

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
August 19, 2025
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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
Scott P. Mahardy, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Visitors: Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Paul Gloska

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 Organizational Board of Education meeting from July 8, 2025.
2. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from July 8, 2025.
3. Approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting from on August 1, 2025.

B. Financials

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Reports for April, May, and June 2025 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for June 2025 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for June 2025 be accepted.
5. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2025, for the Middle School Student Activities Account be accepted.

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6. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2025, for the High School Student Activities Account be accepted.
7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 school tax warrants.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

- A. School Opening 2025-2026 - Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

V. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update - Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

VI. New Business

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

- A. It is recommended that the tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year be approved as listed below based on estimated financial and student data and calculated under the State Education Department formula, and the final rates be calculated under the same formula based on actual financial and student data following the close of the fiscal year:

Kindergarten–Grade 6	\$8,472.00
Grades 7–12	\$10,580.00
Student with Disabilities K–6	\$25,939.00
Student with Disabilities 7–12	\$28,047.00

Discussion/Action

- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 Fund Balance and Reserve funding and use plan. Discussion/Action

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VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. New Teacher Orientation – August 20, 2025
- D. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on September 9, 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

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

610423238	610423166	610423278	610422815
610422728	610421250	610422174	610421069
610423274	610408908	610423247	

VOTE:	AYES – 8	NAYS – 0
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X. Personnel

- A. Motion by Geoffrey Zimmer, seconded by Russell Wehner, to accept personnel recommendations 1 through 42.
 - 1. It is recommended that the resignation of Jaime Catlin, Teaching Assistant, be approved effective July 22, 2025.

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2. It is recommended that the resignation of Vincent Buffolino, Food Service Helper, be approved effective July 28, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the resignation of Alyssa Chizzonite, Teaching Assistant, be approved effective August 31, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the resignation of Elaynee DeFrees, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 21, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the resignation of Samantha Given, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) for the 2025-2026 Special Education Extended School Year Program, be approved effective immediately.
6. It is recommended that the Special Education Extended School Year Program staff for the 2025-2026 school year be approved effective July 7, 2025 through August 15, 2025:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Samantha Given	Teaching Assistant

7. It is recommended that the resignation of Katherine Hamer, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2025.
8. It is recommended that the resignation of Kristi Mullin, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2025.
9. It is recommended that the resignation of Amanda Blaszkow, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2025.
10. It is recommended that the resignation of Amanda Wilkinson, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2025.
11. It is recommended that the resignation of Samantha Given, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 27, 2025.
12. It is recommended that the resignation of Amelia Spade Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective August 29, 2025.
13. It is recommended that the resignation of Emily Townsend, School Counselor, be accepted effective August 31, 2025.
14. It is recommended that the resignation of Micheal Stump, Varsity Football Assistant, be accepted effective July 9, 2025.

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15. It is recommended that Tabitha Torpy be granted a probationary appointment as a Maintenance Helper effective July 14, 2025, through September 13, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through January 13, 2026.
16. It is recommended that Melanie Moth be granted a probationary appointment as a Head Cleaner II effective July 21, 2025, through September 20, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through January 20, 2026.
17. It is recommended that Taylor Wilhelm be granted a probationary appointment as a Bus Attendant effective August 14, 2025, through October 13, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 13, 2026.
18. It is recommended that David Hunter be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Helper effective August 18, 2025, through October 17, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 17, 2026.
19. It is recommended that Kristi Mullin be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.
20. It is recommended that Amanda Blaszkow be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.
21. It is recommended that Amanda Wilkinson be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.
22. It is recommended that Samantha Given be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.
23. It is recommended that Erin Leonard be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.
24. It is recommended that Lisa Carguello be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective August 28, 2025, through August 27, 2029, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.

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25. It is recommended that Julia Bauder be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
26. It is recommended that Margo Lenweaver be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
27. It is recommended that Trina Baldwin be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
28. It is recommended that Yvonne Corkran be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
29. It is recommended that Jennifer Edwards be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
30. It is recommended that Lisa Coakley be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.
31. It is recommended that Amy Taylor's part-time Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) permanent appointment be changed to a full-time Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) permanent appointment effective August 28, 2025.
32. It is recommended that Kathleen Quinn be granted an appointment as a substitute Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/District Office effective July 1, 2025, as needed.
33. It is recommended that Emilee Bedell be granted a one-year probationary appointment as a School Nurse effective August 28, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at Step 5, Class I, pending verification of official college transcripts.

