

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Catskill, New York
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 25, 2009
Catskill Elementary School Library
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich (arrived at 7:00 PM), J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas, A. Jones (arrived at 6:50 PM), C. Schilansky, L. Warner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Holsopple, M. Leibowitz

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:40 PM by Board President Garafalo and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

A MOTION (Griffin/Schilansky) to go into executive session at 6:40 PM for the purpose of hearing a grievance. VOTE: Unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was a consensus to return to public session.

Public Session

A. Jones arrived at 6:50 PM

M. Bulich arrived at 7:00 PM

A MOTION (Schilansky/Jones) to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2009 and March 11, 2009 meetings. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

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

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell reported that we had two food service reviews. Everything went well and we expect an extremely positive report on nutrition and our record keeping. We received notification that all three of our schools are in good standing.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Farrell further reported that we hosted the Greene County School Boards Association meeting last night. Items discussed were the stimulus plan and funding of schools. Coxsackie School District will host the next meeting.

Dr. Farrell asked the board members for their input on the calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. There were three drafts to review, four board members liked draft one with a few modifications, three board members like draft three.

Dr. Farrell reported that Governor Patterson sent a letter offering his condolences which she read to the board.

Terry Damon gave the board a brief update on the construction projects and also discussed the plaza walkway and platform bids and recommended that the board reject the bids as they were too high.

Construction Update
Armlin Damon &
McMordie Report

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

WHEREAS, bids for the construction of a Plaza Walkway and Platform at the Catskill Middle School were received and opened on March 25, 2009; and

Rejection of Plaza Walkway and Platform Bids

WHEREAS, the bids received were significantly higher than the budget that the District had established for the construction of the Plaza Walkway and Platform; and

WHEREAS, the District has reserved its right to reject all bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in the best interest of the District, hereby rejects all bids for the construction of the Plaza Walkway and Platform at the Catskill Middle School

A MOTION (Griffin/Warner) to approve the following resolutions regarding personnel. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Instructional Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints Lisa Slutzky to the position of Summer School Elementary Principal at the rate of (\$2500/30) \$83.33 per day worked.

Lisa Slutzky

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints Patrick Wemitt to the position of Summer School Secondary Level Principal at the rate of (\$5500/40) \$137.50 per day worked.

Patrick Wemitt

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Lynn Ellen Crocetta as a Long-term Substitute Guidance Counselor assigned to the Middle School, from March 20, 2009 through January 25, 2010 and paid at a salary of \$42,250, prorated, (step 1D of the CTA contract).

Lynn Ellen Crocetta

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the three-year probationary appointment of Nancy Williams as Library Media Specialist, in the Library Media Specialist Tenure Area, effective March 2, 2009 through March 1, 2012, and paid at a salary of \$42,250, prorated, (step 1D of the CTA contract).

Nancy Williams

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Bethany Mitchell as a Short-term Substitute Health Teacher assigned to the Elementary School, from March 23, 2009 through June 25, 2009 and paid at the daily rate of \$99 for the first 10 days and at the daily rate of \$199 commencing on the 11th consecutive school day of employment in this assignment.

Bethany Mitchell

The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to deny granting of tenure to Marian Andrews, in the tenure area of School District Administrator effective August 30, 2009.

Tenure Denial
Marian Andrews

Personnel-
Non-Instructional
Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Tricia McDowell, Copy Clerk at Catskill Elementary School, effective March 10, 2009, for personal reasons.

Tricia McDowell

A MOTION (Haas/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding the treasurer’s report. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of
Treasurer’s Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby accepts the February 2009 Treasurer’s report as submitted by the Treasurer.

The Board hereby receives the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update, for the month ended February 28, 2009, as submitted by the Extra-Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

Extra-Classroom
Activities Account
Update

The Board hereby receives the Budget Transfer Report, as submitted by the Treasurer.

Budget Transfers

K. Lewis gave a brief update on the budget. Items discussed were stimulus money, revenues and possible cuts to staff and class size.

