

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Chittenango Middle School  
June 16, 2026  
6:30 P.M.

**A G E N D A**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Visitors are recognized and welcomed

**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.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolutions were offered:

- A. Minutes
  - 1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting from May 19, 2026.
- B. Financials
  - 1. It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for May 2026 be accepted.
  - 2. It is recommended that the Claims Auditor's Reports for April and May 2026 be accepted.
  - 3. It is recommended that the Appropriation Status Reports for May 2026 be accepted.
  - 4. It is recommended that the Revenue Status Reports for May 2026 be accepted.

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

**V. Old Business**

- A. Annual Budget Vote Recap: Michael Eiffe/Matthew Morkel– Information/Discussion
  - i. Proposition 1 (2026-2027 Budget): Pass
  - ii. Proposition 2 (Bus Vote): Pass
  - iii. Proposition 3 (Sullivan Free Library): Pass
  - iv. Geoffrey Zimmer, Louis Cianfrocco, and Edward Gratien were all re-elected
- B. Capital Project Update: Michael Eiffe/Matthew Morkel – Information/Discussion–
- C. Graduation Planning: Michael Eiffe – Information/Discussion
- D. 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Calendar Planning: Michael Eiffe- Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of computers to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner.  
Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to be adopted, which authorizes the issuance of sale and bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$586,965 over five (5) years for the specific purpose of purchasing three (3) student transport vehicles. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Adult and Continuing Education resolution between the OCM BOCES and Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the Equivalent and Attendance program between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action
- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Annual Cooperative Bidding Resolution between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District.  
Discussion/Action
- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the Employment Preparation Education program between OCM BOCES and the Chittenango Central School District. Discussion/Action

- G. It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to issue a letter of intent (LOI) to The Cook & Boardman Group, LLC DBA BR Johnson, Precision Doors & Hardware, LLC for the current capital project, to utilize cooperative purchasing and bidding to secure the lowest price and best value within the current capital project budget for the purchase and installation of windows at District's Middle School.  
Discussion/Action
- H. It is recommended that the Board of Education recognize a 30-day comment period for a district-wide safety plan. Discussion/Action
- I. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the two attached lists of books to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner.  
Discussion/Action
- J. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list of medical equipment to be deemed as surplus and be disposed of in the most cost-effective manner. Discussion/Action
- K. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chittenango Central School District and the Chittenango Teachers Association. Discussion/Action
- L. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Health and Welfare Services. Discussion/Action

## **VII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. School Safety Update
- C. SUN Chevy Donation
- D. Senior Walk Through at Bridgeport, Bolivar Road, and Chittenango Middle School: June 16, 2026
- E. High School Graduation: June 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
- F. Extended Year Programming will start on July 6, 2026
- G. Annual Organizational Meeting and the next Board of Education meeting will be held on July 1, 2026, 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

**IX. CSE Recommendations**

- A. It is recommended by the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools that the following students be placed in educational programs according to confidential information shared with the Board of Education.

|           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 610422329 | 610423056 | 610423010 | 610422488 |
| 610423351 | 610422342 | 610423341 | 610422409 |
| 610422078 | 610423380 | 610421413 | 610422252 |
| 610423384 | 610422934 | 610423095 | 610422187 |
| 610422319 | 610423116 | 610422812 | 610422710 |
| 610422873 | 610423097 | 610421658 | 610422427 |
| 610422748 | 610423238 | 610421987 | 610422201 |
| 610423166 | 610421827 | 610422448 | 610421823 |
| 610420145 | 610416046 | 610422890 | 610421588 |
| 610422028 | 610422839 | 610422775 | 610422386 |
| 610422807 | 610422855 | 610422828 | 610421836 |
| 610420946 | 610421935 | 610422694 | 610422245 |
| 610421314 | 610422048 | 610423128 | 610423155 |
| 610423258 | 610423004 | 610421087 | 610423112 |
| 610423263 | 610422810 | 610422479 | 610422189 |
| 610422141 | 610422142 | 610422753 | 610422311 |
| 610423181 | 610421852 | 610422755 | 610422846 |
| 610420865 | 610422535 | 610423350 | 610423252 |

