

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Catskill, New York
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 24, 2008
CHS Library
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich, J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas (arrived at 6:55 PM), E. Holsopple, A. Jones (arrived at 7:00 PM), M. Leibowitz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Warner, C. Schilansky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: K. Farrell, K. Lewis (arrived at 6:45 PM), D. Van Kleeck

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:35 pm by Board President Garafalo and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to approve the August 20, 2008, August 26, 2008 & September 10, 2008 Meeting minutes. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell reported that the extended day program started on September 22nd. Our CES student council participated in the “Yell & Tell” recognition of a student who helped save another student at an elementary school in Rhinebeck.

We have held back to school nights at all our buildings. Our 6th grade and Pre-K transition teams are getting prepared for 2009. We had about 825-850 people attend the Parents, Partners and Pancakes activities.

The cost for the one page insert into the Daily Mail mailing of newsletters district-wide is approximately \$250 and the circulation is about 5,000.

Superintendent’s Report

We have a resolution on the agenda for the transfer of the alley leading from William Street to the former Washington Irving School to the Village of Catskill. We also have some guests with us tonight to accept the transfer: Vincent Seeley, Village President, Joseph Kozloski, Trustee, and Patrick McCollough, Trustee. Mr. Seeley stated that the property will help make the village more pedestrian ready. He also stated that the Village will make sure that the property is safe and maintained for pedestrians.

Dr. Farrell reported that there is a new unfunded mandate that requires the district to evaluate students for BMI and asks for the students to submit an optional dental certificate.

Dr. Farrell welcomed the new staff and after the introductions there was a small celebration to welcome them.

New Staff Reception

K. Lewis arrived at 6:45 PM

K. Haas arrived at 6:55 PM

A. Jones arrived at 7:00 PM

A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to amend the agenda and approve the following resolution regarding the alley property. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Catskill Central School District previously sold its educational facilities located at 15 Academy Street in the Village of Catskill, formerly known as the Washington Irving School to the Town of Catskill for purposes of a Senior Citizens Center; and

Approval of Transfer of Property

WHEREAS, a certain alley leading from William Street to the Washington Irving School was intended to be included in the sale, but was inadvertently left out; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not now want to acquire title to the alley; and

WHEREAS, the Village does want to acquire title to the alley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the alley is of no use or value to the District and that the District would benefit more from the transfer of the alley; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the transfer of title to the alley between William Street and the former Washington Irving School to the Village of Catskill and authorizes the Board President and/or Superintendent of Schools to execute any and all documents to effectuate the transfer.

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

Personnel-Instructional

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby grants tenure to Lindsay Knott, in the Special Education tenure area, effective October 1, 2008.

Tenure Appointment
Lindsay Knott

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to MOVE and APPROVE the following resolutions regarding personnel. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the request of Kimberly Bushane for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, effective November 17, 2008 through January 9, 2009.

Leave of Absence
Kimberly Bushane

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the appointment of the following for the teacher mentoring program for the 2008-09 school year, at a stipend of \$500 per mentee.

Laurie Jeune	Bryan Sutton	Jodi Chirkis	Mary Hatton
Cheryl Cinatti	Doug Lampman	Denise Rivette	Ana Wong
Sue Ribsamen	Michael Piedmonte	Angela Halwick	

Appointments
Teacher Mentors
 Laurie Jeune
 Bryan Sutton
 Jodi Chirkis
 Mary Hatton
 Cheryl Cinatti
 Doug Lampman
 Denise Rivette
 Ana Wong
 Sue Ribsamen
 Michael Piedmonte
 Angela Halwick

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the additional 2008-09 District-wide Improvement Grants as follows:

Title	Teachers	Hr. Rate	Hours	Salary	Total
Wilson Foundations/Treasures Alignment Reading First Program	Angela Halwick	34.39	10	\$343.86	
	Christine Penet	39.33	10	\$393.33	
	April Ormerod	30.60	10	\$305.96	
					<i>\$1,043.16</i>

District-wide
Improvement Grants
 Angela Halwick
 Christine Penet
 April Omerod

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby adjusts the current Substitute Teacher list as attached.

Adjustment to
Substitute Teacher
List

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the June 25, 2008 Title IID Enhancing Education through Technology appointment of Elizabeth Levin as Smartboard Introduction/Read for More Instructor to show that it is for 6 hours at \$20 per hour.

Adjustment to
Appointment
 Elizabeth Levin

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following appointments for the After-School Program at Catskill Central School District, effective September 22, 2008 through June 30, 2009, contingent upon student participation:

Teacher	McDonnell, Brian	\$20/ Hour
Teacher	Smith, Bryan	\$20/ Hour
Teaching Assistant	Oravsky, MaryJane	\$16/ Hour
Teaching Assistant	Murphy, Heather	\$16/ Hour
Teaching Assistant	Reid, Andrew	\$16/ Hour
Teaching Assistant	Jaconski, Chad	\$16/ Hour
Substitute Teacher	Bushane, Kimberly	\$20/ Hour
Substitute Teacher	Morrison, Maryann	\$20/ Hour

After-School
Appointments
 Brian McDonnell
 Bryan Smith
 MaryJane Oravsky
 Heather Murphy
 Andrew Reid
 Chad Jaconski
 Kimberly Bushane
 Maryann Morrison

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Lisa Maloney as a short-term Substitute English Teacher at the Catskill High School, effective October 13, 2008 through December 23, 2008, and paid at the

Appointment
 Lisa Maloney

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.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Mary Warden as Teacher assigned to the Success Program, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and paid \$26.00 per hour.

Success Program
Appointments

Mary Warden

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Donna Overbaugh as 2 hr/day Teaching Assistant assigned to the Success Program, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and paid \$16.00 per hour.

