

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Chittenango Middle School  
May 2, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**The Official Budget Hearing was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. followed by the Regular Board of Education meeting.**

Geoffrey Zimmer called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Phil Austin

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

Visitors: See guest list

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 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 Regular Board of Education meeting from April 17, 2023.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

- A. New York State 3-8 Assessments and Regents Update: Jason Clark – Information/Discussion

**V. Old Business**

- A. Capital Project Planning: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
- B. Probationary Reviews on May 16, 2023, at 5:45 pm: Michael Eiffe. Information/Discussion
- C. Board of Education Elections, Annual Budget and Bus Votes on May 16, 2023: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

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**VI. New Business**

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

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of books from Chittenango Middle School as surplus and authorize the disposition of the same.  
Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare that the attached list of computers as surplus and authorize the disposition of the same in the most economical manner.  
Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the 2022-2023 School Calendar be modified to include May 26, 2023, as a school recess day. Discussion/ Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following individual to work the annual budget vote on May 16, 2023:

Inspector  
Deborah Borland

Discussion/Action

VOTE:    AYES – 8    NAYS – 0

**VII. Superintendent’s Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. National Honor Society Ceremony on April 17, 2023
- D. School Fair – Friday, May 12, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- E. Special Olympics at CNS – Thursday, May 18, 2023
- F. Annual Budget Vote – May 16, 2023, 12 noon-9 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria
- G. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School

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**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 Cianfrocco to accept the following CSE recommendations:

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| 610422303 | 610421849 | 610422089 | 610412895 |
| 610413391 | 610421785 | 610418778 | 610422689 |
| 610417269 | 610385435 | 610421835 | 610415242 |
| 610422047 | 610402432 | 610420974 | 610391501 |
| 610420635 | 610421322 | 610422226 | 610420866 |
| 610420197 | 610421765 | 610422209 | 610413412 |
| 610421992 | 610419746 | 610419747 | 610422681 |
| 610422170 | 610409117 | 610422240 | 610422277 |
| 610381098 | 610421467 |           |           |

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel**

A. **Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Gibbons to accept personnel recommendations 1-7.

1. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Vicki Hopsicker-McCarthy, School Counselor, be accepted effective June 30, 2023.
2. It is recommended that Katherine Buell, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective April 17, 2023.
3. It is recommended that the services of Andrew Napoli, Food Service Warehouse Driver, be terminated effective April 21, 2023.

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4. It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint David Chizzonite to a part-time Teacher on Special Assignment position (STEM Curriculum Specialist) for the 2022-2023 school year at the salary rate listed in the Chittenango Teachers' Association Professional Agreement.
5. It is recommended that the following be approved as summer workers for the 2023-2024 school year:

Jared Capalario  
Maggie Griffiths

Taylor Gifford-Ward  
Isabel Hilliker

Jonah Griffiths

6. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year:

Karissa Atwood

Anna Tarry

7. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year:

Ashley Walker

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**XI. Executive Session**

**Motion** by Mayer, seconded by Gratien that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

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

VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

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**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Cianfrocco to adjourn at 8 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy  
District Clerk