

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
September 9, 2025
6:30 PM

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Vice President Siubhan Bongiovanni 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, Louis Cianfrocco, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Dana Kent, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Daniel Mayer, Jason Thomas

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

Visitors: Ronnie Jackson, Lisa Coakley, Breyt Coakley, Laney Coakley, Christine Smith, Paul Gloska, Jensun Becotte, Damien DeForge, Mike Valenti, Robert DeVaul, Muhammad Murray

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 Geoffrey Zimmer, seconded by Dan Gibbons, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from August 19, 2025.

B. Financials

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for July 2025 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Reports for July 2025 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for July 2025 be accepted.
4. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for July 2025 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. Open House/Curriculum Nights – Information/Discussion

V. Old Business

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

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VI. New Business

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

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education reject the bids received on August 21, 2025, for the dugout pads. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the quote from Sportsfield Specialties for the installation of dugout pads, delivery, and installation of dugouts. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised Fund Balance and Reserves - Funding and Use for the 2025-26 school year. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Chittenango Baseball Spring Training Proposal 2026. Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on September 23, 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

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IX. CSE Recommendations

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

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610423181

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610423189

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

- A. Motion by Geoffrey Zimmer, seconded by Louis Cianfrocco, to accept personnel recommendations 1 through 17.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Kristi Mullin, Teaching Assistant, be approved effective August 21, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the resignation of Amy Taylor, Bus Attendant, be approved effective August 27, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the resignation of Andrew Liedka, Cleaner, be approved effective August 29, 2025, at the close of business.
4. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Scott Mahardy, Assistant Superintendent for Business, be approved effective February 28, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) permanent appointment for Elaynee DeFrees be reinstated effective August 28, 2025.
6. It is recommended that Mark Boswell 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.
7. It is recommended that Christina Wagoner be granted a probationary appointment as a Bus Attendant effective September 3, 2025, through November 2, 2025, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 2, 2026.
8. It is recommended that Jared Capalario be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Library Media) effective August 28, 2025, through October 27, 2025,

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and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 27, 2026.

9. It is recommended that David Bloss 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.
10. It is recommended that Margaret Riffin be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective September 3, 2025, through September 2, 2026.
11. It is recommended that Christina Neveldine, School Bus Driver, be granted a permanent appointment effective September 3, 2025.
12. It is recommended that Kelsey Sgroi, Music Teacher, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about September 29, 2025 through January 5, 2026.
13. It is recommended that Blair Rosenberg be granted a three (3) year probationary appointment as a School Counselor effective September 29, 2025 through August 28, 2028 at Step 5, Class X (M) pending verification of official college transcripts.
14. It is recommended that the following be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the Fall 2025 season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Reynolds "RJ" Davis	Varsity Football Assistant

15. It is recommended that the following names be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the Winter 2025-2026 season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Shea Skeele*	Varsity Boys Basketball
Andrew Roden	JV Boys Basketball
Andrew Lampman	Modified 8 Boys Basketball
Mike Logan	Modified 7 Boys Basketball
Kassie Kleine	Varsity Girls Basketball
Danielle Caivana	JV Girls Basketball
Brad May	Modified 7 Girls Basketball
Andrew Lampman	Modified 8 Girls Basketball
Nic Bacon	Varsity Wrestling
Curt Kielbasa	JV Wrestling
Jack Hayes	Modified Wrestling

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kari Cumber	Varsity Cheerleading
Sarah Beagle	JV Cheerleading
David Chizzonite	Modified 8 Girls Volleyball
Amy Simmons	Modified 7 Girls Volleyball
Mike Dziedzic	Varsity Boys Volleyball
Andrew Young	JV Boys Volleyball
Brian Thomas	Boys Modified Volleyball
Miles Levesque	Varsity Boys Indoor Track
Derek Gott	Varsity Girls Indoor Track
Eric Saunders	Varsity Bowling
Amy Simmons	Unified Bowling
Amy Simmons	Unified YAC Advisor

***Non District**

16. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2025-2026 school year:

Ryan Aumell	Reynolds Davis	Peter Eberst
Giuliana Farr	Sophia Giacona	Emily Gushea
Kayla Gibson	Jill Horton	JoAnn Jones
Thomas McIntosh	George Pealo	

17. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tia Beckwith	Kayla Gibson	JoAnn Jones
Megan Lucak	George Pealo	Megan Richardson

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Geoffrey Zimmer, seconded by Dan Gibbons, that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

Motion by Dan Gibbons, seconded by Geoffrey Zimmer, that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

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XII. Adjournment

Motion by Russell Wehner, seconded by Dan Gibbons, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES – 7

NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy
District Clerk