

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango High School
January 13, 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 cafeteria.

Present: Siubhan Bongiovanni, Louis Cianfrocco, Dan Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Dana Kent, Daniel Mayer, Jason Thomas, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer, Muhammad Murray-Student Representative, Lily Wynkoop-Student Representative

Absent:

Also Present: Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools
Scott P. Mahardy, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jason P. Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Adrianna Kam, Associate Principal

Visitors: Amanda Blaszkow, Rob Duffy, Lynne Duffy, Molly Gaeta, Jenna Olds, Brittney Sgambellone, Rosemary Bliss, Min Flynn, Jessey Bowe, Jim Butler, Kevin Lothridge, Silvia Bliss, Paul Gloska, Ron Jackson, Amber Skelly, Victoria Skelly, Warren Stedman, Isaac Shank, Bryce Asmussen, Alyssa McCombie, Parker Thayer, Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Rebecca Calunod, Savanna Napolitano, Leah Calunod, Norman Coomer, Ben Coomer, Ian Baldwin, Hilary Lorenzi, Samuel VanDee, Paul Hrynio, Kurt Noll, Jeannine Noll, Kelly Hrynio

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.

Warren Stedman read a letter from the Booster Club. The letter is attached to the minutes.

Paul Hrynio addressed the board about a bill that has passed (NY S01183) regarding full property exemptions for disabled veterans as defined in the bill.

III. Consent Agenda

Upon motion made by Russell Wehner, seconded by Dan Gibbons, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting from December 16, 2025.

B. Financials

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

VOTE:

AYES – 9

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. New Teaching Staff Introductions: Michael Eiffe/Jason Clark – Information/Discussion

B. Testing Center: Nick Fersch/Jay Altobello – Information/Discussion

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V. Old Business

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

VI. New Business

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 Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chittenango Middle School

VIII. Board Members’ Reports

- A. Member Reports
 - 1. Audit Committee
 - 2. Budget Committee – Met on 1/13/2026; next meeting on 2/10/2026
 - 3. Facilities/Transportation Committee
 - 4. Policy Committee – Met with labor relations; update website
- B. Board Member Comments

IX. CSE Recommendations

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

610417409	610422472	610421579	610421849
510420019	610422078	610422251	610422512
610413099	610421306	610422205	610423260
610419321	610420912	610422839	610422186
610421723	610420150	610421720	610420534
610408327	610422157	610421283	610422069
610421124	610400484	610421384	610422258
610422846	610421738	610421206	610421755
610422898	610422123	610422897	610420638

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610420661	610421680	610402159	610422549
610423334	610402923	610422825	610422228
610421617	610421893	610417466	610422657
610423058	610420994	610421896	610422765
610422455	610417702	610421542	610421627
610421628			

VOTE: AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Dan Gibbons, seconded by Jason Thomas, to accept personnel recommendations 1 through 10.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Elayne DeFrees, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be approved effective January 3, 2026.
2. It is recommended that Kevin Lothridge's probationary appointment as Director of Facilities II be extended to May 31, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the services of Shea Skeelee, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, be terminated effective December 19, 2025.
4. 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>
Jay Ronalds	Spring Musical Set Construction Co-Advisor

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Christian Rohrer	Varsity Boys Basketball

6. It is recommended that Karleigh Stevens, Instructional Aide (Library Media), be granted an unpaid leave of absence effective February 2, 2026, through April 12, 2026.
7. It is recommended that Andrea Diglio, School Counselor, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about March 19, 2026, through June 26, 2026.

