

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Catskill, New York
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 14, 2009
High School Library
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich, J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas (arrived at 7:05 PM), E. Holsopple, M. Leibowitz, C. Schilansky, L. Warner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Jones

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

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 PM by Board President Garafalo and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

There was no one who wished to address the board on agenda related issues.

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell introduced Dr. Jim Baldwin from Questar III.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jim Baldwin and Andy DeFeo gave a presentation on BOCES services. Questar III serves Rennsalaer, Columbia and most of Greene counties.

BOCES Presentation

K. Haas arrived at 7:05 PM

Dr. Farrell reported that Pre-K registration is going on and we currently have 45 students registered. We will have one more day for Pre-K registration tomorrow and then again the first week in March.

Dr. Farrell reminded the board that the Martin Luther King march is tomorrow night.

Dr. Farrell gave the board a brief update on the ongoing construction projects.

Construction Update

John Willabay gave the board an update on the status of the air conditioning.

Air Conditioning Update

The board discussed the following items:

- Treasurer's Report
- Extra-Classroom Quarterly report
- Minutes
- Donations
- Obsolete Library books
- Acceptance of Section 504 Accommodation Plan
- Recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings

Discussion Items

C. Schilansky reported that the policy committee would like to look at service learning.

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

- January 18, 2009 – Community Steak/Stake – CHS Auditorium – 1:00 PM
- January 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting– CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- February 11, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- February 25, 2009 –Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- March 11, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- March 25, 2009 – Regular Meeting– CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- April 8, 2009 – Special Meeting – Possible Budget Adoption– CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- April 28, 2009 - Regular Meeting - Vote on BOCES Annual Budget/Board Members - CHS Cafeteria
- May 5, 2009 - Public Hearing - CHS Auditorium - 7:00 PM - CHS Cafeteria
- May 12, 2009 - Voter Registration Day - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM - CHS Auditorium Lobby
- May 13, 2009 – Workshop/Voting Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- May 19, 2009 - Board Member/Budget/Propositions VOTE 6:00 AM - 9:00 P.M. – CHS Gym
- May 27, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- June 10, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- June 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM

Future Meetings

Personnel Instructional

A MOTION (Holsopple/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the amendment to an appointment. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the October 29, 2008 appointment of Amanda Leipman as Short-term Substitute Spanish Teacher, at the Catskill High School, to show that the effective dates are October 8, 2008 through January 25, 2009.

Amanda Leipman

A MOTION (Leibowitz/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding the amendment to an appointment. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the October 29, 2008 appointment of Amanda Leipman as Short-term Substitute Spanish Teacher, at the Catskill Middle School, to show that the effective dates are January 26, 2009 through April 9, 2009.

Amanda Leipman

A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding the appointment of a Spanish teacher. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the three-year probationary appointment of Zoraida Aponte as Spanish Teacher, in the tenure area of Foreign Language, at the High School, effective January 26, 2009 through January 25, 2012, at salary step 3D, as per CTA contract, (\$44,950), conditioned upon the completion of certification and clearance of fingerprint supported criminal history background check.

Zoraida Aponte

A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the appointment of a Reading First substitute coach. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Kristina Powers as Short-term Substitute Reading First Coach, effective January 5, 2009 through April 3, 2009, and paid at the daily rate of 1/200ths of the prevailing Bachelor Degree, step one level (\$39,800), commencing on the 11th consecutive school day of employment in this assignment.

Kristina Powers

A MOTION (Schilansky/Holsopple) to approve the following resolution regarding the appointment of a substitute Speech Pathologist. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion carried 7 Yes, 1 No.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Ann Burnett as Long-term Substitute Speech Pathologist, effective January 20, 2009 through June 25, 2009, and paid at salary step 1B, as per current CTA contract, (\$39,800).

Ann Burnett

Personnel
Non-Instructional

A MOTION (Griffin/Holsopple) to approve the following resolution regarding the termination of services. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Termination

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Catskill Central School District hereby approves the termination of services of Justin McClain as Clerk/Typist at Catskill Elementary School effective December 24, 2008.

Justin McClain

A MOTION (Warner/Schilansky) to approve the following resolution regarding a resignation. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Beverly Cotten, Data Analyst/Registrar, effective February 6, 2009, to accept a position in another district.

Beverly Cotten

A MOTION (Griffin/Warner) to approve the following resolution regarding the abolishment of a position. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Abolishment of
Position

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby abolishes the full time, 12 month, Data Analyst/Registrar position at the Catskill Central School District, effective June 30, 2009.

Data
Analyst/Registrar

A MOTION (Schilansky/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the creation of a position. VOTE: VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion carried 7 Yes, 1 No.

Creation of Position

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the creation of an Administrative Assistant position, 8 hours a day, 12 months, entitled Central Registrar, effective January 15, 2009 to be assigned to the Superintendent's Office.

Administrative
Assistant

A MOTION (Haas/Holsopple) to approve the following resolution regarding new courses. VOTE: VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion carried 7 Yes, 1 No.

Approval of New Courses

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following courses which can be offered via the Distance Learning Consortium:

Course	Term	Grades Affected
Gothic Literature	1 year	Grades 11-12
American Musical Theatre	1 year	Grades 11-12

A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the Catskill Ski Program contract. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with the Town and Village of Catskill regarding the Catskill Ski Program for the four year period which commenced for the 2005-2006 ski season and will conclude at the end of the 2008-2009 ski season.

Approval of Catskill Ski Program Contract

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

Executive Session

There was a consensus to return to public session at 8:15 PM.

Public session

The board took a fifteen minute break.

Break

M. Leibowitz, M. Bulich and E. Holsopple left at 8:20 PM

A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-588 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.