

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Catskill, New York
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 29, 2008
 CHS Library
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bulich (arrived at 6:35 PM), J. Garafalo, R. Griffin (arrived at 6:34 PM), K. Haas, A. Jones, M. Leibowitz, L. Warner, C. Schilansky

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Holsopple

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 PM by Board President Garafalo and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

A MOTION (Schilansky/Jones) to go into executive session at 6:33 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

R. Griffin arrived at 6:34 PM

M. Bulich arrived at 6:35 PM

There was a consensus to return to public session at 7:20 PM

Return to Public Session

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the September 24, 2008 and October 22, 2008 Meeting minutes. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

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

Visitor Recognition

Dr. Farrell reported that the Catskill Elementary Student Council and the Catskill Elementary Chorus will be at the Colonie Mall on Saturday, November 1st. There will be a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 7th at 9:30 AM in the High School Auditorium. We will also be having a Nickel Social at Catskill Elementary School, sponsored by Ulster Greene ARC, on Saturday at 11:45 AM. Dr. Farrell also reported that we are looking for a host family for a foreign exchange teacher starting in January.

Superintendent's Report

Board President, J. Garafalo and Village Trustee President, Vincent Seeley gave the Oath of Office to the Catskill Elementary School Student Council Officers. Barbara Erceg and Jodie Chirkis, Student Council Advisors, assisted in the administration of the Oath of Office to the following Officers:

Madison Pagano - President
 Carly Bulich - Vice President
 Nikolas Kimmel - Treasurer
 Isabelle Dodig - Secretary

Catskill Elementary School Student Government Officers Oaths

Elizabeth Loebbaka gave a report on the Medicaid audit report. The report indicated ways to correct issues that had arisen. Celeste DeCicco-Holz and Bob Lewis were present to answer any questions the board may have had.

Medicaid Report

Terry Damon gave the board a brief update report on the construction projects. For the slate roof portion of the project we still need the bay window for the copper roofs. For Phase II, the rear addition to the High School, we are proceeding well, half of the addition has temperature control and painting has been started. We should be weather-tight by next week. For Phase III, the front of the High School, the foundation has been started.

Armlin Damon and
McMordie

C. Schilansky reported that the Policy committee has not met yet and needs to set up a meeting.

Board Report

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

Personnel-
Instructional
Resignations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the resignation of Michael Schantz from his position as Business Teacher at Catskill High School, effective June 30, 2009, for the purposes of retirement.

Michael Schantz

A MOTION (Jones/ Griffin) to MOVE and APPROVE the following resolutions regarding personnel. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Jones, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No

Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the following unpaid leave of absence request from Mariajosé Gómez, per article 9.12 of the CTA contract, effective October 8, 2008 through November 26, 2008.

Mariajosé Gómez

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the request of Denise Marsh for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, effective January 12, 2009 through April 20, 2009.

Denise Marsh

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the June 25, 2008 leave of absence request of Tisha Alvarez to show that the leave is effective September 2, 2008 through November 6, 2008.

Tisha Alvarez

Success Program
Appointments

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

Patti Payne

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

Melanie Banks

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

Shelly Stacey

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

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Dawn Valk as 2 hr/day Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant assigned to the Success Program, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and paid \$26.00/\$16.00 per hour, respectively. Dawn Valk

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Megan Brown as Short-term Substitute School Psychologist, at the Catskill High School, effective September 24, 2008 through November 26, 2008, and paid at the 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. Personnel-Instructional Appointments
Megan Brown

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Amanda Leipman as Short-term Substitute Spanish Teacher, at the Catskill High School, effective October 8, 2008 through November 26, 2008, and paid at the 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. Amanda Leipman

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Amanda Leipman as Short-term Substitute Spanish Teacher, at the Catskill Middle School, effective January 12, 2009 through April 20, 2009, and paid at the 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. Amanda Leipman

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Katherine Steere as Short-term Substitute Library Media Specialist, at the Catskill Elementary School, effective September 3, 2008 through October 24, 2008, and paid at the 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. Katherine Steere

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby amends the August 20, 2008 GED Staff appointments to show that Maryann Morrison, Special Education Teacher and Robyn Porter, Regular Education Teacher will be paid at the rate of \$29.00 an hour per grant funding. Appointment Amendment GED Staff
Maryann Morrison
Robyn Porter

