CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango High School
January 5, 2021
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Scott P. Mahardy, Siubhan Bongiovanni

Also Present: Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools
Melody Halsey, Clerk Pro Tem

Visitors: Nick Fersch, Matt Mork, Lisa Lewis, Paul Gloska

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.

There were no public comments at this time.

III. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from December 8, 2020.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. STEAM Showcase – Drone Technology Presentation: High School Administration and Team – Information/Discussion

V. Old Business

A. 2021-2022 Budget Preparation: Scott Mahardy/Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion

B. COVID-19 Update: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion
VI. **New Business**

**Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Wehner to approve new business recommendations A-E:

A. It is recommended that the IRS mileage rate of $0.56 per mile be adopted for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion/Action

B. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare 356 iPads as surplus and authorize the disposition of units in the most economical manner. Discussion/Action

C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a thirty-six (36) month service contract with OCM BOCES for network printing (copier) services for an estimated annual payment of $50,785. Discussion/Action

D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the surplus list of books from our internal library system. Discussion/Action

E. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached approach to testing internal controls to satisfy SED requirements. Discussion/Action

**VOTE:**

AYES – 8  
NAYS – 0

F. Draft Budget Calendar: Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

G. Draft 2021-2022 School Calendar: Mike Eiffe – Information/Discussion

VII. **Superintendent’s Report**

A. Tradition of Excellence/Celebrations/Successes

B. OCM BOCES Services Meeting Review Update

C. Governor’s State of the State Address, January 19, 2021

D. Next Board of Education Meeting, January 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School

E. BOE Budget Planning Session on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

F. Legislative Visits: Assemblyman Salka and Senator May

VIII. **Board Members’ Reports**

A. Member Reports
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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 Austin, seconded by Mayer to accept the following CSE recommendations:

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Gratien, seconded by Wehner to accept personnel recommendation 1.

1. It is recommended that Michael Farber be granted a probationary appointment as a Cleaner retroactive to December 8, 2020 through February 7, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through June 7, 2021.
B. **Motion** by Wehner, seconded by Cianfrocco to accept personnel recommendation 2.

2. It is recommended that Joan Gibbons be granted a probationary appointment as an Office Assistant II effective January 4, 2021 through March 3, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through July 3, 2021.

VOTE: AYES – 7 NAYS – 0 ABSTAINED – 1 (Gibbons)

C. **Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Gratien to accept personnel recommendation 3-7.

3. It is recommended that John Paddock be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective January 4, 2021 through March 3, 2021 and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through July 3, 2021.

4. It is recommended that Jamie Graham be granted a probationary appointment as a Cleaner effective January 4, 2021 through March 3, 2021, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through July 3, 2021.

5. It is recommended that the following coaching recommendation for the 2020-2021 winter season be approved:

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6. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:

| Bixby, Hannah   | Gordon, Devin   | Pellman, Sydney |

7. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Nurse Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year:

| Biesiada, Matthew | Bixby, Hannah   | Gordon, Devin   |

Pellman, Sydney

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0
XI. **Executive Session**

**Motion** by Cianfrocco, seconded by Mayer that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**Motion** by Gibbons, seconded by Wehner that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

XII. **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mayer, seconded by Boswell to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Halsey
Clerk Pro Tem