

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
January 21, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Garland

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Gerrain and Mrs. Hanse

Public Input – Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public who have signed up to address the Board on issues that the board will be considering on this evening's agenda will be recognized by the Board of Education President in the order upon which they are listed. 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, and that persons addressing the Board of Education speak on one occasion under this portion of the agenda.

None

Public Input – Non Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public who have signed up 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 will be recognized by the Board President in the order they are listed. 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, and that persons addressing the Board of Education speak on one occasion under this portion of the agenda.

None

Communications/Board Discussion

The Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region – Ms. Karen Bilowith, President and CEO

Ms. Karen Bilowith, President and CEO, the Community Foundation for the Capital Region, made a presentation to members of the Board of Education. Following a broad overview of the foundation (see additional information from the Community Foundation), she described in general the types of funds available through this organization, particularly endowment and field of interest funds. The means by which three nearby school districts/communities (i.e., Greenville, Bethlehem, and Niskayuna) utilize the foundation were described. Ms. Bilowith then replied to a host of questions posed by Board members. The investment strategies and specifics about use of this foundation with a 40-year history concluded her presentation.

Board members discussed how the District should proceed. Superintendent Gregory was given a charge to obtain more specific information about the foundation in Niskayuna along with other questions prior to a discussion of this topic at the February 9, 2010, Special Board of Education meeting.

*Beth Tailleir left at 7:51 p.m.*

#### Public Input

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None

#### Request for Reports/Information

#### Establishment of Future Meetings

#### Board of Education Meetings

Special Board of Education meeting – January 25, 2010, 7:00 a.m.

Budget Workshop Meeting – February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. All Departments;  
Discussion of the Educational Foundation

Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m.,

Budget Workshop Meeting – March 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m. Elementary, Special Education, Operations and Maintenance and BOCES(Questar III), Revenue Projections

Budget Workshop Meeting – March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. Middle School Library. Secondary & Interscholastic Athletics, Technology Services. Potential staffing reductions/Pyramid Decision Making Model distributed.

#### Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Zoller, District Clerk

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