

**COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education  
Cohoes, New York  
Cohoes Middle School Library**

**Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

(The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into an executive session subject to Board approval.)

**MINUTES**

I. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Mr. McDonald.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Nolin  
Mr. Rizzo  
Mr. Baran  
Mr. McDonald

Excused: Mrs. Frangie  
Mr. Pascale  
Mrs. Giller

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, Superintendent  
Ms. Peggy O’Shea, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

**MOTION:** To accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 25, 2017.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo  
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Nolin  
Motion carried 4-0

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Students from all three elementary schools performed a song from the upcoming musical, *Seussical*.
- B. Van Schaick Principal, Mrs. DeChiaro and Cohoes Community Center UPK Director, Tammy DiCocco, provided the Board with an update on the Pre-K Program for both three and four-year-old children located at both Abram Lansing and Van Schaick Elementary Schools.
- C. Assemblymember John McDonald provided the Board with an update on the NYS budget as well as a brief overview of the actual process.
- D. Paul Lamoy, Director of Facilities, provided the Board with an update on the costs associated with a possible relocation of the Administration Center staff from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Cohoes Middle School to the Page Avenue facility.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Business and Operations

Stacy Mackey, School Business Official, presented the Board with a long-range financial outlook for the period of 2017 – 2019.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

V. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 01/10/17, 01/13/17, 01/19/17, 01/20/17, 01/23/17, 01/26/17 and 02/02/17.

B. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VII (D) of the January 25, 2017 Minutes as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2017 Board of Voter Registration at no additional compensation: Jacqueline DeChiaro, ~~Laura Manzer~~ **Carla Rogers**, Cliff Bird, Kelly Daigneault and Mary Rumsey.

C. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in the amount of \$1,500 to be used for Arts & Education at Abram Lansing Elementary School.

D. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2016/17 Budget in the amount of \$1,500 for Arts in Education at Abram Lansing Elementary School.

E. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$244 from parents of Cohoes Middle School students for field trip transportation costs.

F. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2016/17 Budget in the amount of \$244 to cover transportation for Cohoes Middle School field trips.

G. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with North Colonie Central School District, 91 Fiddlers Lane, Latham, NY 12110 to provide health services to students residing in Cohoes City School District and attending school within North Colonie School District at the rate of \$596.97 per student for the 2016/17 school year.

H. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with South Colonie Central School District, 102 Loralee Drive, NY 12205 to provide health services to

students residing in Cohoes City School District and attending school within South Colonie School District at the rate of \$688.07 per student for the 2016/17 school year.

- I. THAT the Board of Education approves the following item as surplus for disposal due to broken LCD and keyboard:

Lenovo Laptop Model X120e, Serial# LR4LCF4, Asset #20092240, located in the basement at Van Schaick Grade School.

- J. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution for security upgrades:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District is proposing to undertake a project consisting of district-wide security camera and door access control upgrades at Abram Lansing Elementary, Harmony Hill Elementary, Van Schaick Grade, Cohoes Middle and Cohoes High Schools funded through the Smart School Investment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorizes the upgrades.

- K. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution pertaining to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project consisting of district-wide security camera and door access control upgrades at Abram Lansing Elementary, Harmony Hill Elementary, Van Schaick Grade, Cohoes Middle and Cohoes High Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the SEQRA and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action in its capacity as Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves district-wide security camera and door access control upgrades at Abram Lansing Elementary, Harmony Hill Elementary, Van Schaick Grade, Cohoes Middle and Cohoes High Schools.
2. The proposed project represents a routine activity of an educational

institution within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5c(8).

- 3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c) and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action with the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5 and, therefore, is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

**VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL**

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

- A. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual to the Substitute Teacher and Tutor list:

Peter Merchant  
Effective: February 9, 2017

- B. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VIII (F) of the December 14, 2016 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints the following individual to the Long-Term Substitute Teacher list on an emergency conditional basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from the individual regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. The individual’s continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District’s receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that he is fully cleared for employment.

Phillip Bachmann  
 Position..... Long-Term Substitute Social Worker  
 Tenure Area..... Social Worker  
 Effective Date..... December 5, 2016 through ~~January 30, 2017~~ **February 2, 2017**  
 Salary..... Step 1 of the current CTA contract  
 Reason..... Filling Medical Leave (Marcil)

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

- C. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa McGovern from her position as Part-Time Teacher Aide.  
Effective: February 10, 2016

- D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Cleaner Substitute List, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointment is a temporary appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from the individual regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. The individual's continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that he/she is fully cleared for employment

Sean VanSleet  
Effective: February 6, 2017

- E. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Cleaner Substitute List, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointments are a temporary appointment.

Nicholas Rumsey  
Effective: February 2, 2017

- F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Aprille Overocker to the position of Part-Time Teacher Aide, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointment is a temporary appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from Ms. Overocker regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. Her continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice, from the Commissioner of Education, that she is fully cleared for employment.

Aprille Overocker  
 Position.....Part-Time Teacher Aide (HHS)  
 Effective Date..... February 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017  
 Salary.....\$9.75 per hour  
 Reason .....Replaces Lisa McGovern

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

- A. I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:
  - 1. Warrants – January 2017
  - 2. Budget Transfers
  - 3. Budget Status Reports
  - 4. Bank Reconciliation Report
  - 5. Extracurricular Activity Report
  - 6. Internal Claims Audit Report

**BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** THAT the Board of Education adopts the following Resolutions of the February 8, 2017 Agenda:

**VII (A-K); VIII (A-F) and X (A)**

Moved by: Mr. Baran  
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo  
Motion carried 4-0

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Special Olympics New York to be used for Unified Sports.
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of a laptop from Donor’s Choose valued at \$399 to assist students with disabilities.

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

**Second Reading:**

- 2000 – Board Operational Goals
- 2100 – School Board Legal Status
- 2110 – School Board Powers and Duties
- 2120 – School Board Elections
  - 2120.1 – Candidates and Campaigning
  - 2120.2 – Voting Procedures
- 2121 – Board Member Qualifications
- 2150 – Filling Board Vacancies
- 2160 – School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
- 2210 – Board Reorganizational Meeting

**XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**March 1, 2017**, Workshop, Cohoes Middle School, Administration Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at 6:00 p.m.

**March 15, 2017**, Budget Workshop, Cohoes Middle School, Administration Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at 6:00 p.m.

**March 29, 2017**, Regular Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m

**MOTION:** THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining with the Cohoes Principals and the Civil Service Employees Associations.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin  
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Baran  
Motion carried 4-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:50 PM**

Present: Mr. Nolin  
Mr. Rizzo  
Mr. Baran  
Mr. McDonald

Excused: Mrs. Frangie  
Mr. Pascale  
Mrs. Giller

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, Superintendent  
Ms. Peggy O’Shea, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

**DISCUSSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin  
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Baran  
Motion carried 4-0

District Clerk