Donna Overbaugh

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following appointments for the After-School Program at Catskill Central School District, effective September 22, 2008 through June 30, 2009, contingent upon student participation:

Personnel
Non-Instructional
After-School
Program

Monitor	Erceg, Barbara	\$12/ Hour
Monitor	Oravsky, MaryJane	\$12/ Hour
Monitor	Welthy, Tracy	\$12/ Hour
Monitor	Dushane, Patti	\$16/ Hour
Monitor	Haggerty, Amy	\$12/ Hour
Monitor	Enck, Judy	\$12/ Hour
Monitor	Jacob, Cyndi	\$12/ Hour
Substitute Monitor	Bloom, Barbara	\$12/ Hour
Substitute Mon/TA	Stacey, Shelly	\$16/Hr(TA) \$12/Hr(MN)
Substitute Mon/TA	Zwoboda, Deb	\$16/Hr(TA) \$12/Hr(MN)
Substitute Mon/TA	Overbaugh, Donna	\$16/Hr(TA) \$12/Hr(MN)
Substitute Mon/TA	Adamo, Debra	\$16/Hr(TA) \$12/Hr(MN)

Barbara Erceg
MaryJane Oravsky
Tracy Welthy
Patti Dushane
Amy Haggerty
Judy Enck
Cyndi Jacob
Barbara Bloom
Shelly Stacey
Deb Zwoboda
Donna Overbaugh
Debra Adamo

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby adjusts the current Non-Instructional Substitute list as attached.

Adjustment to Non-
Instructional
Substitute List

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Joyce Proper as 2 hr/day Teacher Aide assigned to the Success Program, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and paid \$15.00 per hour.

Success Program
Appointment
Joyce Proper

The Board hereby receives the Appropriation status report, from July1, 2008 through August 31, 2008, as submitted by the Treasurer.

Receiving of
Appropriation Status
Report

The Board hereby receives the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update, for the months ended July 31, 2008 and August 31, 2008, as submitted by the Extra-Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

Extra-Classroom
Activities Account
Update

A MOTION (Schilansky/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding the end of year library reports. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby accepts the year end Library Media Centers reports for the 2007-08 school year, as submitted by the Librarians.

Acceptance of
2007-08 Library-
Media Centers
Reports

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

WHEREAS, the District owns textbooks 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.

Approval of
Obsolete/Surplus
Textbooks

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

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

WHEREAS, the District owns Digital camera equipment which is 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.

Approval of
Obsolete/Surplus
Equipment

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

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

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 1/11/08, 2/26/08, 3/14/08, 3/18/08, 3/25/08, 3/26/08, 3/27/08, 3/28/08, 3/31/08, 4/1/08, 4/3/08, 4/7/08, 4/8/08, 4/11/08, 4/21/08, 4/23/08, 4/25/08, 4/29/08, 5/5/08, 5/7/08, 5/8/08, 5/9/08, 5/13/08, 5/16/08, 5/19/08, 5/22/08, 5/23/08, 5/29/08, 5/30/08, 6/2/08, 6/9/08, 6/10/08, 6/26/08, 7/30/08, 8/4/08 and 8/27/08 be approved.

Acceptance of
CSE/CPSE
Committee
Recommendations

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding Section 504 accommodations. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendations for student ID # 100417, 31000294 and 1001526 as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

Acceptance of
Section 504
Accommodation
Committee
Recommendations

A MOTION (Haas/Jones) to approve a resolution regarding student participation in sports (selection/classification program).

MOTION WITHDRAWN (Haas/Jones) to provide Superintendent an opportunity to

get more information and put this item on the next agenda.

A MOTION (Jones/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding a memorandum of agreement with the Catskill Administrators Association. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Catskill Central School District, that the Memorandum of Agreement with the Catskill Administrators Association pertaining to Article 1 (Recognition) to include Assistant Director of Special Education.

Approval of MOA with CAA

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby awards the AC portable unit bid to Home Depot at a per unit cost of \$420, including delivery.

Awarding of AC bid

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding a change order. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. 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</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>Previous Contract Amount</u>	<u>Revised Contract Amount</u>
A. CHS Rear Addition Project - (Project 005-015)				
1. Bast Hatfield-General Contractors				
6	Replace ceilings in abated areas of middle school as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$5,500.28	\$1,939,351.84	\$1,944,852.12
TOTAL CHS- Rear Addition Project- Project (005-015):		<u>\$5,500.28</u>		

Total Change Orders Approved for All Contractors included in this Resolution: \$5,500.28

See the attached Change Order Summary Report for construction contractors on each of the above listed Projects.

Board Committee Reports

E. Holsopple reported that the Buildings walkthrough will be on October 8, 2008. Board President J. Garafalo reported that the workshop meeting scheduled for October 8, 2008 will be canceled to allow time for the building walkthrough.

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:
October 8, 2008 – Buildings Walkthrough – 6:30 PM

Future Meetings

October 29, 2008 – Regular Meeting – CHS Cafeteria – 7:30 PM
 November 12, 2008 – Board Retreat – CGCC – 6:30 PM
 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 - 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 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

Beverly Cotten gave an update on the enrollment status.

Enrollment Report

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell reported that the Team Spirit Cat which is being donated to the district was designed by one of our students. Dr. Farrell also reported that we now have a button machine and buttons were made at Parents, Partners and Pancakes.

D. Scannapieco reported that Back to school nights at CES had a good attendance and a great start for the year.

The board took a fifteen minute break

Break

L. Warner left the table at 7:50 PM

A MOTION (Schilansky/Leibowitz) to go into executive session at 7:55 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for
Executive Session

L. Warner returned to the table at 7:56 PM

There was a consensus to return to public session at 8:30 PM

Return to Public
Session

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

Adjournment

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-533 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.