

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Cohoes Middle School Library

Regular Meeting
October 19, 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 6:00 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
Ms. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of September 21, 2016 and October 5, 2016.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Baran
Motion carried 7-0

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Van Schaick Grade School’s BLT provided the Board with a video presentation and gifts made by the students thanking them for all their hard work and dedication.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Curriculum and Instruction

Dan Martinelli, Principal at Cohoes Middle School, provided a presentation *CMS by the Numbers* for the 2015-16 school year.

Business and Operations

Stacy Mackey, School Business Official, led the Smart Schools Public Hearing detailing the proposed expenditures for the Smart Schools Bond Investment Plan.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

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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: 6/2/16, 6/16/16, 7/13/16, 8/11/16, 8/17/16, 8/23/16, 8/26/16, 9/2/16, 9/8/16, 9/15/16, 9/19/16, 9/20/16, 10/3/16, 10/4/16, 10/5/16, 10/6/16 and 10/11/16.
- B. THAT the Board of Education approves the 2015/16 Independent Auditor's Report as prepared by the firm of Stark & Basila, Certified Public Accountants and the Corrective Action Plan thereto as prepared by the School Business Official.
- C. THAT the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan for the July 2016 Budgeting Audit Report as prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller.
- D. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Achievements PLLC, 623 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12210 for provision of services to students as needed at contracted rates for the 2016/17 ESY from July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016.
- E. THAT the Board of Education approves Smart Schools Investment Plan pending SED approval.
- F. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with the Research Foundation of the State University of New York at Albany for the period 8/1/16 – 7/31/17.
- G. THAT the Board of Education approves an Agreement with the Pauline K. Winkler Speech-Language-Hearing Center located at the College of St. Rose, 432 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 for completion of an Independent Speech-Language Evaluation for a Cohoes student at the rate of \$175 (or \$158 if fee is paid prior to or on the date of scheduled evaluation).
- H. THAT the Board of Education waives the facility use fee of \$200 per day outlined in Policy 1500 for use of district facilities as indicated on the facilities use forms:

<u>REQUESTOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>SY 2016/2017</u>
Women's Basketball Umps	Meetings	Nov 7 & Feb 12-CHS
Cohoes Soccer Club	Practice	Oct 15-May 1 CHS Gyms-M,T,W
Cohoes Soccer Club	Practice	Oct 15-May 1 VSGS Mondays
City Mentor in Motion	Runner Workouts	Oct 11-Nov 8 ALS Rm 107

- I. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from Five Rivers Ltd. in the amount of \$415.65 for students from Abram Lansing Elementary and Harmony Hill Elementary schools to visit the Five Rivers Environmental Center.

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- J. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2016/17 Budget in the amount of \$415.65 to cover transportation expenses for students to visit the Five Rivers Environmental Center.
- K. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from Harmony Hill School PTA in the amount of \$484.10 for Kindergarten students from Harmony Hill Elementary school to visit Bowman Orchards on October 14, 2016.
- L. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2016/17 Budget in the amount of \$484.10 to cover transportation expenses for students to visit Bowman Orchards on October 14, 2016.
- M. THAT the Board of Education adopts the following Resolution consenting to the adoption of a revised Trust Agreement by the Board of Trustees of the Capital Area Schools Health Insurance Consortium.

WHEREAS, Cohoes City School District is a member of the Capital Area School Health Insurance Consortium (“CASHIC”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of CASHIC seeks to adopt a revised Trust Agreement, to clarify certain provisions in the original Trust Agreement and ensure the continued effective operation of CASHIC; and

WHEREAS, amendments to CASHIC’s Trust Agreement require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of CASHIC’s Member Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, due deliberation having been had, **BE IT RESOLVED**:

THAT the Cohoes City School District hereby consents to the amendment of the CASHIC Trust Agreement and the adoption of the Trust Agreement proposed by CASHIC’s Board of Trustees.

