

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
June 16, 2026
6:30 PM

MINUTES

Daniel Mayer 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, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Dana Kent, Daniel Mayer,
Jason Thomas, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Louis Cianfrocco

Also Present: Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools
Adrianna M. Kam, District Clerk
Matthew J. Morkel, Business Administrator

Visitors: Paul Gloska, Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Lily Wynkoop

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 Russell Wehner, seconded by Edward Gratien, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting from May 19, 2026.

B. Financials

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for May 2026 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Reports for April and May 2026 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for May 2026 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for May 2026 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

V. Old Business

- A. Annual Budget Vote Recap: Michael Eiffe/Matthew Morkel– Information/Discussion

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- i. Proposition 1 (2026-2027 Budget): Pass
- ii. Proposition 2 (Bus Vote): Pass
- iii. Proposition 3 (Sullivan Free Library): Pass
- iv. Geoffrey Zimmer, Louis Cianfrocco, and Edward Gratien were all re-elected

B. Capital Project Update: Michael Eiffe/Matthew Morkel – Information/Discussion

C. Graduation Planning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

D. 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Calendar Planning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

VI. New Business

Motion by Dan Gibbons, seconded by Dana Kent, to approve new business resolutions A through L:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of computers to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to be adopted, which authorizes the issuance of sale and bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$586,965 over five (5) years for the specific purpose of purchasing three (3) student transport vehicles. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Adult and Continuing Education resolution between OCM BOCES and Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the Equivalent and Attendance program between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action
- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Annual Cooperative Bidding Resolution between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action
- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the Employment Preparation Education program between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action

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- G. It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to issue a letter of intent (LOI) to The Cook & Boardman Group, LLC DBA BR Johnson, Precision Doors & Hardware, LLC for the current capital project, to utilize cooperative purchasing and bidding to secure the lowest price and best value within the current capital project budget for the purchase and installation of windows at District's Middle School. Discussion/Action
- H. It is recommended that the Board of Education recognize a 30-day comment period for a district-wide safety plan. Discussion/Action
- I. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the two attached lists of books to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- J. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of medical equipment to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- K. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chittenango Central School District and the Chittenango Teachers' Association. Discussion/Action
- L. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Health and Welfare Services. Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. SUN Chevy Donation
- D. Senior Walk Through at Bridgeport, Bolivar Road, and Chittenango Middle School: June 16, 2026
- E. High School Graduation: June 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
- F. Extended Year Programming will start on July 6, 2026

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- G. Annual Organizational Meeting and the next Board of Education meeting will be held on July 1, 2026, 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

- A. Motion by Jason Thomas, seconded by Geoffrey Zimmer, to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610422329	610423056	610423010	610422488
610423351	610422342	610423341	610422409
610422078	610423380	610421413	610422252
610423384	610422934	610423095	610422187
610422319	610423116	610422812	610422710
610422873	610423097	610421658	610422427
610422748	610423238	610421987	610422201
610423166	610421827	610422448	610421823
610420145	610416046	610422890	610421588
610422028	610422839	610422775	610422386
610422807	610422855	610422828	610421836
610420946	610421935	610422694	610422245
610421314	610422048	610423128	610423155
610423258	610423004	610421087	610423112
610423263	610422810	610422479	610422189
610422141	610422142	610422753	610422311
610423181	610421852	610422755	610422846
610420865	610422535	610423350	610423252
610423329	610421847	610422898	610423324
610421968	610423288	610422897	610421538
610423123	610419571	610422693	610422432

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610422554	610422226	610422137	610422622
610421436	610423275	610423461	610413411
610422384	610423028	610422435	610422170
610422431	610423189	610422485	610422831
610422657	610422447	610423058	610421029
610422274	610422971	610423259	610422809
610422765	610422455	610422498	610423167
610422617	610423036	610422932	

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Siubhan Bongiovanni, seconded by Russell Wehner, to accept the personnel recommendations 1 through 26.

1. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolishes 2.0 FTE teaching positions in the English 7-12 tenure area effective August 31, 2026, and that the services of the following individuals be terminated for purposes of lay-off as the teachers in the English 7-12 tenure area in the order as listed starting with the least seniority as follows:

- a. Emily Norman
- b. Glenn Phillips

FURTHER, upon abolishment, the Superintendent is directed to notify such teachers that they will be placed on the preferred eligible list of candidates for re-appointment to a vacancy that may occur thereafter in a position in the same tenure area for a period of seven (7) years effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2033.

2. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolishes 1.0 FTE teaching position in the Mathematics 7-12 tenure area effective August 31, 2026, and that the services of the following individuals be terminated for purposes of lay-off as the teachers in the Mathematics 7-12 tenure area in the order as listed starting with the least seniority as follows:

- a. Perri Cronk

FURTHER, upon abolishment, the Superintendent is directed to notify such teachers that they will be placed on the preferred eligible list of candidates for re-appointment to a vacancy that may occur thereafter in a position in the same tenure area for a period of seven (7) years effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2033.

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3. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Patsy Bloss, School Bus Driver, be accepted effective June 30, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Sharon Davie, Office Assistant II, be accepted effective July 31, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Jeanette Burghardt, Instructional Aide (Clerical), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the resignation of Susan Zamlowski, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
7. It is recommended that Megan Lucak, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective May 17, 2026.
8. It is recommended that Megan Richardson, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective May 17, 2026.
9. It is recommended that Megan Lucak be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Cook effective September 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 28, 2027.
10. It is recommended that Maizie Wood be granted a leave of absence without pay effective September 2, 2026, through June 25, 2027.
11. It is recommended that Alexandra Drake be granted a long-term substitute position as an Occupational Therapist effective September 2, 2026, through June 25, 2027, at Step 3 Class 12 (M).
12. It is recommended that the following part-time teachers be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Kadi Luchsinger	Physical Therapist	0.80
Camille Gruner	Art	0.75

13. It is recommended that the following be approved for tenure effective September 1, 2025:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kelly Leonard	Teaching Assistant

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14. It is recommended that Lauren Knuth, School Nurse, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 17, 2026.
15. It is recommended that Emilee Bedell, School Nurse, be granted a permanent appointment effective September 1, 2026.
16. It is recommended that the following be approved for tenure effective September 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Heather Cleary	Elementary
Molly Gaeta	Special Education
Marina Gedamoske	Teaching Assistant
Emily Norman	English
Jill Parker	Music
Melissa Ryan	Elementary
Stephanie Ryan	Elementary
Carrie-Ann Ronalds	Social Studies
Katie Thomas	Mathematics
Emilee Watson	Special Education

17. It is recommended that the following personnel be approved for the 2026-2027 Mentor-Intern Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Melissa Scheidelman	District Chairperson
Emily Schaefer	Bridgeport Elementary School
Katie Weiss	Bolivar Road Elementary School
Amy Simmons	Chittenango Middle School
Cheryl Moore	Chittenango High School

18. It is recommended that the following be approved as Department and Grade-Level Chairpersons for 2026-2028:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Toby Clark	UPK
Heather Cowburn	Kindergarten
Carrie Marko	Grade 1
Tracy Terry	Grade 2
Melissa Biviano	Grade 3
George Aversano	Grade 4
Katharine Crayton	Grade 5
Catherine Weiss	English, UPK-5

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jared Cestaro	Mathematics, UPK-5
Samantha Russo/Elizabeth Shepard	Science, UPK-5
Melissa Machan	Social Studies, UPK-5
Sarah Rife	English, 6-8
Kim Myka	Mathematics, 6-8
Rebecca Connelly	Science, 6-8
Erica Martin	Social Studies, 6-8
Christopher Cashman	English, 9-12
Jay Wingard	Mathematics, 9-12
Jodi Cosbey	Science, 9-12
David Baran	Social Studies, 9-12
Jennifer Smith	Business & Tech, 9-12
Jolene Bennett	World Language, 9-12
Allison Komanecky	Art, UPK-12
Sean Hayden	Guidance, UPK-12
Julie Baran	Mental Health
Brian Thomas	Health, PE & Home Econ, UPK-12
Jacqueline Alex	Library, UPK-12
Matthew Stearns	Music, UPK-12
Tracy Biedermann	Nurse, UPK-12
Erin Allen/Amy Simmons	Special Ed, UPK-12

19. It is recommended that the following be approved as co-curricular advisors for the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Sarah Martin	Ball Handling (Bolivar Road)
Sarah Martin	Ball Handling (Bridgeport)
Melissa Biviano/Melissa Machan	Character Education Advisor (Bolivar Road)
Emily Schaefer	Character Education Advisor (Bridgeport)
Katie Weiss/Elizabeth Shepard	Drama Supervisors (Bolivar Road)
<u>Middle School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Brittany Haas	FOR Club Advisor
Jenna Ballard	Library Club
Melissa Kester	Play Director (5-6)
Melissa Kester	Play Director (7-8)
James Bongiovanni	Robotics (2)
Rebecca Connelly	Science Olympiad Advisor
Erin Wicks/Marianne Quinn	Student Council
Erica Martin/Sarah Rife	Yearbook

