

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Catskill, New York
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 9, 2008
Catskill High School Library
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich (arrived at 7:23 PM), J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas, E. Holsopple (arrived at 7:24 PM), D. Scannapieco, C. Schilansky, L. Warner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Jones, D. Scannapieco

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: K. Farrell, K. Lewis, D. Van Kleeck

The meeting was called to order by Board President Garafalo at 7:14 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

There was no one who addressed the board.

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell reported that there was a Middle school student struck by a vehicle while crossing the street this morning. It was an inappropriate location to drop the student off. Currently the student has no injuries and is doing fine.

Superintendent's Report

The District was advised by a parent about some inappropriate information that students have on their myspace accounts. Students cannot access their myspace accounts at school. We had a meeting and researched Wired Safety, an internet safety program. We are considering a collaborative with law enforcement called Teen Angels and would like to set up a Teen Angels Chapter for our students.

The District is looking into a way of possibly offering the language of Mandarin to students as an elective. We have an additional 18 students for the Pre-K program, with funding, and need the board to approve the contracts.

Dr. Farrell reminded the board about the MLK luncheon scheduled for February 9th from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. We have four nominees, 3 are students and one is a staff member. Also the Catskill Elementary School Student Council is collecting bottles for recycling.

R. Griffin presented the District with a gift from our sister school in China. The item presented was a Special Olympics medal from the Principal at Middle School #14 in China.

M. Bulich arrived at 7:23 PM

E. Holsopple arrived at 7:24 PM

Terry Damon gave a brief report to the Board on the construction projects. He also advised the Board that SED is backlogged so we will need to tweak our plans.

Armlin/Damon Report

Discussion of
Personnel Items

The board discussed the following personnel items:
Short-term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher, CES
Long-term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher, CES
Amendment to Appointment of Special Education Teacher, CES
Music Teacher, CES
Retirement of Grade 6 Teacher
Summer School Principals

Discussion of
Business Office Items

The board discussed the following business office items:
Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update

Discussion of Other
Items

The board discussed the following other items:
Minutes
Donations
Rosemarie Wenzler Goodwill Scholarship Fund
Elimination of Position, Teacher Aide (2:1, 6.5 hrs/day), CES
Out of State Conferences
Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making
Obsolete Equipment
Recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings
Acceptance of Section 504 Accommodation Plan
Acceptance of Library End of Year reports
Third Reading - Board Policies and Regulations
Leave of Absence for a Class of 2005 Clarke Scholarship Recipient

Board Committee
Reports

There were no Board Committee reports

Future Meetings

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:
January 30, 2008 – Regular Meeting– CHS Library – 7:00 PM
February 13, 2008 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM
February 27, 2008 –Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM
March 12, 2008 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Library
March 26, 2008 – Regular Meeting– CHS Library
April 9, 2008 – Special Meeting – Possible Budget Adoption– CHS Library
April 22, 2008 – Regular Meeting - Vote on BOCES Annual Budget &
BOCES Board Members – CHS Library
May 6, 2008 – Public Hearing – CHS Auditorium – 7:00 PM – CHS Library
May 13, 2008 – Voter Registration Day – 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM – CHS Auditorium Lobby
May 14, 2008 – Workshop/Voting Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM
May 20, 2008 – Board Member & Budget/Propositions VOTE
6:00 AM – 9:00 P.M. – CHS Gymnasium
May 28, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM
June 11, 2008 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
June 25, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM

The Board took a 10 minute break

Break

A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding the Giving Tree contract. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the agreement with the United Methodist Church (Giving Tree) for Pre-Kindergarten services, pending approval of the amended Universal Pre-Kindergarten Grant by the State Education Department.

Giving Tree

A MOTION (Griffin/Schilansky) to approve the following resolution regarding the Early Childhood contract. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the amended contract with Early Childhood Learning Center and Headstart, for Pre-Kindergarten services pending approval of the amended Universal Pre-Kindergarten Grant by the State Education Department.

Early Childhood

A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to go into executive session at 8:05 PM for the purpose of the employment history of a particular individual. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for
Executive Session

L. Warner left at 9:05 PM

R. Griffin left at 9:55 PM

There was a consensus to return to public session at 10:05 PM.

Return to Public
Session

A MOTION (Holsopple/Haas) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-415 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.