

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chittenango Middle School
December 19, 2023
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 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: Michele LaTour, Evan Lindsey, Anthony DiPino, Taylor Brown, Paul Gloska, Cierra Wolterding, Julian Martinez, Kathryn Morkel, Grace Tallini, Doug DiGennaro, Sam DiGennaro, Edward Blanch, Adrianna Kam, Jenna Ballard, Emily Townsend, Taylor Weese, Gabby Buffoline, Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Jay Ronalds, Brennen Toner

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 Wehner, seconded by Gratien, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from November 21, 2023.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Report for November 2023 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Report for November 2023 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

IV. Educational Presentation/Topics

A. New Staff Introductions: Arnie Merola – Information/Discussion

B. CMS Counseling Department: Arnie Merola/Brendon Willey/Adrianna Kam – Information/Discussion

C. New Course Proposals: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion

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V. Old Business

- A. Capital Project Update: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion
- B. 2024-2025 Budget Preparation: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

VI. New Business

Motion by Gratien, seconded by Gibbons to approve new business resolutions A-B:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare that the attached list of projectors as surplus and authorize the disposition of the same in the most economical manner.
Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the revised substitute pay rates effective 1/1/2024. Discussion/Action

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

- C. (Required Policy) Policy 0101, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms Policy: First Reading – Information/Discussion
- D. (Required Policy) Policy 0105, 0105-R, 0105-E, Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education Policy/Regulation/Exhibit: First Reading – Information/Discussion
- E. (Required Policy) Policy 0110, Sexual Harassment: First Reading – Information/Discussion
- F. (Required Policy) Policy 0110.1, 0110.1-R, Sexual Harassment of Students Policy/Regulation: First Reading – Information/Discussion
- G. (Required Policy) Policy 0110.2, 0110.2-R, 0110.2-E, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Policy/Regulation/Exhibit: First Reading – Information/Discussion
- H. (Required Policy) Policy 0115, 0115-R, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy/Regulation: First Reading – Information/Discussion

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. Holiday Giving/Kindness

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- D. Holiday Concerts
- E. BOCES Services Meeting Review
- F. Legislative Visits/Partnerships
- G. Micron/Regional STEM High School
- H. Higher Education Visits/Partnerships
- I. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024, in Chittenango High School at 6:30 p.m.

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 Gratien to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610422472	610408329	610417142	610378483
610421998	610421854	610402416	610400380
610416489	610354312	610420967	610422909
610422907	610413100	610413099	610409111
610408806	610402106	610421061	610421306
610379339	610420904	610355446	610421293
610422448	610377658	610360222	610390774
610408935	610385361	610387286	610421873
610422839	610421088	610419721	610420042
610410719	610408327	610422627	610422213
610419923	610421123	610413368	610400484
610421664	610422046	610402431	610422918

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610401211	610421833	610422126	610382209
610422123	610422417	610420747	610412745
610420717	610420638	610421328	610421552
610421016	610357324	610420983	610421670
610422384	610400265	610421171	610422487
610408703	610408716	610422218	610422534
610400524	610421929	610421741	610421893
610354561	610421575	610422065	610421542
610422883			

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

X. Personnel

A. **Motion** by Gratien, seconded by Wehner to accept personnel recommendations 1-12.

1. It is recommended that Andrea Diglio, School Counselor, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about April 3, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
2. It is recommended that Renee Cerio be granted a long-term substitute position as a UPK teacher effective September 14, 2023 through June 26, 2024 at Step 8, Class 7.
3. It is recommended that Jill Just, Office Assistant II, be granted a permanent appointment effective December 1, 2023.
4. It is recommended that Olivia Besaw be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective October 30, 2023, through December 29, 2023, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through April 29, 2024.
5. It is recommended that Mary Potter be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective November 28, 2023, through January 27, 2024, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through May 27, 2024.
6. It is recommended that Arielle Maciag be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective December 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through May 31, 2024.
7. It is recommended that John Wimmer be granted a probationary appointment as a School Bus Driver effective December 11, 2023, through December 10, 2024.

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8. It is recommended that the probationary appointment of Hillary Coates, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), ends effective December 5, 2023.
9. It is recommended that Steve Vonderweidt be approved as a volunteer Robotics Advisor effective January 1, 2024.
10. It is recommended that the following be approved as interscholastic coaches/advisors for the 2024 Spring season:

Julie Baran Varsity Girls Lacrosse Head

11. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2023-2024 school year:

Erin Connelly

12. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2023-2024 school year:

Cynthia Carney-Yates Caitlynn Spaulding Kirsten Warner

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Kent that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Gratien that the Board returns from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

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XII. Adjournment

Motion by Wehner, seconded by Gibbons to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE:

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NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy
District Clerk