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High School

Jackie Popkess
Amy Abma
Matt Stearns
Aaron Velardi
TBD
Matt Stearns
Lisa Stearns
Jayson Ronalds
Lisa Murray/Diana Cashman
Jolene Bennett/Sarah Schiralli
Emily Norman/Katie Thomas
Jen Smith
Jolene Bennett/Justin Sylstra
Aaron Velardi
Jodi Cosbey
Jen Smith/Jodi Cosby
Jackie Alex
Allison Komanecky/Jackie Alex
Misty Collier/Chris Cashman
Greg Shepard/Tom Hansen
Tom Hansen
David Chizzonite
Lisa Murray
Lynne Duffy
Jen Smith/Sarah Winchell
Matt Stearns
Sam Johnson/Angela Murphy
Mike Garofalo
Melissa O'Brien/Victoria Fragoso
Angela Murphy
TBD
Natalie Stansbury
Matt Stearns
Aaron Velardi
Jayson Ronalds
Emily Norman/Carly Willey
Julie Baran
Gina O'Rourke

Position

BEAR Program
Chamber Orchestra
District Lighting and Sound Coordinator
Dixieland Band
Fall Play Audio and Lights Supervisor
Fall Play Director
Fall Play Director, Assistant
Fall Play Set Construction Advisor
FOR Club
French Honor Society
Freshman Class
Future Business Leaders of America
GSA Advisor
Jazz Band Director
Junior Class Advisor
Junior Honor Society Advisors
Library Club Advisor
Literacy Magazine (Fine Lines)
Mock Trial Advisors
National Honor Society
Newspaper (Bear Facts)
Robotics
SADD
Science Olympiad
Scholarship Committee Coordinators
Select Choir
Senior Class Advisors
Sophomore Class Advisor
Spanish Honor Society
Spring Musical Assistant Director
Spring Musical Audio and Lights Supervisor
Spring Musical Choreographer
Spring Musical Director
Spring Musical Orchestra
Spring Musical Set Construction
Student Council
Testing Coordinator and Data Analyst
Yearbook

20. It is recommended that the Special Education Extended School Year Program staff for the 2026-2027 school year be approved effective July 6, 2026, through August 14, 2026:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Angela Murphy	Special Education Teacher
Mary Colagiovanni	Special Education Teacher
Julia Bauder	Special Education Teacher
 Sabrina Tucker	 School Nurse
 Tracy DeMario	 Speech Therapist (approx. 20 hrs/week)
Krista Gabor	Occupational Therapist (approx. 22 hrs/week)
Jennifer Street	Physical Therapist (approx. 20 hrs/week)
Hannah Rogers	Speech Language Therapist (6-10 hrs/week CPSE and CSE)
 Mariana Gedmoske	 Teacher Assistant
David Bloss	Teacher Assistant
Kara Winters	Teacher Assistant
 Brandi Richer	 Special Education Aide
Jennifer Case	Special Education Aide
Betsy Brown	Special Education Aide
Eileen Taylor	Special Education Aide
Karleigh Stevens	Special Education Aide
Jess Button	Special Education Aide
Sam Gates	Special Education Aide
Peyton Clarke	Special Education Aide
Meghan Wehner	Special Education Aide
Trina Baldwin	Special Education Aide
Emily Gushea	Special Education Aide
Desiree Stoddard	Special Education Aide
Gabriella Borba	Special Education Aide
Rolanda Williams	Special Education Aide
Maddie Mandigo	Special Education Aide
Emily Rightmyre	Special Education Aide
Mae Compoli	Special Education Aide
Holly Russell	Special Education Aide

21. RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves of the successor contract of employment with the Superintendent of Schools from June 22, 2026, through June 21, 2031, as attached.
22. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract of employment with Jason Clark as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031, as attached.

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23. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract of employment with Benjamin New, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029, as attached.
24. It is recommended that the following be approved as summer workers for the 2026-2027 school year:
- Logan Rogers Amber Thien
25. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2025-2026 school year:
- Leon Brooker Madelynn Dziedzic
26. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2025-2026 school year:
- Leon Brooker

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Dan Gibbons, seconded by Dana Kent, that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Motion by Siubhan Bongiovanni, seconded by Geoffrey Zimmer, that the Board returns from Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

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XII. Adjournment

Motion by Edward Gratien, seconded by Jason Thomas, to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Adrianna M. Kam
District Clerk