CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING 
Chittenango Middle School 
March 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: Paul Gloska, Lisa Lewis, Erma Boswell, Samuel VanDee, Dana Kent 

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.

There were no public comments at this time.

III. **Consent Agenda**

*Upon motion* made by Wehner, seconded by Gibbons, the following resolution was offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from February 9, 2021.

VOTE: AYES – 9  NAYS – 0

IV. **Educational Presentation/Topics**

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

B. 2021-2022 Enrollment: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

V. **Old Business**

A. Legislative Meeting with Senator May on February 23, 2021, and John Salka on March 5, 2021: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

B. Legislative Meeting with John Mannion: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

C. 2021-2022 Budget Projections: Scott Mahardy/Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

D. Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
VI. **New Business**

**Motion** by Cianfrocco, seconded by Gibbons to approve new business resolutions A-C:

A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution with OCM BOCES for the provision of lit fiber (WAN) for high speed communications. Discussion/Action

B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution with OCM BOCES for the provision of lit fiber (Intra lines between buildings) for high speed communication. Discussion/Action

C. WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced higher risk interscholastic sports are permitted as directed by local County Health Departments; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021, and February 18, 2021, the Madison County Health Department issued its Health Advisory for Higher Risk K-12 School Sports; and

WHEREAS, following careful consideration of the advisory, the Chittenango Central School District approves participation in the following sports:

Boys and Girls Basketball - Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity
Boys and Girls Volleyball - Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity
Football - Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity

NOW THEREFORE, the Chittenango Central School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The participation of school athletes in the higher risk sports of the above listed sports is approved in accordance with the guidance and directives of the Madison County Department of Health and the District's medical director.

2. The Superintendent of Schools and/or his designees are required to implement the guidance for the benefit of student, staff, and community member safety. Discussion/Action

**VOTE:** AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

D. Probationary Reviews on May 4, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. and May 18, 2021, at 6 p.m.: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
Motion by Wehner, seconded by Mayer to approve new business resolutions E-F:

E. It is recommended, per the attached resolution, that the Budget, Bus, and Annual Election be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 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 noon to 9 p.m. on May 18, 2021, at the Chittenango Middle School. Petitions are available from the District Clerk beginning March 2, 2021, and must be filed in accordance with the established rules no later than Monday, April 19, 2021, at 4 p.m. The following vacancies are to be filled: three (3) three-year terms currently held by Russell E. Wehner, James Boswell and Daniel E. Mayer. A Budget Information Meeting (Public Hearing) will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the Chittenango Middle School Choral Room. Discussion/Action

F. It is recommended that the attached 2021-2022 School Calendar be approved. Discussion/Action

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes

B. Honoring Bridgeport Elementary/Promising Practice – National Virtual Forum on March 5, 2021

C. COVID-19 Vaccination Update

D. School Safety and Cyber Security Updates

E. Fifth Grade Drug Free Day on March 11, 2021

F. Public Budget Presentation on March 23, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Chittenango Middle School Choral Room

G. Next BOE Meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Chittenango Middle School following the Budget Presentation

H. Spring Musical Newsies on March 25-27, 2021

I. OCM BOCES Annual Budget Meeting on April 19, 2021, at 7 a.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 Recommendations

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

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610421262  610323276  610394991  610421800
610402718  610421210  610420138  610417929
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610372734  610372735  610421006  610354547
610416779  610323720  610344668  610408910
610421239  610422065

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Cianfrocco to accept personnel recommendations 1-8.

1. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Robin Whipple, Maintenance Helper, be accepted effective February 28, 2021.

2. It is recommended that Kelly Leonard, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective March 1, 2021.

3. It is recommended that Maryann Shanahan, Food Service Cook, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 1, 2021.
4. It is recommended that Darryl Millet be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective March 1, 2021, through April 30, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through August 31, 2021.

5. It is recommended that the following Winter and Fall 2 Season interscholastic coaches/advisors for the 2020-2021 school year be approved:

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<td>Julie Baran</td>
<td>Modified Girls Basketball</td>
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<td>Samantha Mayer</td>
<td>Modified Girls Volleyball 7</td>
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<td>David Chizzonite</td>
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6. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher Immersion Program for the 2020-2021 school year at a per diem rate:

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7. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:

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8. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Nurse Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:

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VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Cianfrocco that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

Motion by Wehner, seconded by Gibbons that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0
XI. Adjournment

Motion by Boswell, seconded by Austin to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: 

AYES – 9 
NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy
District Clerk