Budget Update

A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding a donation. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals of
Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$50 from David Hart to be used for the “River of Dreams” expenses at the Catskill Central School District.

David Hart

A MOTION (Schilansky/Warner) to approve the following resolution regarding a donation. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$78.53 from Target to be used for a banner at the Catskill High School.

Target

A MOTION (Jones/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding a donation. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of a guitar with case & strap valued at \$100 from Nancy Rizzi for the Catskill Central School District.

Nancy Rizzi

A MOTION (Griffin/Bulich) to approve the following resolution regarding CSE/CPSE recommendations. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of
CSE/CPSE
Committee
Recommendations

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 2/5/09, 2/25/09 and 3/17/09 be approved.

A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding walk-in voter registration. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Walk-in Voter
Registration
Proposition

BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the voters of the Catskill Central School District, to be conducted between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. on the 19th day of May, 2009:

PROPOSITION
Walk-In Registration

Shall the Board of Education of the Catskill Central School District implement a system of walk-in voter registration from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday through Friday on days when the District Offices are open, at the District Clerk’s Office, 343 West Main Street, Catskill, NY, effective July 1, 2009?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is authorized and directed to cause this proposition to be published in the designated newspapers as part of the Annual Meeting Notice.

A MOTION (Haas/Schilansky) to approve the following resolution regarding the legal notice. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Notice

RESOLVED: That the Catskill Central School District Board of Education approves the Legal Notice relative to the Annual Public Hearing Date, Voter Registration, Election Districts, Absentee Ballot Procedures, Polling Places, etc. for the May 19, 2009 Annual School District Election.

A MOTION (Warner/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding obsolete books. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Obsolete Books

WHEREAS, the District owns 13 books which are no longer useful or necessary for school district purposes and is of no value to the School District, as indicated on the list below and made a part of this resolution.

Quantity	Title/Model	Publisher/ISBN#	Location (Bldg/Rm. Num.)
13	L’encyclopedie de jeunesse	None	Rm. 135

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares such books to be surplus/obsolete property and of no value to the School District and authorizes the disposal of such obsolete books.

A MOTION (Warner/Bulich) to approve the following resolution regarding obsolete equipment. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Obsolete Equipment

WHEREAS, the District owns computer equipment and software which are no longer useful or necessary for school district purposes and is of no value to the School District, as indicated on the list below and made a part of this resolution.

Qty	Title/Model	Serial #	Location (Bldg/Rm. Num.)
101	Kidspiration Version 2.1 User Guide Grades k-5	KS21-US-SUB01	Elem. Rm. 129
2	Kidspiration in the Classroom Standard Assign Lesson Plan Grades k-5 Version 2.1	1-932463-51-8	Elem. Rm. 129
2	Inspiration Version 6 Getting Started	3060KUD	Elem. Rm. 129
1	Kidspiration Version 2 Users Guide Grades K-5	5000000131	Elem. Rm. 129
1	Pokemon Project Studio Blue Version SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Famous Faces SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Iomegaware-software for your stuff Version 1.1.0a SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Curious George Paint and Print Studio	0-7435-0384-8	Elem. Rm. 129
1	Logical Journey of the Zoombinis Delux SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Cluefinders 4 th Grade Adventures		Elem. Rm. 129
1	RS Best Reading Ever SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	New Millennium Children's Dictionary SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Compton's 3D World Atlas Delux SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Busy Town Activity Center SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Boggle SOFTWARE		Elem. Rm. 129
1	Apple PC T37810	XA8409A4DFN	Elem. Rm. 129
1	Apple USB Keyboard	NK83512M7DL2	Elem. Rm. 129
1	Apple USB Mouse		Elem. Rm. 129

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares such computer equipment and software to be surplus/obsolete property and of no value to the School District and authorizes the disposal of such obsolete equipment and software.

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding the attendance to a conference. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Jones, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried.