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34. It is recommended that Hanna Henderson be granted a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Speech and Language Pathologist effective August 28, 2025 through August 27, 2029 at Step 1, Class IX (M) pending verification of official college transcripts.
35. It is recommended that Dianne Brooks be granted a three (3) year probationary appointment as a School Counselor effective August 28, 2025 through August 27, 2028 at Step 6, Class XI (M) pending verification of official college transcripts.
36. It is recommended that the following be approved as co-curricular advisors for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>High School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Natalie Stansbury	Spring Musical Choreographer

37. It is recommended that Jay Altobello, UPK-12 Associate Principal, be approved for tenure effective August 24, 2025.
38. It is recommended that Rebecca Connelly, Science Teacher, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about October 31, 2025 through April 20, 2026.
39. It is recommended that Megan VanAllen, Third Grade Teacher, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about September 18, 2025 through December 11, 2025.
40. It is recommended that the following names be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the 2025-2026 Fall season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
David Chizzonite	JV Girls Volleyball

41. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:

Cheryl Adams	Mark Bailey	Caleb Barnard
Courtney Barnard	Allison Bartoszek	David Bloss
Margaret Bohm	Melanie Bottoni	Janet Calvarese
Jared Capalario	Gina Caramadre	Linda Ceilly
Kimberly Chismark	Amy Cocca	Kathleen Cooney
Natalie Cowburn	Linda Curtis	Jed Dawkins
Denise Devendorf	Madalyn Douglas	Jill Duby
Emily Finch	Darlene Finck	Jacob Garofalo

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Peyton Geehrer	Kathryn Gersch	Linda Grey
Kathleen Groesbeck	Amanda Grzejka	Donna Henry
Pamela Hobbs	Vicki Johnson	Samantha Just
Susan Kahn	Laurie Kasdorf	Margaret Kelsey
Cara Kielbasa	Brian Lamaitis Jr.	Colette Leonard
Erin Leonard	Debra Longnecker	Abigail MacAlphine
Kadin Martin	Vicki Hopsicker-McCarthy	Deborah New
Rachel Noble	Kimberly Nowak	Brandon Nutting
Eve Oakes	Diane Paul	Shannon Pitt
Lillianne Quinn	Emily Rightmyre	Timothy Rightmyre
Braden Rowe	Logan Russo	Denise Sammon
Zoe Sauve	Donna Schaefer	Cam Schiebler
Jennifer Schiebler	David Seale	Fred Seeburger
Wynne A. Shaul	Jake Simmons	Catherine Smith
Charlene Smith	Emma Stanek	Emma Stansbury
Catherine Thousand	Melanie Toner	Morgan Velardi
Brooke Walters	Meghan Wehner	Christine Welker
Rolanda Williams	Christina Zoeckler	

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

Allison Bartoszek	Cindy Beley	David Bloss
Margaret Bohm	Mark Boswell	Janet Calvarese
Jared Capalario	Gina Caramadre	Cynthia Carney-Yates
Amy Cocca	Lori Jo Czieszler	Ralph DeForest
Pauline D'Eredita	Madalyn Douglas	Jill Duby
Amy Elmy	Emily Finch	Darlene Finck
Trudy French	Linda Grey	Amanda Grzeja
Emily Gushea	Vicki Johnson	Adrienne Kelley
Cara Kielbasa	Tiffany Killian	Tom Lenning
Colette Leonard	Denise MacDowell	Rebecca McDermott
Brenda McGinnis	Eileen McGrath	Tina Merrill
Rachel Noble	Kimberly Nowak	Eve Oakes
Diane Paul	Peggy Riggan	Emily Rightmyre
Necole Risley	Lauralee Shafer	Susan Sherlock
Jake Simmons	Catherine Smith	Charlene Smith
Caitlynn Spaulding	Lynda Stankavage	Emma Stansbury
Riley Stiles	Matthew Szczerba	Chloe Thien

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Caterina Thousand	Melanie Toner	Karol Toole
Abigail VanDee	Morgan Velardi	Christina Wagoner
Meghan Wehner	Robin Whipple	Molly Wilcox

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Edward Gratien, seconded by Dan Gibbons, that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Motion by Dana Kent, seconded by Edward Gratien, that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Jason Thomas, seconded by Dan Gibbons, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy
District Clerk