid and the Gap Elimination Adjustment. At a recent legal workshop legal consultants addressed student enrollment procedures and residency determination. Immunization concerns were discussed. Regarding next year’s budget, we are expecting to reduce staffing – all levels are being reviewed, including support staff.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

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**. 2nd Read – Policy 5513 – Maintenance of Fund Balance  
Motion by Mr. Fugle, seconded by Mr. Kirsch, to establish Policy 5513 – Maintenance of Fund Balance.**

**Policy 5513**

**Item #1415 -056 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No**

Motion by Mrs. Struzik, seconded by Mr. Fugle, to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION for CSE/CPSE recommendations, matters regarding negotiations, employment history regarding particular individuals, legal matter regarding student transportation at (8:59 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1415 -056 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

The Board Reconvened REGULAR SESSION at 10:24 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Struzik, seconded by Mrs. Mrs. Perl, to approve the implementation of the CSE/CPSE recommendations from their meeting(s).

CSE/CPSE REC

Item #1415 -056 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

Motion by Mrs. Struzik, seconded by Mrs. Perl, to approve the coaches for the spring sport season.

Spring Coaches

Item #1415 -056 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

Motion by Mrs. Perl, seconded by Mr. Fugle, to adjourn the meeting (10:25 p.m.)

ADJOURN

Item #1415 -056 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise L. Breissinger, District Clerk  
Board of Education  
Attica Central School District

**Attica Central Schools**  
**Middle School**

3338 East Main Street \* Attica, New York 14011  
Phone: (585) 591-0400 \* Fax: (585) 591-4496

Paul J. Clark, *Principal*

February 13, 2015

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This letter is to inform you that on February 13, 2015, Mrs. Renee Jurek has reached 20 consecutive days as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Juek has been a long term substitute as a Special Education teacher for the Integrated Co-Teaching classrooms in the Middle School. Mrs. Jurek has proven herself as an asset to our district and I fully support her ability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul Clark

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Paul J. Clark, *Principal*

February 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Thompson,

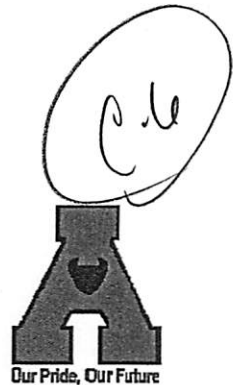
This letter is to inform you that on February 10, 2015, Mrs. Stacey Donahue has reached 20 consecutive days as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Donahue has been a long term substitute as the Library Media Specialist in the Middle School. Mrs. Donahue has proven herself as an asset to our district and I fully support her ability. Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,



Paul Clark

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To: Mr. Thompson, Board of Education  
From: Kelly L. Beitz   
Date: February 9, 2015  
Re: Substitute Teacher Recommendation

Recently, I interviewed Mr. Spencer Ford for a substitute teaching position. Mr. Ford has received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the State University of New York, College at Cortland with a degree in Physical Education. He is an Attica graduate and is interested in substituting in our district.

Please let this letter serve as my recommendation for Mr. Spencer Ford to be placed on the K-8 substitute teacher list for the Attica Central School District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.  
Thank you.

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# 2015 Senior Trip Proposal:

## Day Trip to Cedar Point, Rollercoaster Capital of the World

**Date: Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Total cost: \$160**

**Cost per student: \$40 plus money for food and drinks in the park**

### Itinerary:

- Leave Attica at (6am-estimated time)
- Stop ½ way for breakfast/rest stop-food at your own expense
- Arrive at Cedar Point (10am-estimated time)
- All day at park-Lunch on your own
- Depart (estimated time 8)
- Rest Break ½ way snack- food at your own expense
- Return to Attica at 12:30 AM

\*We have approximately 55 students that have committed to going on the trip.

### Senior Advisors:

Sarah Michalak

Jocelyn Pierce

Stacy Crowley

Mike Jansma

Melanie Domes

An administrator would also join us the day of the trip.