Conference Attendance

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby grants approval for Cheryl Rabinowitz, Yvonne Coats, Poscha McDougall, Don Marino and Sharon Smith to attend the ISTE NECC 2009 - Networking Educational Technology in Washington, DC from June 28th – July 1st, 2009.

A MOTION (Warner/Schilansky) to have a second reading and approve the following revised policies and regulations. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading & Approval of Policies & Regulations

Policy 5440 – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substance Use/Abuse
 Regulation 5440-R – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substance Use/Abuse Regulation
 Policy 9330 – Smoking and Tobacco Use on School Premises by Staff
 Policy 8110 – School Building Safety

Policy 5440
 Regulation 5440-R
 Policy 9330
 Policy 8110

Policy 8111 – Reporting of Hazards	Policy 8111
Policy 8115 – Pesticides and Pest Management	Policy 8115
Policy 8121 – First Aid	Policy 8130
Policy 8130 – School Safety Plans and Teams	Policy 8133
Policy 8133 – Bomb Threats	Policy 8134
Policy 8134 – Emergency Closings	Policy 8212
Policy 8212 – Vandalism	Policy 8220
Policy 8220 – Building & Grounds Maintenance & Inspection	Policy 8411
Policy 8411 – School Bus Scheduling & Routing	Regulation 8411-R
Regulation 8411-R – School Bus Scheduling & Routing	Policy 8414
Policy 8414 – School Bus Safety	Policy 8414.5
Policy 8414.5 – Alcohol & Drug Testing of Bus Drivers & Other Safety-Sensitive Employees	Regulation 8414.5-R
Regulation – 8414.5-R – Alcohol & Drug Testing of Bus Drivers & Other Safety-Sensitive Employees	Policy 8500
Policy 8500 – Food Service Management	Policy 8505
Policy 8505 – Nutritional Standards	Policy 8510
Policy 8510 – Food Purchasing	Policy 8520
Policy 8520 – Free & Reduced Price Food Services	
Policy 8530 – Vending Machines	Policy 8530
Policy 8700 – Insurance	Policy 8700

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding change orders. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Change Orders

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change orders associated with each of the approved projects pursuant to the recommendation and prior approval of the Owner's Representative and the Superintendent in accordance with the District's Change Order Commitment Approval and Authorization Process.

<u>Change Order No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>Previous Contract Amount</u>	<u>Revised Contract Amount</u>
<u>A. CHS Rear Addition Project - (Project 005-015)</u>				
1.	Harold R. Clune, Inc-Electric Contractor			
6	Credit for unused allowance.	(\$8,000.00)	\$189,113.08	\$181,113.08
	TOTAL CHS- Rear Addition Project- Project (005-015):	<u>(\$8,000.00)</u>		
<u>B. CHS Front Addition Project - (Project 005-017)</u>				
1.	Phoenix Electric Co., Inc.-Electric Contractor			
1	Acceptance of alternates 2, 3, and 4 as per the contract documents.	\$50,000.00	\$363,447.00	\$413,447.00
	TOTAL CHS- Front Addition Project- Project (005-017):	\$50,000.00		
Total Change Orders Approved for All Contractors included in this Resolution:		\$42,000.00		

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

Future Meetings

April 7, 2009 – Special Meeting – Possible Budget Adoption– CES Library – 7:00 PM

April 28, 2009 - Regular Meeting - Vote on BOCES Annual Budget/Board Members - CES Library

May 5, 2009 - Public Budget Hearing - CHS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

May 12, 2009 - Voter Registration Day - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM - CHS Auditorium Lobby

May 13, 2009 – Workshop 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 meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM

June 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Public Recognition

A MOTION (Griffin/Schilansky) to go into executive session at 8:00 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals.

Executive Session

VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Schilansky left at 9:02 PM

L. Warner left at 9:13 PM

There was a consensus to return to public session at 9:20 PM.

Public session

There was a consensus to enter into an in-kind agreement with the Babe Ruth League.

Babe Ruth League

A MOTION (Bulich/Griffin) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Adjournment

VOTE: Unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-651 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.