Geoffrey Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held in the middle school cafeteria.

Present: Phil Austin, Siubhan Bongiovanni, James Boswell, Louis Cianfrocco, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Daniel Mayer

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

Visitors: Lisa Lewis, Paul Gloska, Theresa Flint, Jason Terranova, Bryan Bendixen

There was no Addendum to the Agenda.
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 comment 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.

Bryan Bendixen commented on 1% milk versus whole milk.

III. Consent Agenda

Upon motion made by Wehner, seconded by Cianfrocco, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from August 17, 2021.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. Enrollment Figures

B. New Teaching Staff: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

C. Opening Day of School: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

V. Old Business

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Cianfrocco to accept the following old business recommendation:

A. “Return To School Plan” Discussion/Action

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0
VI. New Business

Motion by Wehner, seconded by Gratien to approve the following new business recommendation:

A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Municipal Corporate Resolution allowing the district to participate in the NYCLASS program. Discussion/Action

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

VII. Superintendent’s Report

A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes

B. School Safety Update

C. Opening Day With Students, September 7, 2021

D. Next Board of Education Meeting on September 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

E. NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Conference, Saratoga Springs, September 26-28, 2021

F. NYSSBA Annual Conference in New York City, NY, October 24-26, 2021

G. Board of Education Recognition Week on October 18-22, 2021

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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VOTE: AYES – 8  NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Gratien, seconded by Austin to accept personnel recommendations 1-21.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Julie Kielbasa, Teaching Assistant, be accepted effective August 30, 2021.

2. It is recommended that the resignation of Hannah Reed, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2021.

3. It is recommended that the resignation of Brittany Drypolcher, long-term substitute, be accepted effective August 31, 2021.

4. It is recommended that the resignation of Jaime Catlin, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 30, 2021.

5. It is recommended that the resignation of Melissa Ryan, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2021.

6. It is recommended that Kerry Berman be granted a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education teacher effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at Step 2, Class 7 (M) pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.

7. It is recommended that Brittany Drypolcher be granted a four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at Step 7, Class 8 (M).

8. It is recommended that Jodi Accuri be granted a four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at Step 1, Class 4 pending verification of official college transcripts.

9. It is recommended that Heather Cleary be granted a four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at Step 10, Class 7 (M) pending verification of official college transcripts.
10. It is recommended that Matthew Carinci be granted a four-year probationary appointment as an AIS Reading teacher effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at Step 1, Class 7 (M) pending verification of official college transcripts.

11. It is recommended that Melissa Ryan be granted a long-term substitute appointment as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at Step 1, Class I pending verification of official collegiate transcripts.

12. It is recommended that Jaime Catlin be granted a four year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025, pending verification of Teaching Assistant Certification.

13. It is recommended that Darryl Millet, School Bus Driver, be granted a permanent appointment effective September 1, 2021.

14. It is recommended that Spencer Houde be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective September 7, 2021, through November 6, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 6, 2022.

15. It is recommended that Casey Cunningham be granted a probationary appointment as a Mechanic’s Helper effective September 7, 2021, through November 6, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 6, 2022.

16. It is recommended that Brenda Dean be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Helper effective September 7, 2021, through November 6, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 6, 2022.

17. It is recommended that John Dykeman be granted a probationary appointment as a part-time Maintenance Helper effective September 20, 2021, through November 19, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 19, 2022.

18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Sandra Athans and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/21-6/30/22.

19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Robin Parente and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/21-6/30/22.
20. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year:

Connelly, Erin  
Williams, Rolanda

21. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Nurse Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year:

Burdick, Stacie

VOTE:  AYES – 8  NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Cianfrocco, seconded by Wehner that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE:  AYES – 8  NAYS – 0

Motion by Boswell, seconded by Bongiovanni that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE:  AYES – 8  NAYS – 0

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Boswell to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE:  AYES – 8  NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy  
District Clerk