

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Chittenango Middle School  
February 9, 2021  
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 middle school cafeteria.

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

Absent:

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

Visitors: Jim Eklund, Paul Gloska, Dana Kent, Lisa Lewis, David Baran

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.

Comments: Mr. Dave Baran shared his experience as a parent, teacher, and coach regarding the highs and lows of the school year.

Mr. Jim Eklund, from the Chittenango/Bridgeport Rotary, presented a check to the district in the amount of \$3,000.00.

**III. Consent Agenda**

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

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from January 19, 2021.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Report for December 2020 be accepted

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

A. 97 Consecutive Days of In-Person and Virtual Educational Learning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

B. Bridgeport Elementary Character.org National School of Character Recognition for "Promising Practice" – March 3-5, 2021: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

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**V. Old Business**

- A. 2021-2022 Budget Projections: Scott Mahardy/Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- B. Extra-Curricular Opportunities and Safety Planning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

**Motion** by Mayer, seconded by Boswell to approve new business resolution A:

- A. Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance three (3) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$372,882.48, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$372,882.48, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$372,882.48, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$372,882.48, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due? – Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

- B. Board of Education Elections on May 18, 2021: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

The three seats currently held by Russell Wehner, James Boswell, and Daniel Mayer will be on the ballot.

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. All Eastern Music Selections – Alyssa Bonfardeci – Treble Choir, Maggie Griffiths – Orchestra, and Alainna Pack – Band
- C. Student Mental Health Support
- D. National Sheriff's Association Anti-Cyber Bullying Public Service Announcement
- E. School Safety and Cyber Security Update
- F. Spanish Honor Society Virtual Induction

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- G. CNY Regional Scholastic Art Award Winners – 26 Awards at CHS
- H. Bear Care Update and Thank You!
- I. BOE Budget Planning Session on Saturday, February 27, 2021
- J. COVID-19 Update/Vaccinations
- K. Spring Musical Newsies on March 25-27, 2021
- L. Next BOE Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Chittenango Middle School at 6:30 p.m.
- M. Public Budget Presentation on March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chittenango Middle School Music Room

**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 Recommendations**

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

610421177	610420821	610420950	610354296
610421358	610402106	610359693	610420145
610366473	610420352	610421723	610419016
610354356	610422046	610391022	610363767
610363768	610421738	610409119	610377950
610421206	610421757	610359354	610421644
610421705	610420899	610410732	610329088
610354402	610420588	610312934	610376224
610413413	610420196	610422037	610421486
610421031	610378403	610421291	610413360

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VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel**

A. **Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Austin to accept personnel recommendations 1-9.

1. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Laura Vogl, Speech Language Pathologist, be accepted effective June 30, 2021.
2. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Roberta Cullen, Elementary teacher, be accepted effective June 30, 2021.
3. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Trudy French, School Bus Driver, be accepted effective February 26, 2021.
4. It is recommended that Ilona Abell be granted a long-term substitute appointment as a Music teacher on or about March 1, 2021 through May 28, 2021 at a per diem rate.
5. It is recommended that Denise Napoli be granted a long-term substitute appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) retroactive to January 11, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
6. It is recommended that Lauri LaPlante be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective February 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through July 31, 2021.
7. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:  

Gedamoske, Marina                      Tucciarone, Claire                      VanOrnam, Donald
8. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Nurse Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:  

Tadros, Michaela                      Tucciarone, Claire
9. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Nancy Starke, Elementary teacher, be accepted effective the close of business on September 30, 2021.

VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

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**XI. Executive Session**

**Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Austin that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

**Motion** by Austin, seconded by Gratien that the Board returns from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel (continued)**

B. **Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Austin to accept personnel recommendation 10.

10. It is recommended that the following 2020-2021 Winter and Fall 2 Coaching co-curricular appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Clancy	Varsity Boys Basketball
Christian Rohrer	JV Boys Basketball
Kassie Kleine	Varsity Girls Basketball
Jeff Pierce	JV Girls Basketball
Nicholas Bacon	Varsity Wrestling
Tiffany Rutledge	Varsity Cheerleading
Kari Cumber	JV Cheerleading
Amy Simmons	Varsity Girls Volleyball
Gabrielle Loftus	JV Girls Volleyball
Mike Dziedzic	Varsity Boys Volleyball
Andrew Young	JV Boys Volleyball
Harold Muller	Varsity Boys Indoor Track
Miles LeVesque	Varsity Girls Indoor Track
William Cretaro	Varsity Football Head Coach
Michael Stump	Varsity Football Assistant Coach

