

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 2009

At 6:55 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened for the Senior Citizen Disabled Tax Exemption Hearing. No one from the public was present for any comments.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Garland at 6:57 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Garland, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Petramale, Mr. Cardinale, Mr. Nadler, Mrs. Hanse, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Tailleir

Absent: Mr. Gerrain

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Nadler and passed unanimously:

Approval of Minutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Sub-Committee on Special Education meeting of 12/18/08; minutes of the Preschool Special Education meeting of 12/19/08 and 1/8/09; and, minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 12/16/08.

Public Input – Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public are invited to address the Board on issues that the board will be considering on this evening's agenda. Individuals are asked to stand, to state their name, and to summarize their concerns for the Board. Any written documents may be given to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to Board members. We request that, if at all possible, comments be kept to three to five minutes in length to afford all interested parties the opportunity to speak.

None

Public Input – Non Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public are invited to address the Board on issues of general concern that the Board may wish to consider at future Board of Education meetings, if appropriate, or to provide information to the Board on matters of importance. Individuals are asked to stand, to state their name, and to summarize their concerns for the Board. Any written documents may be given to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to Board members. We request that, if at all possible, comments be kept to three to five minutes in length to afford all interested parties the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Leo Palmateer spoke on behalf of the Athens Babe Ruth Club. The Athens Community Foundation and Coxsackie-Athens Rotary are willing to donate money to the Club. This would be used to help bring power and water out to the field and possibly a storage/concession building. These donations are contingent upon the Board's approval to move ahead with this project. He will bring a formal proposal to the Board in the near future. Mr. Garland informed Mr. Palmateer that any type of

building on school property, is required to have a drawing submitted to the State Education Department for approval.

Mr. Leo Palmateer then voiced his concerns regarding the many delays, early dismissals, and closings the district has had to date due to weather conditions. We have lost approximately 14 to 20 hours of instruction. He asked if there was any plan to get this instructional time back. Dr. Gregory explained that we are required to have 180 days of instruction – there is no plan to get those days back – we still have four days built into the calendar if we need them.

Communications/Board Discussion

“Good News”

See Attached

Committee Reports

The Policy Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed several policies which will be brought to the Board in the future.

The Negotiations Committee has been meeting with the CATA negotiation team.

The Audit Committee has recently met and will be interviewing potential candidates for Internal Audit Services.

The Facilities Committee met and reviewed the results from the vote. We still have space and facility issues which will be kept in mind during the budget development process.

The Future Visions Committee will be scheduling a meeting in February.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Board Goals for 2009

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt the Board of Education Goals for 2009. (attached)

Board Development Opportunities

Greene County School Boards’ Association

The Association has not scheduled any meeting for this school year. The Board agreed that they would like to see a meeting of the Greene County School Boards with the senator and legislator. It was agreed that we will look into the possibility of hosting and scheduling a meeting.

NYSSBA 2009 Issues Conference – March 1 – 3, 2009

This was placed on the agenda as a reminder. Mr. Garland expressed interest in attending this conference on March 3, 2009.

Superintendent's Staff Reports

Benchmarks for Courses with Absence of State Assessments: Music –

Mrs. Anna Fernald

Mrs. Fernald reviewed the progress the music department has made in developing benchmarks. (Attached)

Ed Line – Mr. Jim Martino

Mr. Martino gave an update on Ed Line. (Attached)

Dashboard Lights, Grades 9 – 12 – Mrs. Maureen Long

Mrs. Long presented a report on Dashboard Lights. (Attached)

Energy Educator Report – Mr. David Proper

See attached report.

Interscholastic Athletics Report – Mr. David Proper

The Wrestling team was omitted from the report in error. There are twenty members on the team. Mr. Volpe is doing a tremendous job with the team. Report attached.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Personnel Matters

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Resignation

Paul Snyder – Administrator K-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, accept the resignation of Paul Snyder from his position as Elementary Principal in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective July 31, 2009, for the purpose of retirement.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Other Appointments

Regular Substitute – Kristina Fournier

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a regular substitute appointment to Kristina Fournier as elementary teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective January 23 through June 30, 2009.

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 2008-2009 school year:

Sara Niosi

Teacher/Teaching Asst.

Lori Lepage	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Tyler Pascuzzi	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Melissa Seaburg - Certified	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Barbara Weinstein	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Kirsten Bates	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Erin Murphy – Certified	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Danielle Dusharm	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Christine Loglio	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Ina Griffin-Guilzon	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Diana Strenka	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Gabrielle Margiotta	Teacher/Teaching Asst.

Business Matters

Rollover Budget for 2009 – 2010

A rollover budget was presented to the Board with a 4.34% increase in the budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mr. Nadler and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Senior Citizen/Disabled Exemption

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District has adopted a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 459-c and 467 of Real Property Tax Law to grant a partial property tax exemption of persons age sixty-five (65) years of age or older and individuals with qualifying disabilities to the levels listed in the table below. The Board of Education further authorizes property tax reductions on a sliding scale for qualifying persons with incomes up to \$27,899.99.

Income Limits	Senior Exemption	Disabled Exemption
< \$19,500	50%	50%
\$19,500 – \$20,499.99	45%	45%
\$20,500 - \$21,499.99	40%	40%
\$21,500 - \$22,499.99	35%	35%
\$22,500 - \$23,399.99	30%	30%
\$23,400 - \$24,299.99	25%	25%
\$24,300 - \$25,199.99	20%	20%
\$25,200 - \$26,099.99	15%	15%
\$26,100 - \$26,999.99	10%	10%
\$27,000 - \$27,899.99	5%	5%

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Tax Refunds

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following tax refunds:

Athens#105.06-2-34 Basic Star \$561.04

Athens#122.15-4-19 Basic Star \$561.04

Health Service Contract

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the health service contract with Bethlehem Central School District as follows:

8 students @ \$742 Total \$5,936.00

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Budget Development Calendar

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached revised budget development calendar.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Bill Schedules

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following bill schedules for December 2008:

General Account Bill schedule #6 in the amount of \$2,142,380.08

Federal Account Bill Schedule #6 in the amount of \$10,371.00

School Lunch Bill Schedule #6 in the amount of \$48,158.91

Financial Reports

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following financial reports for the period ending December 2008:

Treasurer's Report

Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds

General Fund Appropriation Status Report

Federal Fund Appropriation Status Report

Trial Balances – All Funds

Internal Claims Report

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

None

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings

Budget Workshop Meeting, February 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Middle School Library – Central Office, Undistributed Expenditures, Transportation, Technology Services, and Operations and Maintenance.

Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Middle School Library –Budget Workshop – Elementary, Secondary, Interscholastic Sports, and Revenue Projections.

Budget Workshop Meeting, March 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Middle School Library – Special Education, BOCES (Questar III), and potential non – staff reductions.

Budget Workshop Meeting, March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Middle School Library – Potential staffing reductions and Pyramid Decision – Making Process.

Committee Meetings

Policy Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. ,February 24.

Future Visions will be scheduling a meeting

A motion as made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Mercer to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for the following purposes:

Executive Session

Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and

The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Zoller, District Clerk

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