

**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Catskill, New York  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**August 20, 2008**  
 CHS Cafeteria  
**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas (arrived at 7:08 PM), A. Jones, M. Leibowitz, C. Schilansky, L. Warner

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** M. Bulich, E. Holsopple

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 pm by Board President Garafalo and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

***A MOTION (Jones/Leibowitz) to approve the board meeting minutes of July 30, 2008 and August 5, 2008. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Approval of Minutes

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Visitor Recognition

K. Haas arrived at 7:08 PM

Terry Damon gave a brief update on the construction projects. The bids for Phase III came in this week. We will evaluate them and bring recommendations to the board next week.

Armlin/Damon Report

The board president presented former board member, Dawn Scannapieco with a plaque.

***A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to MOVE and APPROVE the following resolutions regarding personnel. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Personnel Instructional

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the resignation of Kimberly Winters, Teaching Assistant, at Catskill Elementary School, effective August 11, 2008 for personal reasons.

Resignations

Kimberly Winters

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the resignation of Heather Frascello, Teaching Assistant, at Catskill High School, effective August 7, 2008 for personal reasons.

Heather Frascello

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the following unpaid study leave of absence request from Bettina Young, per article 9.8 of the CTA contract, effective September 2, 2008 through November 28, 2008.

Leave of Absence  
Bettina Young

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the three year probationary appointment of Mariájosé Gómez as Spanish Teacher, in the tenure area of Foreign Language 7-12, assigned to the Catskill High School, effective September 1, 2008 through September 1, 2011, at an annual salary of \$42,250, step 1D of the current CTA contract.

Appointments

Mariájosé Gómez

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the following appointments to the GED Staff positions effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009, paid \$29.50 an hour per Teacher and \$20 per hour per Teaching Assistant, per grant funding, pending approval of grant:

Amendment to GED Appointments

Maryann Morrison	Special Education Teacher
Robyn Porter	Regular Education Teacher
Deborah Zwoboda	Teaching Assistant

Maryann Morrison  
Robyn Porter  
Deborah Zwoboda

Personnel Non-Instructional

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the resignation of Kathy Bruno-Jorgensen, Transportation Supervisor, effective December 15, 2008, for personal reasons.

Resignations  
Kathy Bruno-Jorgensen

Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the appointment of William Muirhead, Interim Transportation Supervisor, effective August 18, 2008, at a daily rate of \$105.

William Muirhead

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following additional extracurricular appointment(s) for the 2008-09 school year contingent upon sufficient student participation in the activity:

Additional Extracurricular Appointments

ADVISOR	ACTIVITY	STIPEND
	<b>Advisors - High School</b>	
Erin Holdridge	Student Council	2842
Cynthia Putorti	Musical Dramatics Director	1624

Erin Holdridge  
Cynthia Putorti

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Alison Rivenburg as Monitor, 2.5 hr/day assigned to Catskill Elementary School, effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and paid the base rate of \$11.45 an hour (salary category H of the CSEA Agreement).

Appointment

Alison Rivenburg

Amendments Ambassador Club

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the July 30, 2008 appointment of Lisa Noyes as Secondary Level Ambassador Club Co-Chair for the 2008-09 school year to show that the corrected stipend is \$1,000.

Appointments  
Lisa Noyes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the July 30, 2008 appointment of Wendy Casalino as Secondary Level Ambassador Club Co-Chair for the 2008-09 school year to show that the corrected stipend is \$1,000.

Wendy Casalino

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the July 30, 2008 appointment of Patricia Schmidt as Elementary Level Ambassador Club Chair for the 2008-09 school year to show that the corrected stipend is \$2,000.

Patricia Schmidt

**A MOTION (Warner/Jones) to approve the following substitute rates. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of

<u>Substitute Rates</u>	
Teaching Assistants	\$10.00 per hour
Teacher Aides	\$ 9.00 per hour
Monitors/Cafeteria	\$ 8.00 per hour

Substitute Rates

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

Acceptance of Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$1,000.00 from Walmart, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Activities at Catskill Central School District.