THAT Cohoes City School District be authorized to execute the Written Consent provided by CASHIC’s Board of Trustees.

THAT one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent, along with the executed Written Consent, to CASHIC’s attorneys at the following address:

Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O’Shea
40 Beaver Street
Albany, New York 12207
Attn: Richard C. Reilly, Esq.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Eleftheria Kananis

Effective: October 11, 2016

Jonathan Albert

Kathy Cioppa

Catherine Coons

Vanessa Couse

Bethany Cusick

Jessica Flood

Olivia Fussner

Dylan Hedderman

Megan Klein

Megan Manchester

Stephen Marquart

Danielle McGee

Adriana Mendez

Hannah Miner

Christopher Palumbo

Diana Regus

Brittany Rock

Samuel South

Jennifer Vendetti

Cante Yacobellis

Effective: October 20, 2016

- B. THAT the Board of Education appoints Karen Gaul as Teacher Leader for the Teacher Leader Quality Partnership (TLQP) Grant for the 2016-17 school year. (Position is required and grant funded.)

- C. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the Building Leadership Teams listed below for the 2016-17 school year.

Cohoes Middle School

Patty Caputo (all year)

Carrie Briggs (all year)

Abram Lansing Elementary School

Jennifer Crucetti (Effective: October 12, 2016)

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- D. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Janine Brooks as member of the Abram Lansing Elementary School's Building Leadership Team.

Effective: September 19, 2016

- E. THAT the Board of Education approves Cynthia Dawkins at her per diem rate, not to exceed fifteen (15) days for the 2016-17 school year.

- F. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Advisors to the Clubs & Activities listed for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

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Intramurals 1, 2 & 3	Dan Gibson	1.0 FTE
Foreign Language	Amy Frost	1.0 FTE

G. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual to the Coaching position listed below for the 2016-17 school year, contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

Cheerleading – Volunteer	Kaileigh Zakrzewski	0.0 FTE
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H. William Moll

Position..... 1.0 FTE Building Maintenance Mechanic
 Effective Date.....November 1, 2016
 Probation period April 30, 2017
 Salary..... per CSEA contract
 Reasonreplaces George Bellerose
 received “Certification of Eligibles” from
Cohoes Municipal Civil Service Commission

I. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individuals 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these appointments are made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from each individual regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. Each 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.

Michael Peterson
 Jacob Taylor
Effective: October 4, 2016

J. Chelsea Dan

Position..... Part-Time Teacher Aide
 Effective Date..... September 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017
 Salary.....\$9.00 per hour
 ReasonReplaces Nicole Stowell

K. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Candi O’Brien 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. O'Brien 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.

Candi O'Brien

Position..... Part-Time Teacher Aide
Effective Date..... September 30, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Salary.....\$9.00 per hour
Reason Replaces Patricia Whiting

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:

1. Warrants – September 2016
2. Budget Transfers – September 2016
3. Budget Status Reports – September 2016
4. Bank Reconciliation Report– September 2016
5. Extracurricular Activity Report – September 2016
6. Internal Claims Audit Report – September 2016

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following Resolutions of the October 19, 2016 Agenda:

VII (A-M); VIII (A-K) and X (A)

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted "Aye"

Secondary: Mr. Baran
Motion carried 7-0

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education recognizes a donation in the amount of \$200 from the Cohoes Marconi Club in the *Memory of Keith McDermott* to be used as a CHS music grant.
- B. THAT the Board of Education recognizes a donation of the Mastodon sculpture from the artist, Tori Rodriguez, located at Abram Lansing Elementary School and valued at \$15,000.

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

5695 – Student Use of Personal Technology–BYOD – 1st Reading

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

November 2, 2016, Workshop, Cohoes Middle School Administration Center – 3rd Floor Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

November 16, 2016, Regular Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:42 to discuss collective bargaining with the CSEA, CTA and CPA.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION : TIME: 7:51 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
Ms. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

DISCUSSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Baran
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo
Motion carried 7-0

District Clerk