

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Chittenango Middle School  
April 13, 2021  
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 middle school cafeteria.

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

Absent: Louis Cianfrocco, Edward Gratien

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

Visitors: Erma Boswell, Paul Gloska, Lisa Lewis

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 Austin, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from March 23, 2021.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Report for March 2021 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Report for March 2021 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

- A. “Twelve Months” – A Year in Review, Next Steps and Forward Vision: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

**V. Old Business**

- A. New York State Budget School Aid: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
- B. COVID-19 Preparation/Planning to Return to School: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

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- C. Probationary Reviews on May 4, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. and May 18, 2021, at 6 p.m.: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- D. Board of Education Elections, Annual Budget and Bus Votes on May 18, 2021: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

**Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Boswell to approve new business resolutions A-D:

- A. It is recommended that a budget in the amount of \$42,012,343 for the 2021-2022 General Fund be adopted. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached SEQRA resolution for the 2022 Capital Outlay project. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the request of the Sullivan Free Library Board of Trustees to place a proposition before the voters, which would authorize a tax levy of \$585,259 be accepted and that the following proposition be listed on the voting machines at the Annual District Meeting to be announced.

“Shall the Board of Education levy and collect on behalf of the Sullivan Free Library the sum of \$585,259 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021”?

Discussion/Action

- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached surplus list of books from our internal library system. Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

- E. National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Award for Best Community for Music Education: Michael Eiffe – Discussion/Information

**VII. Superintendent’s Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. Chamber of Commerce/Chittenango PTA Staff Appreciation Effort
- C. School Safety Update
- D. Legislative Advocacy Update

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- E. Next Board of Education Meeting and OCM BOCES 2021-2022 Budget Vote on April 19, 2021, at 7 a.m. at the Chittenango Middle School
- F. Upcoming Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Chittenango Middle School 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 Recommendations**

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

610363397	610413396	610377091	610421268
610418308	610421453	610420751	610400332
610421903	610392365	610421519	610420959
610382728	610421591	610422010	610403777
610354351	610417675	610420110	610419655
610410729	610360220	610357319	610375422
610393479	610416995	610399587	610391028
610354598	610421255	610418958	610422147
610408956	610421649	610398988	610421766
610421764	610421036	610382453	610402568
610422080	610364029	610419918	610421722
610398577	610408911	610391037	610408405

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel**

- A. **Motion** by Austin, seconded by Gibbons to accept personnel recommendation 1.

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1. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Erin Connelly, Instructional Aide (Clerical), be accepted effective June 24, 2021.

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NAYS – 0

B. **Motion** by Austin, seconded by Gibbons to accept personnel recommendations 2-8.

2. It is recommended that Keira Meienhofer be approved for the Teacher Immersion Program effective April 8, 2021 through June 24, 2021 at a per diem rate.
3. It is recommended that the request of Todd Steding to rescind his acceptance of Maintenance Helper and allow him to return to Head Cleaner II be accepted effective March 25, 2021.
4. It is recommended that the request of Anthony Case to rescind his acceptance of Head Cleaner II and be granted a probationary appointment as a Maintenance Helper effective March 29, 2021, through May 28, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through September 28, 2021.
5. It is recommended that Amy Spade, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective April 1, 2021.
6. It is recommended that Christina Martin, Office Assistant II, be granted a permanent appointment effective April 5, 2021.
7. It is recommended that the following 2020-2021 Spring Coaching co-curricular appointments be approved:

**Name**

**Position**

John Dykeman  
Andrew Young  
Dave Chizzonite  
Brad Williams

Varsity Boys Lacrosse  
Asst. Varsity Boys Lacrosse  
Modified Boys Lacrosse  
Asst. Modified Boys Lacrosse

David Baran  
Julie Baran  
Curt Kielbasa  
Christian Rohrer

Head Varsity Girls Lacrosse  
Head JV Girls Lacrosse  
Asst. JV Girls Lacrosse  
Head Modified Girls Lacrosse

Michael Stump  
Michael Logan  
Glenn Phillips

Head Varsity Baseball  
Head JV Baseball  
Head Modified Baseball

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Robin Penoyer  
Kelly Fitzsimmons  
Nicholas Bacon

Head Varsity Softball  
Head JV Softball  
Head Modified Softball

John Clancy

Varsity Girls Golf

Brian Thomas

Varsity Boys Tennis

Harold Muller  
Donald Clark  
Bill Cretaro

Head Varsity Boys Outdoor Track  
Asst. Varsity Boys Outdoor Track  
Head Modified Boys Track

Melissa Scheidelman  
Lori Shephard

Head Modified Girls Outdoor Track  
Asst. Modified Girls Outdoor Track

8. It is recommended that Michelle Root be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

**XI. Executive Session**

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

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

**Motion** by Austin, seconded by Boswell that the Board returns from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Mayer to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy  
District Clerk