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following After-School Program Special Offerings appointments: After-School Program Offerings Appointments

After-School Program Special Offerings		Stipend
McDonnell, Brian	Lego Mindstorm kit program	\$ 400.00
Clancy, Colleen	Health awareness seminars	\$ 500.00
Taylor, David	History Club	\$ 500.00
Crocetta, Joseph	History Club	\$ 500.00
Hohenstein, Florence	Intro to Theatre, TV & Film	\$ 260.00

Brian McDonnell
 Colleen Clancy
 David Taylor
 Joseph Crocetta
 Florence Hohenstein

Personnel
Non-Instructional
Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Karen Doman as Food Service Helper, effective October 3, 2008 for personal reasons.

Karen Doman

Temporary Records
Clerk Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Brenda Pollack as Temporary Records Clerk, effective October 6, 2008 through the completion of the project or the exhaustion of the grant funds, and paid \$12.00 per hour per grant funding.

Brenda Pollack

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Suzanne Cantelmo as Temporary Records Clerk, effective October 6, 2008 through the completion of the project or the exhaustion of the grant funds, and paid \$12.00 per hour per grant funding.

Suzanne Cantelmo

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

Additional
Extra-curricular
Appointments

ADVISOR	ACTIVITIES	STIPEND
	High School	
Cecelia Sanson	Spanish Club	1218
Nancy Kunz	Audio Visual	1624

Cecelia Sanson
 Nancy Kunz

Non-Instructional
Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of JeanMarie Accardi as School Bus Attendant, 3hr/day, at the Catskill Central School District, effective October 27, 2008, and paid at the hourly rate of \$11.45.

JeanMarie Accardi

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Bernadette Rohr as Food Service Helper, 3hr/day, at the Catskill Central School District, effective October 27, 2008, and paid at the hourly rate of \$11.45.

Bernadette Rohr

Appointment
Amendment
Ambassador Club

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby amends the August 20, 2008 appointment of Patricia Schmidt, Elementary Level Ambassador Club Chair for the 2008-09 school year to show that she is a Co-Chair and that the corrected stipend is \$1,000.

Patricia Schmidt

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the appointment of Lisa Borgen, as Elementary Level Ambassador Club Co-Chair for the 2008-09 school year at a stipend of \$1,000.

Lisa Borgen

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding the treasurer’s report. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Jones, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby receives the September 2008 Treasurer’s reports as submitted by the Treasurer.

Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report

The Board hereby receives the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update, for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as submitted by the Extra-Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

Extra-Classroom Activities Account Quarterly Update

The Board hereby receives the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts Annual Report, as submitted by the Extra-Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

Extra-Classroom Activities Account Annual Report

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

Increase in Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the increase in hours from 5.5 to 6.0 for the position of Cashier, currently filled by Angela Seeley, at Catskill Central School District, effective October 30, 2008.

Cashier

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the increase in hours from 5.75 to 6.25 for the position of Food Service Helper, currently filled by Brenda Lubera, at Catskill Central School District, effective October 30, 2008.

Food Service Helper

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

Approval of Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of a Team Spirit Cat valued at \$950 from Kate Farrell, for school spirit at Catskill Central School District.

Kate Farrell

Dr. Farrell reported that one of our students designed the cat.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of ceramic tiles valued at \$200 from Kate Farrell, for art projects at Catskill Central School District.

Kate Farrell

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$96.26 from Target, for supervisory supplies at Catskill High School.

Target

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$500.00 from Kiwanis Club of Catskill, for Greater Sense of Place for the 2008-2009 school year at Catskill Middle School.

Kiwanis Club of Catskill

A MOTION (Schilansky/Leibowitz) to accept the first reading of the following policies. A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to amend the above motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies.

Approval of Policies

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 8332 – Use of Cell phones
Policy 8334 – Use of Credit Cards

Policy 8332
Policy 8334

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding an agreement for Internal Audit Services. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Intermunicipal agreement between the Rensselaer City School District and the Catskill School District, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, for the provision of Internal Auditor Services by the Rensselaer School District at a rate of \$650 per day, with a minimum of 10 days during the 2008-2009 year.

