

**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Catskill, New York  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**November 19, 2008**  
 CHS Library  
**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Bulich, J. Garafalo, R. Griffin, K. Haas (arrived at 7:10 PM), E. Holsopple, M. Leibowitz, L. Warner

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** A. Jones, C. Schilansky

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

The regular 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

*A MOTION (Griffin/Jones) to approve the October 29, 2008 Board Meeting minutes.* Approval of Minutes  
**VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Dr. Farrell reported that there will be two presentations and one report tonight. Superintendent's Report

William DeLuca of the Catskill Educational Foundation presented a check to Angela Halwick for the Elmo Project at the Catskill Elementary School. A. Halwick gave a brief presentation on the Elmo projectors and how she incorporates its use in the classroom. Catskill Educational Foundation  
Elmo Project

Dr. Farrell thanked the Catskill Educational Foundation for the check.

K. Haas arrived at 7:10 PM

Bill Catsellane and Deborah Johnson gave a presentation on the Pre-K program curriculum goal setting. Pre-K Presentation

Terry Damon of Armlin Damon & McMordie gave the following updates on the ongoing construction projects: Armlin Damon & McMordie Report

For the EXCEL Phase 1 – Middle School Slate Roof Replacement Project  
 The only work that remains to be completed is the removal and replacement of the copper roofs at the two science room bay windows.

For the EXCEL Phase 2 – Classroom Addition at the High School  
 The exterior of the addition is nearing completion. The metal roof coping is being installed this week and the exterior caulking will be completed as the

weather/temperature permits. The access drive/walkway at the rear of the building is being prepared for sub-base/pavement as weather permits.

The permanent/perimeter baseboard (fin-tube) heating system is operational. All of the classrooms have been painted and the ceiling grid, ceiling tiles and lights have been installed. The casework/cabinetry has been delivered to all classrooms and the installation has begun.

Armlin Damon &  
McMordie Report

The corridor ceiling grid and drywall work has been substantially completed and the lights have been installed. Corridor ceiling tile installation has begun and will be completed by the end of the week.

Preliminary punch lists will be prepared starting the week of 11/24 for all prime contractors and all work remains on schedule for “substantial completion” by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that the Board of Education take a tour of the new addition at the next Board meeting, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

For the EXCEL Phase 3 – Additions/Renovations at the Front of High School/Annex

The excavation and installation of the footings and foundation walls is underway. This work has been substantially completed from the existing Middle School building across the front of the annex and High School library and the backfill of these footings/foundations walls is scheduled to begin the week of November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The excavation has begun on the south side of the main entrance of the High School for the footings/foundation to accommodate the reconfiguration/expansion of the High School administrative office area.

The relocation of the classrooms in the Annex (101, 108 A, 108 B and 110) is scheduled to begin on November 21<sup>st</sup>, as required to allow for the commencement of the work to be done “inside” the existing building. The contractor will begin the layout and preparation for the construction of the “hard wall” barrier the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For the EXCEL Phase 4 – Elementary School Improvements/Pre-K

The plans are being finalized for submission to the State Education Department and will include technology upgrades, renovations/modifications which are required to accommodate the Pre-K program and upgrades to outdoor playgrounds.

There was no board report.

Board Report

***A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding tenure.***

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

Personnel  
Instructional  
Tenure

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby grants tenure to Colleen Jones, in the Social Studies 7-12 tenure area, effective December 1, 2008.

Colleen Jones

***A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to MOVE and APPROVE the following resolutions regarding personnel.***

***A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to amend the above motion to exclude the Clerk/Typist position at Catskill Elementary School.***

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

***VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No***

Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the following leave of absence request from Tiffany Patounas, per the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective January 20, 2009 through April 24, 2009, and per Article 9.6 of the CTA contract, effective April 25, 2009 until June 30, 2009.

Tiffany Patounas

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the board hereby approves the following leave of absence request from Tenaya Maestri, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective January 5, 2009 through April 6, 2009.

Tenaya Maestri

Personnel  
Instructional  
Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Christina Fabbie as a CPSE/CSE Chairperson, effective November 13, 2008 until June 30, 2009, at no additional compensation.

Christina Fabbie

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

Substitute Teacher  
List Adjustment

Personnel  
Non-Instructional  
Resignations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Diane Ashley as Teacher Aide, effective November 7, 2008 to accept another position outside the district.

Diane Ashley

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Diane Ashley as Monitor, effective November 7, 2008 to accept another position outside the district.

Rescind  
Extra-curricular  
Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby rescinds the extracurricular appointment of Richard Mandigo as B/G MS Wrestling Coach at Catskill Middle School, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Richard Mandigo

Personnel Non-  
Instructional  
Appointments  
Susan Heath

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the six-month probationary appointment of Susan Heath as 2.5 hr/day Monitor, at the Catskill Elementary School, effective November 13, 2008, and paid at the hourly rate of \$11.45 (salary category H of the CSEA Agreement).

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the following appointments for the 2008-09 school year.

