

**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Catskill, New York  
**WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2009**  
Catskill Elementary School Library  
**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Bulich, J. Garafalo, R. Griffin,  
K. Haas (arrived 7:02 PM, left 8:00 PM), E. Holsopple, A. Jones, M. Leibowitz

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** C. Schilansky, L. Warner

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** K. Farrell, K. Lewis, E. Loebbaka

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 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

K. Haas arrived at 7:02 PM

*A MOTION (Jones/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding the appointment of a Pre-K Teacher. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Jones, Leibowitz; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No.*

Instructional  
Personnel  
Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Deborah Johnson to the position of Pre-K Teacher, on a contract basis, for the period commencing September 1, 2009 and terminating June 30, 2011; and

Deborah Johnson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute an Agreement with Ms. Johnson, whereby she shall perform such contract services as Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, which agreement, when fully executed, shall be incorporated by reference herein.

The Catskill Elementary School Student Government, Barbara Erceg and students, discussed events and shared letters of appreciation with soldiers in Iraq and Albany Medical Center.

Superintendent's  
Report

Dr. Farrell announced the top ten students.

The Catskill Elementary School Social Eyes Program gave a brief presentation on their program.

Bill Muirhead and Cross Over Networks presented a video bus demo

The board took a break from 7:40-8:02 PM

Break

K. Haas left at 8:00 PM

Terry Damon gave the Board an update on the construction projects.

Armlin/Damon & McMordie

The board discussed the following personnel items:

- Tenure Appointments
- District-wide Improvement Grant Appointments
- Short-Term Substitute, Instructional Music Elementary
- Substitute Teacher List
- Retirement of Custodian, CES
- Temporary Records Clerks
- Non-Instructional Substitute List

Personnel Discussion Items

Dr. Farrell advised the Board that Questar will be performing a health audit of the school districts.

The board discussed the following items:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Extra-curricular accounts update
- Minutes
- Donations
- Eric J. Schmidt Award
- Opening of Affidavit Ballots and Final Vote Tally
- Declaration of Obsolete/Surplus Books
- Approval of Contract Amendment No. 5 – Sammel Architecture
- Approval of Contract Amendment & Extension – Armlin Damon & McMordie

Other Discussion Items

There were no committee reports.

Committee Reports

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

- June 10, 2009 – Workshop meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- June 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- July 7, 2009 – Organizational Meeting – CES Library – 7:00 PM

Future Meetings

***A MOTION (Holsopple/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding the Carol Hetherington Leadership Award. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee the Board of Education hereby accepts the adjustment to the Carol Hetherington Leadership Award of \$1,000 which is to be awarded annually to at least two but no more than three seniors, who have demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities, for the purpose of furthering the recipients’ education.

Approval of Carol Hetherington Leadership Award

***A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding the Carol Hetherington Visual Arts Award. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee the Board of Education hereby accepts the creation of the Carol Hetherington Visual Arts Scholarship which is to be awarded annually to no more than three seniors, distributed in increments

Approval of Carol Hetherington Visual Arts Award

of \$1,500 each year for four years, to a senior who has completed at least 3 years (units) of study in the Visual Arts for the purpose of furthering the recipients' education..

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Public Recognition

*A MOTION (Leibowitz/Holsopple) to go into executive session at 8:30 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.*

Executive Session

*There was a consensus to return to public session at 8:52 PM.*

Public session

*A MOTION (Bulich/Leibowitz) to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.*

Adjournment

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Elizabeth Loebbaka

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Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

\*Note: 1-680 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.