

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
March 10, 2020
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Geoffrey Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Present: Siubhan Bongiovanni, James Boswell, Louis Cianfrocco, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Daniel Mayer, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Phil Austin

Also Present: Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools
Scott P. Mahardy, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Visitors: Donna Bonfardeci, Erika Gilbert, Paul Gloska, Erma Boswell, Scott Titus, Micael Speirs, Dana Kent

There was no Addendum to the Agenda.

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II. Public Comments

The Chittenango Central School District Board of Education welcomes and encourages public input and comments. Board meetings are open meetings held in public, but are not public meetings in the sense of traditional town meetings. The Board accepts and understands its obligation to represent and to listen to the community. The time for public comments is offered at the beginning of every Board meeting. Members of the public are also encouraged to contact Board members before or after Board meetings to express concerns. The Board reserves the right to encourage or exclude comment at any other time. Public comments, at Board meetings, are welcomed within a controlled forum format, as facilitated by the Board President, which does not permit open discussion of confidential issues, such as, but not limited to, student discipline and personnel performance. Issues of a confidential nature would be forwarded to the Superintendent for further review and response.

There were no public comments at this time.

III. Consent Agenda

Upon motion made by Wehner, seconded by Gratien, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from February 11, 2020.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Budget Status Report for February 2020 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Report for February 2020 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Report for January 2020 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. Postings of Open Positions: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

Mike gave an update on open positions and the status of recruitment/hiring process.

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- B. Kindergarten Enrollment: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

Mike updated the enrollment numbers since the registration process has been done.

V. Old Business

- A. Legislative Visits: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

Mike will share the conversations between Senator May, Assemblyman Salka, Scott Mahardy, and himself.

- B. 2020-2021 Budget Projections: Scott Mahardy/Michael Eiffe – Information/ Discussion

- C. Capital Building Project: Scott Mahardy/Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

- D. Lake Street Elementary School Lease/Sale: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

VI. New Business

- A. Coronavirus/COVID-19 Preparation/Planning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

- B. Probationary Reviews on May 5, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. and May 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

MOTION by Gratien, seconded by Cianfrocco to approve new business recommendations C-E.

- C. It is recommended, per the attached resolution, that the Budget, Bus and Annual Election be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, for the purpose of electing three (3) members to the Board of Education and to vote upon the proposed school propositions be approved. The time and place of the Budget, Bus and Annual Election will be from 12 noon to 9 p.m. on May 19, 2020, at the Chittenango Middle School. Petitions are available from the District Clerk beginning March 2, 2020, and must be filed in accordance with the established rules no later than Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5 p.m. The following vacancies are to be filled: three (3) three-year terms currently held by Geoffrey F. Zimmer, Louis Cianfrocco and Edward J. Gratien. A Budget Information Meeting (Public Hearing) will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Chittenango Middle School Choral Room. Discussion/Action

- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education award DW & Crew Mechanical the mechanical contract for the 2019-2020 Capital Outlay project in the amount of \$128,000.00. Discussion/Action

- E. It is recommended that the attached 2020-2021 School Calendar be approved. Discussion/Action

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VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. Mental Health Efforts/Suicide Prevention
- D. District Student Mentoring
- E. Super Coco Will You Be My Friend? – Alumni Author/Rotary Thank You!

All third grade students received the Super Coco will You Be My Friend? Book written by a former Chittenango student and purchased by the Rotary Club.
- F. NYSCOSS Winter Institute and Lobby Day Update
- G. OCM BOCES Annual Meeting, Thompson Road – April 1, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- H. Public Budget Presentation on March 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chittenango Middle School Music Room
- I. Next BOE Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Chittenango Middle School following the Budget Presentation
- J. Spring Musical Les Misérables on March 26-27, 2020, at 7 p.m. and March 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- K. District Volleyball Tournament: April 17, 2020, at 6 p.m.
- L. OCM BOCES Annual Budget Meeting on April 20, 2020, at 7 a.m.
- M. NYSSBA 101st Annual Convention in New York City, NY on October 29-31, 2020

VIII. Board Members' Reports

- A. Member Reports
 - 1. Audit Committee
 - 2. Budget Committee

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- 3. Facilities/Transportation Committee
- 4. Policy Committee

B. Board Member Comments

IX. CSE Recommendation

A. **Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Gratien to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610330042	610419462	610409108	610421197
610354312	610354673	610421798	610354867
610379339	610421064	610366844	610421262
610421005	610421800	610330081	610402092
610402718	610416449	610421210	610403777
610417929	610323410	610330084	610421664
610329324	610408856	610359343	610359696
610401210	610412973	610352967	610330088
610416996	610354402	610421790	610421255
610420775	610417544	610358048	610421474
610421006	610354547	610353351	610344668
610420196	610421510	610421239	610307775
610420013			

VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. **Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Gratien to accept personnel recommendations 1-2.

- 1. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Debra G. Peterson-Smith, Guidance Counselor, be accepted effective June 30, 2020.
- 2. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Cindy Beley, School Bus Dispatcher, be accepted effective July 31, 2020.

VOTE:

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Motion by Gratien, seconded by Gibbons to accept personnel recommendations 3-24.

- 3. It is recommended that the resignation of Bradley White, Cleaner, be accepted effective February 26, 2020.

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4. It is recommended that Meghan Samsel, Elementary Teacher, be granted an unpaid leave of absence effective March 11, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
5. It is recommended that Meghan Samsel, Elementary Teacher, be granted an administrative internship during the period of March 12, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
6. It is recommended that Amy E. Hatch Eschweiler, Special Education Teacher, be granted a transfer to a three-year probationary appointment as an Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023 at Step 25, Class 7 (M).
7. It is recommended that Jennie Arsenault, Office Assistant II, be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence at the end of allowable disability leave effective on or about May 4, 2020 through August 28, 2020.
8. It is recommended that Michael Whipple be granted a probationary appointment as a Senior Maintenance effective March 2, 2020 through May 1, 2020, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through September 1, 2020.
9. It is recommended that Johnathan Shanahan be granted a probationary appointment as a Cleaner effective March 2, 2020 through May 1, 2020 and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through September 1, 2020.
10. It is recommended that Sharon Davie, Office Assistant II, be granted a permanent appointment effective February 28, 2020.
11. It is recommended that Sabrina Tucker, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective February 29, 2020.
12. It is recommended that Teri Reynolds, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective February 29, 2020.
13. It is recommended that Suzanne Wheeler, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective February 29, 2020.
14. It is recommended that Christine McGregor, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective February 29, 2020.
15. It is recommended that Emily Prial, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective February 29, 2020.
16. It is recommended that Daniel Newton, School Bus Driver, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 3, 2020.

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Motion by Cianfrocco, seconded by Gibbons that the Board returns from Executive Session at 8 p.m.

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NAYS – 0

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Cianfrocco seconded by Gibbons to adjourn at 8 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy
District Clerk