Sports Appointments

<b>ADVISOR</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>STIPEND</b>
Joe Crocetta	Mod. Basketball Game Clock Operator	\$20 per event
Katelyn Maggio	Girls Basketball Game Clock & 30 Second Clock Operator	\$20 per event
Mersud Hodzic	Girls Basketball Game Clock & 30 Second Clock Operator	\$20 per event
Mei Yuk Chan	Volleyball Scoreboard/Clock Operator	\$20 per event
Timothy McCarthy	Boys Basketball Game Clock Operator	\$20 per event

Joe Crocetta

Katelyn Maggio

Mersud Hodzic

Mei Yuk Chan

Timothy McCarthy

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

Additional  
Extra-curricular  
Appointment

ADVISOR	ACTIVITY	STIPEND
	<b>SPORTS</b>	
Frank Pavlin	B/G MS Wrestling	1421

Frank Pavlin

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

Non-Instructional  
Substitute List  
Adjustment

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the following Transportation Contracts for the transportation of our students:

- Cossackie Transport
- ❖ Tech Valley School Run \$100.00/day

Awarding of  
Transportation Bid  
Cossackie Transport

The Board hereby receives the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update, for the month ended October 31, 2008, as submitted by the Extra-Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

Extra-Classroom  
Activities Account  
Update

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

Approval of  
Donations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of an Olympus Digital Camera, memory card, charger, UV filter valued at \$700 from Brian McDonnell, for the Camera Club at Catskill Central School District.

Brian McDonnell

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the donation of \$19.29 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc., to be used towards the cost of umbrellas for outdoor supervisors for students at Catskill Central School District.

Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the establishment of a scholarship. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approvals of

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby establishes the Barry Hopkins Art Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$10,000 which will be awarded for ten years at \$1,000 annually, to graduating senior who will be pursuing a degree in the arts (CHS scholarship committee to select recipient, funds to be managed by Linda Overbaugh of the Heart of Catskill).

Establishment of  
Scholarship

***A MOTION (Griffin/Bulich) to approve the following resolution regarding the Compassionate Citizen's Scholarship. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Approval of

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby dissolves the Compassionate Citizen's scholarship and authorizes the return of any remaining monies to the donor, Maria Rothrock.

Dissolve  
Compassionate  
Citizen's Scholarship

***A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding the Section 504 Accommodation Committee Recommendations.***

***A MOTION (Griffin/Haas) to withdraw the above motion until after the executive session. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. 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 student ID # 31000606 and staff ID # 1024 as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

***A MOTION (Holsopple/Bulich) to approve the following resolution regarding the discontinuation of an award. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Approvals of

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship Committee to discontinue the award for the Class of 2005 Clarke Scholarship recipient, student number 300592, pursuant to the established Clarke Scholarship Guidelines.

Discontinuation of  
Clarke Scholarship  
Award

***A MOTION (Griffin/Bulich) to approve the following resolution regarding the discontinuation of an award. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship Committee to discontinue the award for the Class of 2005 Clarke Scholarship recipient, student number 300462, pursuant to the established Clarke Scholarship Guidelines.

Discontinuation of  
Clarke Scholarship  
Award

***A MOTION (Warner/Griffin) to approve the following resolution regarding the discontinuation of an award. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship Committee to discontinue the award for the Class of 2008 Clarke Scholarship recipient, student number 200111, pursuant to the established Clarke Scholarship Guidelines.

Discontinuation of  
Clarke Scholarship  
Award

***A MOTION (Holsopple/Haas) to approve the following resolution regarding change orders. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No.***

**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 Orders

<u>Change Order No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>Previous Contract Amount</u>	<u>Revised Contract Amount</u>
<b><u>A. CHS Rear Addition Project - (Project 005-015)</u></b>				
<b>1. Bast Hatfield Inc.-General Contractor</b>				
13	Provide dropped soffits in classrooms to enclose ductwork installed at a lower elevation as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$2,374.00	\$1,955,247.08	\$1,957,621.08
14	Provide additional aluminum soffits in ceilings of class rooms in high school addition as directed by the Architect due to a discovered condition.	\$2,927.00	\$1,957,621.08	\$1,960,548.08
15	Install a new exterior door and hardware for the existing high school boiler room as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	\$4,620.12	\$1,960,548.08	\$1,965,168.20
16	Provide additional excavation and sub-base for the driveway/walkway at the rear of new addition as directed by the Architect per the district's request.	\$4,075.00	\$1,965,168.20	\$1,969,243.20
	<b>TOTAL CHS- Rear Addition Project- Project (005-015):</b>	<b><u>\$13,996.12</u></b>		

Change Orders

**Total Change Orders Approved for All Contractors included in this Resolution: \$13,996.12**

Future Meetings of the Board of Education are as follows:

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

Future Meetings

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 was no one who wished to address the board.

Visitor Recognition

The board took a fifteen minute break.

Break

K. Haas left the table at 8:35 PM

***A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to go into executive session at 8:40 PM for the purpose of the performance history of particular individuals. VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Executive Session

K. Haas returned to the table at 8:41 PM

There was a consensus at 9:30 PM to return to public session.

Public Session

***A MOTION (Griffin/Leibowitz) to approve the following resolution regarding a personnel appointment. VOTE: Yes: Garafalo, Griffin, Haas, Holsopple, Leibowitz, Warner; No: Bulich. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No.***

Personnel Non-Instructional Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board hereby approves the six-month probationary appointment of Justin McClain as a Clerk/Typist assigned to the Special Education office at Catskill Elementary School, effective October 29, 2008 at an annual salary of \$22,517, prorated, (salary category B of the CSEA Agreement).

Justin McClain

***A MOTION (Leibowitz/Warner) to approve the following resolution regarding the Section 504 Accommodation Committee Recommendations. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. 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 student ID # 31000606 and staff ID # 1024 as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

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

Acceptance of CSE/CPSE Committee Recommendations

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 9/23/08, 10/01/08, 10/08/08, 10/15/08, 10/20/08, 10/23/08, 10/27/08 and 11/04/08 be approved.

***A MOTION (Leibowitz/Bulich) to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM. VOTE: Unanimous, 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.***

Adjournment

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Donna Van Kleeck, District Clerk

\*Note: 1-552 would include minutes from previous meetings since July 1, 2005.