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| 610423329 | 610421847 | 610422898 | 610423324 |
| 610421968 | 610423288 | 610422897 | 610421538 |
| 610423123 | 610419571 | 610422693 | 610422432 |
| 610422554 | 610422226 | 610422137 | 610422622 |
| 610421436 | 610423275 | 610423461 | 610413411 |
| 610422384 | 610423028 | 610422435 | 610422170 |
| 610422431 | 610423189 | 610422485 | 610422831 |
| 610422657 | 610422447 | 610423058 | 610421029 |
| 610422274 | 610422971 | 610423259 | 610422809 |
| 610422765 | 610422455 | 610422498 | 610423167 |
| 610422617 | 610423036 | 610422932 |           |

## **X. Personnel**

### **A. Personnel**

1. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolishes 2.0 FTE teaching positions in the English 7-12 tenure area effective August 31, 2026, and that the services of the following individuals be terminated for purposes of lay-off as the teachers in the English 7-12 tenure area in the order as listed starting with the least seniority as follows:

- a. Glenn Phillips
- b. Emily Norman

FURTHER, upon abolishment, the Superintendent is directed to notify such teachers that they will be placed on the preferred eligible list of candidates for re-appointment to a vacancy that may occur thereafter in a position in the same tenure area for a period of seven (7) years effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2033.

2. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolishes 1.0 FTE teaching position in the Mathematics 7-12 tenure area effective August 31, 2026, and that the services of the following individuals be terminated for purposes of lay-off as the teachers in the Mathematics 7-12 tenure area in the order as listed starting with the least seniority as follows:

- a. Perri Cronk

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to a vacancy that may occur thereafter in a position in the same tenure area for a period of seven (7) years effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2033.

3. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Patsy Bloss, School Bus Driver, be accepted effective June 30, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Sharon Davie, Office Assistant II, be accepted effective July 31, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Jeanette Burghardt, Instructional Aide (Clerical), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the resignation of Susan Zamlowski, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective August 31, 2026.
7. It is recommended that Megan Lucak, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective May 17, 2026.
8. It is recommended that Megan Richardson, Food Service Helper, be granted a permanent appointment effective May 17, 2026.
9. It is recommended that Megan Lucak be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Cook effective September 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through February 28, 2027.
10. It is recommended that Maizie Wood be granted a leave of absence without pay effective September 2, 2026, through June 25, 2027.
11. It is recommended that Alexandra Drake be granted a long-term substitute position as an Occupational Therapist effective September 2, 2026, through June 25, 2027, at Step 3 Class 12 (M).
12. It is recommended that the following part-time teachers be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Subject</u>     | <u>FTE</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Kadi Luchsinger | Physical Therapist | 0.80       |
| Camile Gruner   | Art                | 0.75       |

13. It is recommended that the following be approved for tenure effective September 1, 2025:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Position</u>    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Kelly Leonard | Teaching Assistant |

14. It is recommended that Lauren Knuth, School Nurse, be granted a permanent appointment effective March 17, 2026.

15. It is recommended that Emilee Bedell, School Nurse, be granted a permanent appointment effective September 1, 2026.

16. It is recommended that the following be approved for tenure effective September 1, 2026:

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Heather Cleary     | Elementary             |
| Molly Gaeta        | Special Education      |
| Marina Gedamoske   | Teaching Assistant     |
| Emily Norman       | English                |
| Jill Parker        | Music                  |
| Melissa Ryan       | Elementary             |
| Stephanie Ryan     | Elementary             |
| Carrie-Ann Ronalds | Social Studies         |
| Katie Thomas       | Mathematics            |
| Emilee Watson      | Special Education      |

17. It is recommended that the following personnel be approved for the 2026-2027 Mentor-Intern Program:

| <b><u>Name</u></b>  | <b><u>Position</u></b>         |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Melissa Scheidelman | District Chairperson           |
| Emily Schaefer      | Bridgeport Elementary School   |
| Katie Weiss         | Bolivar Road Elementary School |
| Amy Simmons         | Chittenango Middle School      |
| Cheryl Moore        | Chittenango High School        |

