

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Chittenango Middle School  
December 20, 2022  
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 cafeteria.

Present: Phil Austin, Dan Gibbons, Dana Kent, Daniel Mayer, Russell Wehner, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Siubhan Bongiovanni, Louis Cianfrocco, Edward Gratien

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

Visitors: Paul Gloska, Stacy Bullock, Hannah Sidebottom, Brittany Haas, James Bongiovanni, Kate Bryant, Christy Podunajec, Jacob Podunajec, Matthew Podunajec, Jordan Russell, Jenna Ballard, Nick Ryan, Carrie-Ann Ronalds, Kelly Ventura, John Ventura, Ethan Gushea, Arnie Merola, Jr., Brendon Willey

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 Gibbons, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting from November 22, 2022.

B. Financial

1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Reports for November 2022 be accepted.
2. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Report for November 2022 be accepted.
3. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Report for November 2022 be accepted.

VOTE:

AYES – 6

NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

- A. New Teaching Staff Introductions: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- B. CMS Library Media Center: Arnie Merola/Jenna Ballard – 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. 2023-2024 Budget Preparation: Michael Eiffe/Scott Mahardy – Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

**Motion** by Mayer, seconded by Gibbons to approve new business resolutions A-D:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the corrective action plan (CAP) for items identified in Appendix I for the 2021-22 external audit. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Assistant Superintendent to issue a letter of intent (LOI) to J&B Installations, Inc. in the amount of \$4,067,500 for the complete replacement of the high school roof during the summer of 2023. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the addition of Metropolitan Commercial Bank as an approved option for investment of surplus funds. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached school trip for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 6

NAYS – 0

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. Holiday Giving/Kindness
- D. OCM BOCES CTE Programming
- E. Student/Staff Training (Mental Health First Aid, Writing, Safety, Special Education Services, Early Childhood Education)
- F. New Social Workers Update
- G. Wisdom Thinkers Update: Celebrating Diversity & Stories of Elders

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H. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 10, 2023, 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 Mayer, seconded by Wehner to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610408329	610421998	610400380	610422087
610416489	610420922	610420967	610408600
610413099	610402106	610421025	610421645
610421787	610420904	610355446	610421293
610377658	610360222	610421309	610421310
610390774	610408935	610387286	610350140
610422010	610402093	610420042	610409115
610422627	610419923	610400484	610422161
610422046	610420151	610412891	610421833
610421813	610382209	610421717	610420057
610420747	610420638	610416860	610420933
610421328	610402513	610420983	610422631
610421670	610354530	610408703	610397813
610408716	610422534	610421929	610422277
610416467	610421575	610421624	610421579
610422087	610422078	610422572	610418118
610421559	610417466	610354581	

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**X. Personnel**

A. **Motion** by Austin, seconded by Mayer to accept personnel recommendations 1-12.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Brian Thomas, Unified Bowling Coach, be accepted effective December 19, 2022.
2. It is recommended that Bradley Williams be approved as a Middle School Advisor/Director for Robotics for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. It is recommended that Eric Saunders be approved as a Middle School Advisor/Director for Robotics for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. It is recommended that the Board of Education correct the four-year probationary appointment of Marina Gedamoske from September 15, 2022 through September 14, 2026 to August 31, 2022 through August 30, 2026.
5. It is recommended that Rosemarie Connelly, Music Teacher, be granted a parental leave of absence with allowable disability leave on or about March 16, 2023 through June 23, 2023.
6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary appointment of Teresa Stephens to assist the technology department. This appointment will run from December 6, 2022, until a replacement is found and will be approximately 16 hours per week.
7. It is recommended that Jennifer June, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective December 7, 2022.
8. It is recommended that Emily Ezzo be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Helper effective December 21, 2022, through February 20, 2023, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through June 20, 2023.
9. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the 2022-2023 Winter Coaching season:  

Andrew Lampman	Modified 7 Girls Basketball
Brian Thomas	Modified Boys Volleyball
Jack Hayes	Modified Wrestling
10. It is recommended that Mike Logan be approved as JV Baseball coach for the 2023 Spring Season.

