

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Catskill, New York

**WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

June 10, 2009

Catskill Middle School Auditorium

6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich, B. Cotten, J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas, A. Jones, M. Leibowitz, L. Warner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Holsopple

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: K. Farrell, D. VanKleeck

Dr. Farrell, Mr. Ball and J. Garafalo presented the Academic Awards to the students. The award ceremony took place from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM and was followed by a brief celebration with the students.

Academic Awards

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 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 and the Board would recognized the following retiring staff members:

Retirees Celebration

Michael Schantz, Business Teacher, CHS
Edward Synan, English Teacher, CHS
Arleen Mensching, Monitor, CHS
Florence Hohenstein, Monitor, CES
Reginald Clearwater, Custodian, CES
Carol Bermingham, Special Education, CHS

Terry Damon gave the board a brief update on the construction projects and also discussed the Superintendent and Business offices project.

Construction Update

Armlin Damon &
McMordie Report

Dr. Farrell reported that the corrective action report has been received. The Spring Rush had approximately 100 participants, the hugest attendance since the start of this annual event. The Spring Sports Award was held last night.

Superintendent's
Report

On Monday we will have a CBS news crew interviewing students regarding the recession and how the economy is affecting them.

The fourth grade trip to New York City to Carnegie Hall and the Museum last week had a delay with the buses in traffic and the students did not have enough time to go to the Museum.

Dr. Farrell passed around the Elementary School Yearbook and the High School Yearbook. There was a glitch with the High School yearbook which is being worked on and every senior will receive a corrected yearbook.

A MOTION (Griffin/Warner) to move the Clarke Scholarship Committee

Recommendations to the beginning of the agenda and approve.

VOTE: Unanimous, -0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the recommendations of the Clarke Scholarship Committee for 2008-2009.

Mr. Ball announced the names of the Clarke Scholarship Award recipients.

Clarke Scholarship
Recommendations

The following students received a full Clarke Award: Kedong Wang, Susan Falotico, Judy Lam, Sarah Riccobono, Levi Fiske, Martika Woodard, Elizabeth Cothren, Marchella Frascello, Stephanie Wilhelm, Alaina Shanley, Caitlyn Lamere, Matthew Simons, Ellen Story, Angel Cruz, Drew Bradford and Patrick Carswell.

The following students are alternates: Christina Kroder and Katelyn Maggio which both also received the Zola Piser Award, Erin Hedges, Schae Auffant, Sophia Passero and Brittney Agustin

The board discussed the following personnel items:

- Appointment of Athletic Director
- Summer School Staff Appointments
- Appointment of Autism Advisory Group Chairpersons
- Appointment of Ambassador Club Advisors
- Extra-curricular Appointments

Personnel
Discussion Items

The board discussed the following items:

- Treasurer's Report
- Minutes
- Donations
- Obsolete books
- Acceptance of Section 504 Accommodation Plan Recommendations
- Leave of Absence for Class of 2008 Clarke Scholarship Recipient

Other
Discussion Items

J. Garafalo reported that the finance committee met earlier. He also reminded the board members that if they have any questions or concerns to contact the Superintendent.

Committee Reports

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

- June 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CES Library – 7:00 PM
- July 7, 2009 – Organizational Meeting – CES Library – 7:00 PM

Future Meetings

A MOTION (Leibowitz/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding a memorial. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the memorial for Victor Armstead, which shall include the installation of a stone bench with commentative plaque on the High School property, and if possible shall include planting of a tree, on behalf of the Class of 2009.

Approval of
Memorial

Dr. Farrell thanked and commended the class for their thoughtfulness.

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

Appointment of

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the three-year probationary appointment of Lawrence Farrell as Physical Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Physical Education, assigned to the Catskill Middle School, effective September 1, 2009 through September 1, 2012, at salary step 1B, as per current CTA contract, (\$39,800).

Lawrence Farrell

A MOTION (Leibowitz/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding the extracurricular appointment of personnel. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Extracurricular
Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the retroactive extracurricular appointment of Douglas Lampman as Boys Varsity Tennis Coach and paid a stipend of \$2,436 for the 2008-09 school year.

Douglas Lampman

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

Retirement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Carol Bermingham, Special Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2009, for the purposes of retirement.

Carol Bermingham

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding special education recommendations. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of
CSE/CPSE
Committee
Recommendations

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 4/23/09, 4/28/09, 5/05/09, 5/06/09, 5/13/09, 6/02/09 and 6/06/09 be approved.

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Public Recognition

The board took a five minute break

Break

A MOTION (Jones/Haas) to go into executive session at 8:01 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals and collective negotiations. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was a consensus to return to public session at 8:26 PM.

Public session

A MOTION (Leibowitz/Haas) to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-702 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.