18. It is recommended that the following be approved as Department and Grade-Level Chairpersons for 2026-2028:

| <b><u>Name</u></b>               | <b><u>Position</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Toby Clark                       | UPK                    |
| Heather Cowburn                  | Kindergarten           |
| Carrie Marko                     | Grade 1                |
| Tracy Terry                      | Grade 2                |
| Melissa Biviano                  | Grade 3                |
| George Aversano                  | Grade 4                |
| Katharine Crayton                | Grade 5                |
| Catherine Weiss                  | English, UPK-5         |
| Jared Cestaro                    | Mathematics, UPK-5     |
| Samantha Russo/Elizabeth Shepard | Science, UPK-5         |
| Melissa Machan                   | Social Studies, UPK-5  |
| Sarah Rife                       | English, 6-8           |
| Kim Myka                         | Mathematics, 6-8       |
| Rebecca Connelly                 | Science, 6-8           |
| Erica Martin                     | Social Studies, 6-8    |
| Christopher Cashman              | English, 9-12          |
| Jay Wingard                      | Mathematics, 9-12      |
| Jodi Cosbey                      | Science, 9-12          |

|                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| David Baran            | Social Studies, 9-12           |
| Jennifer Smith         | Business & Tech, 9-12          |
| Jolene Bennett         | World Language, 9-12           |
| Allison Komaneky       | Art, UPK-12                    |
| Sean Hayden            | Guidance, UPK-12               |
| Julie Baran            | Mental Health                  |
| Brian Thomas           | Health, PE & Home Econ, UPK-12 |
| Jacqueline Alex        | Library, UPK-12                |
| Matthew Stearns        | Music, UPK-12                  |
| Tracy Biedermann       | Nurse, UPK-12                  |
| Erin Allen/Amy Simmons | Special Ed, UPK-12             |

19. It is recommended that the following be approved as co-curricular advisors for the 2026-2027 school year:

### **Elementary**

|                                |                                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Sarah Martin                   | Ball Handling (Bolivar Road)               |
| Sarah Martin                   | Ball Handling (Bridgeport)                 |
| Melissa Biviano/Melissa Machan | Character Education Advisor (Bolivar Road) |
| Emily Schaefer                 | Character Education Advisor (Bridgeport)   |
| Katie Weiss/Elizabeth Shepard  | Drama Supervisors (Bolivar Road)           |

### **Position**

### **Middle School**

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brittany Haas             | FOR Club Advisor         |
| Jenna Ballard             | Library Club             |
| Melissa Kester            | Play Director (5-6)      |
| Melissa Kester            | Play Director (7-8)      |
| James Bongiovanni         | Robotics (2)             |
| Rebecca Connelly          | Science Olympiad Advisor |
| Erin Wicks/Marianne Quinn | Student Council          |
| Erica Martin/Sarah Rife   | Yearbook                 |

### **Position**

### **High School**

|                                |                                         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Jackie Popkess                 | BEAR Program                            |
| Amy Abma                       | Chamber Orchestra                       |
| Matt Stearns                   | District Lighting and Sound Coordinator |
| Aaron Velardi                  | Dixieland Band                          |
| TBD                            | Fall Play Audio and Lights Supervisor   |
| Matt Stearns                   | Fall Play Director                      |
| Lisa Stearns                   | Fall Play Director, Assistant           |
| Jayson Ronalds                 | Fall Play Set Construction Advisor      |
| Lisa Murray/Diana Cashman      | FOR Club                                |
| Jolene Bennett/Sarah Schiralli | French Honor Society                    |
| Emily Norman/Katie Thomas      | Freshman Class                          |
| Jen Smith                      | Future Business Leaders of America      |
| Jolene Bennett/Justin Sylstra  | GSA Advisor                             |
| Aaron Velardi                  | Jazz Band Director                      |
| Jodi Cosbey                    | Junior Class Advisor                    |
| Jen Smith/Jodi Cosby           | Junior Honor Society Advisors           |
| Jackie Alex                    | Library Club Advisor                    |

