CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Chittenango Middle School

July 11, 2017

6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Geoffrey Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

Jason P. Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Visitors: Sherry Czarnecki, Erma Boswell

There was no Addendum to the Agenda.

**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.

Comments: Sherry Czarnecki commented on the great relationship the Aides had with Administration during negotiations.

**III. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Minutes
   1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from June 6, 2017.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer’s Report for May 2017 be accepted.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

1. Regents Results: Mike Eiffe/Jason Clark – Information/Discussion

Jason Clark reviewed the Regent Exam results for June 2017. Yet again, our results were strong this year, especially when compared to the Regents results across our region.

1. Posted Teaching Positions: Mike Eiffe/Jason Clark – Information/Discussion

Jason Clark gave a brief update on the ongoing interview and hiring process across the district. We will be conducting long-term substitute elementary teacher and Bridgeport Elementary library/art interviews the next two weeks.

1. Buffalo Business First Rankings: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

As previously published by Buffalo Business First magazine, the CCSD is now ranked 9th out of 54 rural school districts across Central New York!  This is a very nice jump from our ranking of 12th in 2016.  We previously were ranked 13th in 2015 and 2014, 14th in 2013 and 17th in 2012.

We are now ranked 48th out of 431 rural school districts across New York State!  Our district has advanced 5 places from the 2016 rankings where we ranked 53rd; we were ranked 57th in 2015, 72nd in 2014, 76th in 2013 and 86th in 2012.

**V. Old Business**

1. Capital Project Update: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
2. Graduation Update: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

1. Bullet Aid from Senator Valesky and Assemblyman Magee: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion

Senator Dave Valesky and Assemblyman Bill Magee have awarded Chittenango Central Schools Bullet Aid to be targeted for programmatic use.  We greatly appreciate the continued support and generosity toward our school district and community by both Senator Valesky and Assemblyman Magee.

**Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Wehner to approve new business recommendations B - F.

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached lists as surplus and approve the disposition in the most cost effective manner. Discussion/Action
2. It is recommended that the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams extended field trip to Queensbury, New York, scheduled for September 22-25, 2017 be approved. Discussion/Action
3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a ten (10) cent increase in meal prices for our food service program as follows:

Breakfast from $1.55 to $1.65

Lunch K-5 from $2.20 to $2.30

Lunch 6-12 from $2.35 to $2.45

Discussion/Action

1. It is recommended that the IRS mileage rate of $0.535 per mile be adopted for the 2017-2018 School Year. Discussion/Action

1. It is recommended that tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year be approved as listed below based on estimated financial and student data and calculated under the State Education Department formula, and that final rates be calculated under the same formula based on actual financial and student data following the close of the fiscal year:

Kindergarten – Grade 6 $ 7,281.00

Grades 7 – 12 $12,664.00

Student with Disabilities K – 6 $23,170.00

Student with Disabilities 7 – 12 $28,553.00

Discussion/Action

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**VII. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Board of Education Planning Session: Date To Be Determined
2. Rural Schools Conference, Cooperstown, NY, July 9-11, 2017
3. Administrative Retreat, Clear Path, July 12, 2017
4. New Teacher Orientation, August 23, 2017
5. NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY, September 23-26, 2017
6. NYSSBA 97th Annual Conference in Lake Placid, NY, October 12-14, 2017
7. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**VIII. Board Members’ Reports**

A. Member Reports

1. Audit Committee

2. Budget Committee

3. Facilities/Transportation Committee

4. Policy Committee

B. Board Member Comments

**IX. CSE Recommendation**

1. **Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Gibbons to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610372052 610378483 610409108 610359541

610387478 610420967 610421002 610340952

610374034 610402092 610421003 610419773

610323377 610330083 610344599 610413810

610398631 610326762 610345692 610413283

610394916 610367576 610382209 610420824

610413030 610413588 610375422 610417544

610400820 610329523 610312934 610387366

610344388 610408716 610390461 610389059

610400499 610345668 610420196 610375158

610375303 610381572 610376993

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel**

1. **Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Boswell to accept personnel recommendations 1 - 11.

It is recommended that the resignation of Jennifer L. Hodgens, Reading teacher, be accepted effective June 24, 2017.

It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Ann Marie DeCosty, Typist, be accepted effective August 31, 2017.

It is recommended that Makenzie Mohorter be granted a four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 at Step 2, Class 1 pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.

It is recommended that Lyssa Newport be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Foreign Language teacher effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021 at Step 1, Class 6 (M) pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.

It is recommended that Nicolas Bacon be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Science teacher effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021 at Step 2, Class 6 (M) pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.

It is recommended that Roberta Cullen, Elementary teacher, be approved for the 2017-2018 Elementary Extended Year Program at Bridgeport Elementary School, effective July 10, 2017 through August 10, 2017.

It is recommended that Jessey Bowe be granted a probationary appointment as a Senior Maintenance effective July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through December 31, 2017.

It is recommended that Catherine House be granted a probationary appointment as a Head Cleaner II effective July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through December 31, 2017.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Chittenango Central School District and Chittenango School Related Professional Association (Teacher Aides) for the period covering July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

It is recommended that the following be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the 2017-2018 school year:

**Fall Coaching**

Andrew Young Junior Varsity, Boys Soccer

Amanda DaRin Junior Varsity, Girls Soccer

It is recommended that the following names be approved for the support staff substitute list for the 2017-2018 school year:

Szczerba, Matthew Tavernese, Dominick

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**XI. Executive Session**

**Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Boswell that the Board adjourn into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for the discussion of negotiations and personnel issues.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**Motion** by Cianfrocco, seconded by Bongiovanni that the Board return from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mayer, seconded by Gibbons to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy

District Clerk