

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Cohoes Middle School – 3rd Fl. Conf. Rm.

Special Meeting
September 7, 2016
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 6:01 p.m. by the Board President, Mr. McDonald.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Mr. Nolin
Mrs. Rizzo
Mrs. Frangie
Mr. Baran
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Giller
Mr. McDonald

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

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

A. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Kristina Laverde to a four-year conditional term in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective September 1, 2016 and expiring on August 31, 2020 on an emergency conditional basis. Ms. Laverde holds Initial Certification in the area of English Language Arts 7-12.

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

Kristina Laverde
Position1.0 Teacher Assistant
CertificationEnglish Language Arts 7-12

Tenure Area..... Teacher Assistant
Effective Date September 1, 2016
Tenure Date..... August 31, 2020
Salary Step 1 of the current CTA contract
Reason.....replaces Dominic Bondi

B. THAT the Board of Education approves a salary increase due to additional teaching assignments for the following individuals for the 2016-2017 school year:

Elaine Briceland - 0.2 FTE as per CTA contract –
Special Education (1.2 FTE total)

Lindsay Fontaine - 0.2 FTE as per CTA contract –
Special Education (1.2 FTE total)

Effective: September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

C. THAT the Board of Education creates the following position:
0.4 FTE Parent Liaison

D. Lisa Burgess
Position 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide (VSGS)
Effective Date September 1, 2016
Probation Period..... February 28, 2017
SalaryEntry level per current CSEA contract
Reason.....Replaces Stacey Nolan

E. Brittney Hunt
Position 0.4 FTE Parent Liaison (1.0 FTE Total)
Effective Date September 1, 2016
Probation Period.....N/A
Salary Per CSEA contract
Reason..... BOE newly created

F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Lori LaMere 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. LaMere 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.

Lori LaMere

PositionPart-Time Teacher Aide
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary 9.00 per hour
Reason.....Replaces Lizbeth Darmetko

- G. THAT the Board of Education authorizes the addition of days not to exceed three (or 15 hours) at the per diem rate of Susan Monson for 2016 summer work.

- H. Mary Opalka

Position Part-Time Medicaid Clerk
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary Per diem rate

- I. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Stephanie Skawinski 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. Skawinski 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.

Stephanie Skawinski

PositionPart-Time Teacher Aide
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary \$9.00 per hour
Reason.....Replaces Stacy Grudecki

- J. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Nicole Stowell 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. Stowell 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.

Nicole Stowell

PositionPart-Time Teacher Aide
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary \$9.00 per hour
Reason..... Replaces Taylor Carey

- K. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Justine Westcott 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. Westcott 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.

Justine Wescott

PositionPart-Time Teacher Aide
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary \$9.00 per hour
Reason.....Susan Krul

- L. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Part-Time Teacher Aides for the 2016-17 school year.

VAN SCHAICK SCHOOL

Stacy Clement
Cheryl Dillman
Colleen Hopeck

HARMONY HILL SCHOOL

Jill Baran
Sherri Dan
Gail Friedman
Lisa McGovern
Cathy Rogowski
Kathy Valente
Chelsea Dan - Substitute

ABRAM LANSING SCHOOL

Andrea Bastian
Lisa Buck
Elizabeth Diaz
Sheila Farrigan
Bernadette Glynn
Wendy Pondillo
Patricia Spain
Sandra Smith

PAGE AVENUE

Mary Bagley

ADDENDA

M. THAT the Board of Education creates the following position:
1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher

N. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Irlene Mayo to a four-year conditional term in the tenure area of Elementary effective September 1, 2016 and expiring on August 31, 2020 on an emergency conditional basis. Ms. Mayo holds Professional Certification in the areas of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2).

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

Irlene Mayo

Position 1.0 Elementary Teacher
Certification Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
Tenure Area..... Elementary
Effective Date September 1, 2016
Tenure Date..... August 31, 2020
Salary Step 1 of the current CTA contract
Reason.....BOE Newly Created

O. THAT the Board of Education approves the Code of Conduct for the Cohoes High School.

P. THAT the Board of Education approves the Agreement between the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Teachers’ Association and John Gelatt dated September 7, 2016.

Q. THAT the Board of Education approves the unpaid Leave of Absence request for John Gelatt for September 1, 2016 through November 4, 2016.

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

John Gelatt

Effective: September 1, 2016

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education tables **II (O)** from the September 7, 2016 Agenda.

Moved by: Mr. Baran
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo
Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education removes **II (L)** from the September 7, 2016 Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Frangie
Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution of the September 7, 2016 Agenda:

II (L)

Moved by: Mrs. Frangie
Voted “Aye” – Mr. Nolin
Mrs. Rizzo
Mrs. Frangie
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Giller
Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo
Motion carried 6-0

Abstained: Mr. Baran

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following Resolutions of the September 7, 2016 Agenda:

II (A-K, M-N, P-R)

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Frangie
Motion carried 7-0

III. DISCUSSION

IV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

September 21, 2016, Regular, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Pascale
Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:39 PM

Present: Mr. Nolin
Mrs. Rizzo
Mrs. Frangie
Mr. Baran
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Giller
Mr. McDonald

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

DISCUSSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Baran
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Pascale
Motion carried 7-0

District Clerk