Walmart

**A MOTION (Warner/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding a donation from Rotary Club of Catskill. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Rotary Club of Catskill

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$500.00 from Rotary Club of Catskill, for the Summer Greater Sense of Place program at Catskill Middle School.

**A MOTION (Warner/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding Year end Health Office Summaries. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Acceptance of Year End Health Office Summaries

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby accepts the year end Health Office summaries for the 2007-08 school year, as submitted by the High School, Middle School and Elementary School Nurses.

**A MOTION (Schilansky/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding obsolete/surplus computer equipment. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approvals of

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

Obsolete/Surplus Computer Equipment

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

**A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding the tax levy. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Tax Rolls  
Confirmation &  
Authorization of Tax  
Levy

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2008- 2009 school year a sum not to exceed \$37,455,119 for the School District and \$386,048 for the Catskill Public Library;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the described tax roll.

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 3, 2008 and end November 3, 2008 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 62 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> month free period, 2<sup>nd</sup> month interest of 2 percent added.

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

Tax Warrant

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: To the collector of Catskill Central School District, Town(s) of Catskill, Athens, and Cairo and Villages of Catskill and Athens, County of Greene in New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start collection on September 3, 2008 in accordance with Sections 1322 and 1338 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2. To give notice that tax collection will end on November 3, 2008.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$16,084,989 (\$15,699,102 school district and \$385,882 for the library) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law less the amount of \$2,035,682 to be received as STAR reimbursement from New York State.
4. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest and penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period.
5. To collect, after the expiration of the one month period, the residue of the sums not paid, together with the fees prescribed in Section 2130 of the Education Law and Section 1328 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and, if any taxes on the attached

tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes

A MOTION (Schilansky/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding voting delegates. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Voting Delegates

The Board President hereby appoints the following board member(s) as the voting delegate member(s) Andrew Jones and Randall Griffin for Greene County School Boards Association and New York State School Boards Association, respectively.

A. Jones, GCSBA  
R. Griffin, NYSSBA

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

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.

Approval of Change Order

<u>Change Order No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>Previous Contract Amount</u>	<u>Revised Contract Amount</u>
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**A. CHS Rear Addition Project - (Project 005-015)**

**1. Bast Hatfield-General Contractors**

5	Remove asbestos abatement in middle school annex classroom as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$53,996.21	\$1,885,355.63	\$1,939,351.84
<b>TOTAL CHS- Rear Addition Project- Project (005-015):</b>		<b><u>\$53,996.21</u></b>		

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**Total Change Orders Approved for All Contractors included in this Resolution: \$53,996.21**

There were no Board Committee reports

Board Committee Reports

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

- August 26, 2008 – Special Meeting – Supt. Office – 6:30 PM
- September 10, 2008 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM
- September 24, 2008 – Regular Mtg.-New Teacher Reception – CHS Cafeteria – 6:30pm

Future Meetings

October 8, 2008 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:00 PM  
 October 29, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 6:30 PM  
 November 12, 2008 – Tentative Board Retreat  
 November 19, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 December 10, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 January 14, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 January 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting– CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 February 11, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 February 25, 2009 –Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 March 11, 2009 – Workshop/Voting meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 March 25, 2009 – Regular Meeting– CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 April 8, 2009 – Special Meeting – Possible Budget Adoption– CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 April 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting - Vote on BOCES Annual Budget & BOCES Board  
 Members – CHS Library  
 May 5, 2009 – Public Hearing – CHS Auditorium – 7:00 PM – CHS Library  
 May 12, 2009 – Voter Registration Day – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – CHS Auditorium  
 Lobby  
 May 13, 2009 – Workshop/Voting Meeting – CHS Library – 7:00 PM  
 May 19, 2009 – Board Member & Budget/Propositions VOTE 6:00 AM – 9:00 P.M. –  
 CHS Gymnasium  
 May 27, 2009 – Regular Meeting – CHS Library – 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

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Visitor Recognition

The board took a ten minute break.

Break

***A MOTION (Jones/Leibowitz) to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.***

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

Adjournment


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Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

\*Note: 1-516 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.