Approval of Intermunicipal Agreement for Internal Audit Services

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby accepts the Catskill, New York, Report on Examination of Financial Statements, Year Ended June 30, 2008 from the firm of Alexander Varga, Certified Public Accountants of Catskill, New York.

Acceptance of Report on Examination of Financial Statements

A MOTION (Jones/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding the leave request for a Clarke Scholarship recipient. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals of

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship Committee to approve a Leave of Absence for a Class of 2006 Clarke Scholarship recipient, student number 300107 for one additional semester pursuant to the established Clarke Scholarship Guidelines.

Clarke Scholarship Recipient Leave of Absence

A MOTION (Leibowitz/Schilansky) to approve the following resolution regarding the leave request for a Clarke Scholarship recipient. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarke Scholarship
Recipient Leave of
Absence

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship Committee to approve a Leave of Absence for a Class of 2007 Clarke Scholarship recipient, student number 200052 for one additional semester pursuant to the established Clarke Scholarship Guidelines.

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

Selection
Classification
Program

WHEREAS, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a Board of Education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, these pupils are to be placed at levels of competition appropriate to their psychological maturity, physical fitness and skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department issues the standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Selection/Classification Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Catskill Central School District Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete under the Selection/Classification Program in all sports.

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding CSE/CPSE recommendations. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Jones, Leibowitz, Schilansky, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No.

Acceptance of
CSE/CPSE
Committee
Recommendations

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 9/16/08, 9/19/08, 9/30/08, 10/01/08, 10/03/08, 10/07/08 and 10/15/08 be approved.

A MOTION (Jones/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding Section 504 accommodations. A MOTION (Schilansky/Griffin) to amend resolution to include employees. VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of
Section 504
Accommodation
Committee
Recommendations

Recommendation: The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendations for students ID #31000205, #100763, 1001804, 30 and #101284 as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the following resolution regarding a memorandum of agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association.

VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of MOA
with CSEA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby approves Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Custodial Employees.

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

Approval of
Change Order

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. Bast Hatfield Inc.-General Contractor				
7	Provide ceiling insulation in the abated areas of the Middle School directed the Architect due a discovered condition.	\$2,201.85	\$1,944,852.12	\$1,947,053.97
8	Removal of window partition and provide additional cabinetry in art room as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	\$3,317.29	\$1,947,053.97	\$1,950,371.26
9	Provide a gravel walkway as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	\$439.47	\$1,950,371.26	\$1,950,810.73
10	Revise drainage and provide concrete steps as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$700.35	\$1,950,810.73	\$1,951,511.08
11	Provide upgrade in window treatments as directed by the Architect per the districts'.	\$1,774.00	\$1,951,511.08	\$1,953,285.08
12	Furnish and install additional mental framing to accommodate roof drain pipe diameter as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$1,962.00	\$1,953,285.08	\$1,955,247.08

2. Harold R. Clune, Inc-Electric Contractor

1	Deletion of storage room in art room as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	(\$2,321.25)	\$185,200.00	\$182,878.75
2	Repair existing fiber optic line as directed by the Architect per the districts request.	\$464.06	\$182,878.75	\$183,342.81
3	Provide additional asbestos abatement in middle school as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	\$4,723.87	\$183,342.81	\$188,066.68
4	Provide wiring, conduit and fixture removal in high school as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$521.65	\$188,066.68	\$188,588.33
5	Modify light pendants in high school class rooms as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$524.75	\$188,588.33	\$189,113.08

Approval of
Change Order

**TOTAL CHS- Rear
Addition Project- Project
(005-015):** \$14,308.04

**Total Change Orders Approved for All
Contractors included in this Resolution:** \$14,308.04

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

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

There were two people who addressed the board regarding recess at Catskill Elementary School.

Visitor Recognition

M. Bulich left the table at 8:32 PM and returned at 8:40 PM

Dr. Farrell reported that students can request to do something else with other students if they want to.

The board took a five minute break.

Break

A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to go into executive session at 9:10 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was a consensus at 9:25 PM to return to public session.

Public Session

A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 8-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

*Note: 1-542 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.