

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
April 21, 2025
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, Louis Cianfrocco, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Dana Kent, Daniel Mayer, Jason Thomas, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: None

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

Visitors: Ron Jackson, Kevin Lothridge, Sean Eiffe, Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Ethan Wade, Jorden Weaver, Parker Schmidt, Allyson Shaw, Birin Smith, and Holden Alling

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 comments 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 Mayer, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting from March 11, 2025.

B. Financials

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for March 2025 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for March 2025 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for March 2025 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Report for March 2025 be accepted.
5. It is recommended that the Treasurer's report for March 31, 2025, for the Middle School Student Activities Account be accepted.
6. It is recommended that the Treasurer's report for March 31, 2025, for the High School Student Activities Account be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

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V. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
- B. Probationary Reviews on May 6, 2025 and May 20, 2025: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- C. Board of Education Elections, Annual Budget and Bus Votes on May 20, 2025: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
- D. Chittenango School Fair on May 2, 2025: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- E. Special Olympics on June 10, 2025 at Fayetteville-Manlius School District: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion

VI. New Business

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Cianfrocco, to approve new business resolutions A through N:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare bus numbers 285, 278, 281, and 270 as surplus and authorize the disposition of the same through auction. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare the attached list of technology as surplus and authorize the disposition of the same in the most economical manner. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare the Jacobsen Model R311T-T4F mower as surplus and authorize listing for sale on Auctions International. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the generous cash contribution from Greg and Mary Cohen to the Robotics Club for students attending the Robotics World Championships. Discussion/Action
- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Madison County Department of Public Health and the Chittenango Central School District for the provision of related services for the preschool program. Discussion/Action
- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the internal audit report as prepared by the Bonadio Group on Extraclassroom Activities. Discussion/Action
- G. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the corrective action plan for Extraclassroom Activities. Discussion/Action

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- H. It is recommended that the Chittenango High School Department of World Languages' request for an extended field trip to France scheduled for March 28, 2026 through April 4, 2026 be approved. Discussion/Action
- I. It is recommended that the Board of Education modify the attached 2024-2025 school calendar. Discussion/Action
- J. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the tentative BOCES administrative budget of \$11,370,274. Discussion/Action
- K. It is recommended that a budget in the amount of \$51,090,929 for the 2025-2026 General fund be adopted. Discussion/Action
- L. 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 \$639,728 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 \$639,728 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025"?

Discussion/Action

- M. It is recommended that the Board of Education cast its vote in the annual election members of the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services for:

Robert Crabtree
Jodi Wiesing

Stacy Petri

Margaret Peri

Kimberly Sacco

Discussion/Action

- N. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following individuals to work the annual budget vote on May 20, 2025:

Inspector
Cindy Beley

Tellers
Denise Blanchard, Melody Halsey,
Jennifer Kimber

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes

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- B. School Safety Update
- C. School Fair – Friday, May 2, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- D. Official Budget Hearing and next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School.
- E. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chittenango Middle School.

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

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wehner, to accept the following CSE recommendations:

- A. It is recommended by the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools that the following students be placed in educational programs according to confidential information shared with the Board of Education.

610422976	610420948	610421967	610421737
610413396	610422528	610420950	610422882
610421849	610422302	610417467	610421261
610423137	610417152	610422089	610421413
610418308	610422253	610422934	610412895
610421818	610400332	610422909	610422907
610421763	610421519	610413391	610422895
610377958	610422110	610418778	610420026
610420615	610407645	610422602	610421915
610422775	610422115	610422828	610408614
610423091	610421106	610420908	610420791

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610415242	610416424	610366475	610421281
610423069	610422047	610422627	610423155
610408388	610417675	610422069	610421124
610415522	610422230	610422425	610422094
610422002	610421199	610402432	610422755
610421948	610418118	610419655	610421748
610422696	610422387	610420701	610416283
610415963	610419320	610421537	610420635
610420774	610422866	610422867	610421643
610423149	610423098	610422537	610420635
610416995	610422074	610422225	610422226
610422227	610422015	610420866	610421839
610422622	610423124	610420197	610421192
610423176	610408956	610422174	610422204
610421767	610421671	610413412	610421995
610422083	610421171	610419746	610419747
610422685	610421036	610422642	610422190
610421188	610422825	610423080	610422681
610422080	610421011	610423161	610422170
610421617	610409117	610422240	610422277
610421238	610423002	610419918	610421524
610422829	610423191	610422520	610423142
610422883			

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

Motion by Gratien, seconded by Gibbons, to accept personnel recommendations 1 through 16:

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Daphne Santucci, Special Education Teacher, be accepted effective August 31, 2025.
2. It is recommended that Perri Cronk be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Mathematics Teacher effective August 28, 2025 through August 27, 2029, at Step 2 Class 2 pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.
3. It is recommended that Lynne Duffy be granted a three-year probationary appointment as a Living Environment Teacher effective August 28, 2025 through August 27, 2028, at Step 16 Class 11 (M) pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.
4. It is recommended that Maizie Wood be granted an extension of unpaid parental leave effective November 25, 2024 through June 26, 2026.

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5. It is recommended that Alexandra Drake be granted a long-term substitute position as an Occupational Therapist effective August 25, 2025 through June 26, 2026, at Step 2 Class 12 (M).
6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Separation and Settlement Agreement between Mike Leib and the Chittenango Central School District dated April 21, 2025.
7. It is recommended that the resignation of Sabrina Tucker, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2024.
8. It is recommended that the resignation of Vincent Ezzo, Cleaner, be approved effective April 5, 2025.
9. It is recommended that the resignation of Michele Grande, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective April 7, 2025.
10. It is recommended that Vincent Buffolino, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 23, 2025.
11. It is recommended that Carolyn Floss, Bus Attendant, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 23, 2025.
12. It is recommended that Brittany Spicer, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective April 15, 2025.
13. It is recommended that Kevin Lothridge be granted a probationary appointment as a Director of Facilities II effective June 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through November 30, 2025.
14. It is recommended that the following be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the 2025 Spring season:

Modified Softball
Katie Thomas
15. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:

Timothy Rightmyre

Jennifer Schiebler

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16. It is recommended that the following name be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:

Margo Lenweaver

VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Wehner, that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

Motion by Cianfrocco, seconded by Gibbons, that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Wehner, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Mahardy
District Clerk