### **Position**

Allison Komanecky/Jackie Alex  
 Misty Coller/Chris Cashman  
 Greg Shepard/Tom Hansen  
 Tom Hansen  
 David Chizzonite  
 Lisa Murray  
 Lynne Duffy  
 Jen Smith/Sarah Winchell  
 Matt Stearns  
 Sam Johnson/Angela Murphy  
 Mike Garofalo  
 Melissa O'Brien/Victoria Fragoso  
 Angela Murphy  
 TBD  
 Natalie Stansbury  
 Matt Stearns  
 Aaron Velardi  
 Jayson Ronalds  
 Emily Norman/Carly Willey  
 Julie Baran  
 Gina O'Rourke

Literacy Magazine (Fine Lines)  
 Mock Trial Advisors  
 National Honor Society  
 Newspaper (Bear Facts)  
 Robotics  
 SADD  
 Science Olympiad  
 Scholarship Committee Coordinators  
 Select Choir  
 Senior Class Advisors  
 Sophomore Class Advisor  
 Spanish Honor Society  
 Spring Musical Assistant Director  
 Spring Musical Audio and Lights Supervisor  
 Spring Musical Choreographer  
 Spring Musical Director  
 Spring Musical Orchestra  
 Spring Musical Set Construction  
 Student Council  
 Testing Coordinator and Data Analyst  
 Yearbook

20. It is recommended that the Special Education Extended School Year Program staff for the 2025-2026 school year be approved effective July 6, 2026, through August 14, 2026:

**Name**

Angela Murphy  
 Mary Colagiovanni  
 Julia Bauder

Sabrina Tucker

Tracy DeMario  
 Krista Gabor  
 Jennifer Street  
 Hannah Rogers  
 CPSE and CSE)

Mariana Gedmoske  
 David Bloss  
 Kara Winters

Brandi Richer  
 Jennifer Case  
 Betsey Brown  
 Eileen Taylor  
 Karleigh Stevens  
 Jess Button  
 Sam Gates

**Position**

Special Education Teacher  
 Special Education Teacher  
 Special Education Teacher

School Nurse

Speech Therapist (approx. 20 hrs/week)  
 Occupational Therapist (approx. 22 hrs/week)  
 Physical Therapist (approx. 20 hrs/week)  
 Speech Language Therapist (6-10 hrs/week)

Teacher Assistant  
 Teacher Assistant  
 Teacher Assistant

Special Education Aide  
 Special Education Aide  
 Special Education Aide  
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 Special Education Aide  
 Special Education Aide

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Peyton Clarke    | Special Education Aide |
| Meghan Wehner    | Special Education Aide |
| Trina Baldwin    | Special Education Aide |
| Emily Gushea     | Special Education Aide |
| Desiree Stoddard | Special Education Aide |
| Gabriella Borda  | Special Education Aide |
| Rolanda Williams | Special Education Aide |
| Maddie Mandigo   | Special Education Aide |
| Emily Rightmyre  | Special Education Aide |
| Mae Compoli      | Special Education Aide |
| Holly Russell    | Special Education Aide |

21. RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves of the successor contract of employment with the Superintendent of Schools from June 22, 2026, through June 21, 2031, as attached.
22. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract of employment with Jason Clark as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031, as attached.
23. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract of employment with Benjamin New, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, as attached.
24. It is recommended that the following be approved as summer workers for the 2026-2027 school year:

|              |             |  |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| Logan Rogers | Amber Thien |  |
|--------------|-------------|--|

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

|              |                   |  |  |
|--------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Leon Brooker | Madelynn Dziedzic |  |  |
|--------------|-------------------|--|--|

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

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Leon Brooker |  |  |
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## **XI. Executive Session**

- A. Personnel
- B. Negotiations
- C. Legal Matters

## **XII. Adjournment**