

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
August 18, 2026
6:30 PM

MINUTES

Siubhan Bongiovanni called the meeting to order at 6:34 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, Jason Thomas, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Louis Cianfrocco, Daniel Mayer

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

Visitors: Paul Gloska, Jessica Clements

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 Jason Thomas, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meetings from July 1, 2026.

B. Financials

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 2026 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Reports for June 2026 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for June 2026 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for June 2026 be accepted.
5. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2026, for the High School Student Activities Account be accepted.
6. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2026, for the Middle School Student Activities Account be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

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IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

- A. School Opening 2026-2027: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

V. Old Business

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

VI. New Business

Motion by Geoffrey Zimmer, seconded by Dan Gibbons, to approve new business resolutions A through M:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of textbooks deemed surplus and dispose of them in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of projectors deemed surplus and dispose of them in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the CAM trailer deemed surplus and dispose of it in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the internal audit as prepared by Bonadio Group on Payroll. Discussion/Action
- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached amended Abolishment & Layoff Resolution for Civil Service-Teacher Aides. This amends the July 1, 2026 Abolishment & Layoff Resolution for Civic Service, removing Margo Lenweaver and Jared Capalario and providing them with continuous employment. Discussion/Action
- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the corrective action plan for Payroll. Discussion/Action
- G. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with CNY Orthopedics for the provision of Athletic Trainer services. Discussion/Action
- H. It is recommended that Gregory Tackley, Joseph White, and Michael Thomas be reappointed as Special Patrol Officers effective September 1, 2026.

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Kindergarten–Grade 6	\$ 8,498
Grades 7–12	\$ 10,505
Students with Disabilities K–6	\$ 25,436
Students with Disabilities 7–12	\$ 27,443

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1. Audit Committee
2. Budget Committee
3. Facilities/Transportation Committee
4. Policy Committee

B. Board Member Comments

IX. CSE Recommendations

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

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VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

- A. Motion by Jason Thomas, seconded by Dana Kent, to accept the personnel recommendations 1 through 13.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Wendy Hilts, Food Service Helper, be accepted effective June 25, 2026, at the close of business.
2. It is recommended that the resignation of Sadia Ambure, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the resignation of Brenna Ogilvie, Orchestra Teacher, be approved effective August 31, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the resignation of Jena Hubbard, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Michele Houghtaling, Instructional Aide (Supervision/Instructional Support), be approved effective September 1, 2026.
6. It is recommended that Diane Paul be granted a probationary appointment as an Office Assistant II effective August 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, and that the

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Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through January 31, 2027.

7. It is recommended that Jena Hubbard be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant, effective September 2, 2026, through September 1, 2030, pending verification of Teacher Assistant Certification.
8. It is recommended that Julia Bauder be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2026, through September 1, 2030, at Step 2, Class VI (M), pending verification of official college transcripts.
9. It is recommended that Gina O'Rourke be granted an extension of unpaid parental leave effective September 2, 2026 through June 25, 2027.
10. It is recommended that Arnold Merola, Jr. be approved as a daily Administrative Substitute for the 2026-2027 school year.
11. It is recommended that the following be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the fall 2026 season:

Name

Ahmaad Graham
Rashaad Graham

Position

Varsity Football Assistant Coach
Football Volunteer

12. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2026-2027 school year:

Mark Bailey	Caleb Barnard	Courtney Barnard
Allison Bartoszek	Margaret Bohm	Melanie Bottoni
Jeanette Burghardt	Janet Calvarese	Elizabeth Carpenter
Avery Cattadoris	Linda Ceilly	Kimberly Chismark
Amy Cocca	Kathleen Cooney	Kimberly Crowley
Linda Curtis	Elayne DeFrees	Denise Devendorf
Denise Devine-Sammon	Madalyn Douglas	Mark Duby
Peter Eberst	Emily Finch	Darlene Finck
Kayla Gibson	Linda Grey	Kaitlyn Giesch
Kathleen Groesbeck	Emily Gushea	Robert Hart
Donna Henry	Abigail Horning	Sallie Igou
Susan Kahn	Laurie Kasdorf	Margaret Kelsey
Cara Kielbasa	Brian Lamaitis, Jr.	Sandra Markowski
Anna Marsala	Kadin Martin	Roseann Milliman
Harold Muller	Deborah New	Rachel Noble

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Kimberly Nowak	Brandon Nutting	Eve Oakes
Jenna Olds	George Pealo	Shannon Pitt
Timothy Rightmyre	Billie Jo Rizzo	Liliana Russo
Donna Schaefer	Cam Schiebler	Jennifer Schiebler
David Seale	Wynne Shaul	Lori Shephard
Jake Simmons	Catherine Smith	Charlene Smith
Emma Stanek	Caterina Thousand	Melanie Toner
Karol Toole	Abigail VanDee	Morgan Velardi
Elena Vespi	Brooke Walters	Meghan Wehner
Christine Welker	Rolanda Williams	Kara Winters
Ann Wood	Nilde Wozniczka	Caden Yancey
Christina Zoeckler		

13. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2026-2027 school year:

Allison Bartoszek	Jessica Basile	Tia Beckwith
Cindy Beley	Margaret Bohm	John Bristol
Leon Brooker	Sandra Buck	Jeanette Burghardt
Shania Cadwell	Janet Calvarese	Cynthia Carney-Yates
Avery Cattadoris	Amy Cocca	Yvonne Corkran
Jane DeForest	Ralph DeForest	Elayne DeFrees
Tamra DelCostello-Emmi	Pauline D'Eredita	Madalyn Douglas
Mark Duby	Amy Elmy	Emily Finch
Darlene Finck	Trudy French	Kayla Gibson
Kaitlyn Giesch	Emily Gushea	Vicki Hayduke
Adrienne Kelley	Daniel Kelly	Cara Kielbasa
Donald LaClair	Jeffrey Lanning	Tom Lenning
Denise MacDowell	Rebecca McDermott	Brenda McGinnis
Tina Merrill	Rachel Noble	Kimberly Nowak
Eve Oakes	Jenna Olds	Susan O'Reilly
George Pealo	Katherine Remillard	Emily Rightmyre
Billie Jo Rizzo	Lauralee Shafer	Jake Simmons
Catherine Smith	Charlene Smith	Caitlynn Spaulding
Lynda Stankavage	Matthew Szczerba	Caterina Thousand
Melanie Toner	Abigail VanDee	Morgan Velardi
Meghan Wehner	Robin Whipple	Kara Winters
Michelle Yox	Susan Zamlowski	

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

