

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting

The mission of the Cossackie-Athens Central School District is to provide a comprehensive education program for all students to compete successfully and contribute to a global society.

Date: February 23, 2010 **Location:** Middle School Library **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Committee on Special Education meeting of 1/7/10; minutes of the Subcommittee on Special Education meetings of 1/7/10 and 1/21/10; minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education meeting of 2/4/10; minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 1/19/10; and minutes of the Special Board of Education meetings of 1/21/10, 1/25/10 and 2/9/10.

IV. Public Input – Agenda Items

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V. Public Input – Non Agenda Items

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VI. Communication/Board Discussion

- A. “Good News”

B. Committee Reports

VII. Superintendent's Staff Reports

A. Tech Valley High School Student Presentation

B. Twin County Recovery Services – Ms. Queirolo and Mrs. Presti

C. January 2010 Assessment Data – Mrs. Germain

D. Second Quarter Report for 2009-2010 Action Plans – Mrs. Houlihan

E. Update from Secondary Scheduling Committee – Dr. Gregory

VII. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Program Matters

1. Policies – Second Reading

#6060 – Meal Charge Policy

#9300 – Professional Dress

2. Policies – First Reading

#5215 – Students as Carriers of Information “Backpack Mail”

#5220 – Student Publications

B. Personnel Matters

1. Retirement

a. Arthur Williams – Custodian

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the resignation of Arthur Williams from his position as custodian in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective June 30, 2010 for retirement purposes

2. Probationary Appointment

a. Patricia Ashby – Food Service

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a

probationary appointment to Patricia Ashby as a food service worker (3 hours per day) in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective February 24, 2010 through October 26, 2010, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the Cossackie-Athens Central School District and the Food Service Employees Association.

b. Josephine Agovino – Food Service

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a probationary appointment to Josephine Agovino as a food service worker (2.5 hours per day) in the Cossackie-Athens Central school District effective February 24, 2010 through October 26, 2010, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the Cossackie-Athens Central School District and the Food Service Employees Association.

3. Leave of Absence

a. Michelle McIlroy – Elementary N-6

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an unpaid leave of absence to Michelle McIlroy from her position as elementary teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective January 4, 2010 through January 30, 2011 for childrearing purposes.

4. Permanent Appointments

a. Suzette Warden – Cook

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law approve the permanent appointment of Suzette Warden as cook in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective March 1, 2010.

b. Charlotte Blair – Food Service

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law approve the permanent appointment

of Charlotte Blair as food service worker in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective March 1, 2010.

c. Kelli Chamberlin – Food Service

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law approve the permanent appointment of Kelli Chamberlin as food service worker in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective March 1, 2010.

d. Susan McLaughlin – Clerk Typist

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law approve the permanent appointment of Susan McLaughlin as clerk typist in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective March 1, 2010.

5. Other Appointments

a. Substitutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law and Civil Service Law, approve the following as substitute personnel for the 2009-2010 school year:

Travis Poublon	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Juliana Ferenczy	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Hannah Ferenczy	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Andrew Capra	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Travis Johnson	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Justin Millett	Teacher/Teacher Asst.
Justin Pacuk	Teacher/Teacher Asst.

b. Volunteer

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law approve the following volunteer for the 2009-2010 school year:

B. Business Matters

1. Donations

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation of books valued at \$250 to the E. J. Arthur Elementary School from Darlene Mergendahl.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation of \$317 from Donors Choose to purchase music equipment at E. J. Arthur Elementary School.

2. Coaching Points Revisions

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the revision to add 65 points (\$2997.80) to the coaching point schedule for 2010-2011 school year.

3. Textbook Disposal

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the disposal of the following textbooks in the best interest of the district:

104	Social Studies “Our World”	ISBN#0-02-149268-9
22	Life Its Forms & Changes	ISBN#0-15-366-7392
62	Concepts Modern Biology	ISBN#842-850-074
31	Concepts Modern Biology	ISBN#0-8359-0460
53	Biology & Human Progress	ISBN#0-13-07-8049
5	Intro to Biological Science	ISBN#40974
14	Biology, Everyday Exp.	ISBN#0-657-02620-2
19	Biology, Laboratory Exp.	ISBN#2652-0
13	Modern Biology	0-03-07751-0
14	Life Science	0-835-92240

4. Surplus Equipment

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the disposal of surplus equipment (list attached) in the best interest of the district.

5. Health Service Contracts

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following health service contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:

North Colonie CSD	4 students	\$466.11/per student
South Colonie CSD	1 student	\$572.62/per student
Bethlehem CSD	11 students	\$759/00/per student

6. Health Bid

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve contracts with the lowest bidder(s) meeting specifications on a line by line basis for health supplies per the attached bid summaries.

7. Transportation Contract

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a transportation contract for \$50 per day with Cossackie Transport.

8. Bond Resolution

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES IN AND FOR THE COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,400,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,400,000 SERIAL BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES OF \$1,000,000 OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of said Cossackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York, duly adopted a proposition at the Special District Meeting of said School District duly called, held and conducted on December 14, 2009, authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to reconstruct School District buildings and facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, and

incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$7,400,000, including \$1,000,000 in available capital reserve funds monies, and authorizing \$6,400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised, by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and to issue, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize said class of objects and purposes and to provide for the financing thereof, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The class of objects or purposes described in the preamble hereof is hereby authorized in and for the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$7,400,000.

Section 2. It has been determined that the aforesaid school construction project is an "Unlisted Action" which has been determined will not have any significant impact upon the environment in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of the aforesaid \$7,400,000 maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of not exceeding \$6,400,000 serial bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and the remaining \$1,000,000 cost thereof shall be paid with available capital reserve fund monies of the School District hereby appropriated therefore;

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is 30 years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law as a "school construction project" as defined therein.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said School District,

a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- a. The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- b) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full, or summary form, in the

official newspaper(s) of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Seph Garland _____ VOTING _____

Mark Gerrain _____ VOTING _____

Carrol Mercer _____ VOTING _____

Beth Tailleur _____ VOTING _____

Joseph Cardinale _____ VOTING _____

Russ Nadler _____ VOTING _____

Mike Petramale _____ VOTING _____

Bart Wallace _____ VOTING _____

Maureen Hanse _____ VOTING _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

8. Bill Schedules

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following bill schedule for January 2010:

General Account Bill Schedule #7 in the amount of \$1,830,162.57

Federal Account Bill Schedule #7 in the amount of \$19,215.58

School Lunch Account Bill Schedule #7 in the amount of \$49,913.75

9. Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds

Appropriation Status Report – All Funds
Statement of Student Activities Accounts
Trial Balance – All Funds

Internal Claims Report

VIII. Public Input

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IX. Request for Reports/Information

X. Establishment of Future Meetings

A. Board of Education Meetings

Budget Workshop, March 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Middle School Library

Budget Workshop, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. Middle School Library

Regular Board of Education Meeting, March 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Middle School Library

B. Committee Meetings

XI. Adjourn

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