

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 21, 2008

Present – Carol Pfister, Bruce Stokes, Randy Collins, Ray Preussur, Mark Patrick, Mary Finneran, Kirsten Fori, Sharon Gerson, Matt Seekamp, Mary Thumann, Heather Roberg, Michelle Whiting, Pat Gray, Jim Martino, Noreen Carroll, Linda Collett

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Garland.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Cardinale, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Petramale, Mr. Garland, Mr. Wallace
Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Tailleux, Mrs. Hanse, and Mr. Gerrain.

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

Approval of Minutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept the minutes/action of the Committee on Special Education meeting of 9/24/08; minutes of the Sub-Committee on Special Education meetings of 9/16/08, 9/19/08 and 9/24/08; IEP Amendment Agreement & Consent Forms from 8/08 thru 9/08; minutes of the Preschool on Special Education meetings of 9/11/08 and 9/25/08; minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 9/16/08; and minutes of the Special Board of Education meetings of 9/9/08, 9/30/08 and 10/7/08.

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.

Carol Pfister asked if the Board would be discussing the building project this evening. She was told that it would be discussed later in the meeting.

Matt Seekamp spoke about the teachers at Coxsackie-Athens working without a contract.

Dr. Gregory asked for a copy of the statement; Mr. Seekamp explained that he would not provide a copy of the statement since it was a personal statement. Mr. Garland explained that the Board is working on coming to an agreement with the Teachers' Union.

Communications/Board Discussion

Board Member Recognition

Dr. Gregory thanked the Board for their many hours of service to the school district.

"Good News"

See attached

Committee Reports

Policy Committee – The committee met earlier this evening. They are currently reviewing standard policies and making some minor revisions. These changes will be forwarded to the Board at a later date.

Facilities Committee – The committee is continuing to meet on a regular basis, and working toward a building project.

Negotiations Committee – The next scheduled meeting is October 29.

Auditor's Report

Mr. Preusser thanked the District Office personnel for their cooperation. He presented the annual Auditor's Report which is on file in the Business Office.

Construction & Renovation Project – Randy Collins

Dr. Gregory shared the logo which was agreed upon last week "Invest in Our Kids – Now is the Time". Mr. Collins gave an update on the SEQRA process and further information relative to the project. He would like the Board to come to consensus on the scope of the project. Enrollment update – this year's kindergarten was substantially higher than anticipated. Enrollment update received from FACTS – Predicted enrollment 1278 – actual enrollment 1494 this year. SEQRA - Yesterday was the end of the 30 day period in which to respond to letters that were sent to interested parties. The architects received a letter from DEC with no objection. A letter was received from the State Preservation department looking for additional information. Initially the SHPO requested an archeological study at both sites, but after further research realized that both sites had already been substantially disturbed previously during construction. Mr. Collins is hoping to have a sign off on the waiver that the study does not need to be done, since previous construction was done on these sites. This will move the adoption of the resolution to next Tuesday, which will move the vote date to December 16. Ms. McCary has advised the Board to wait until next week before adopting the resolution. (Negative Declaration is the first resolution that needs to be adopted). Mr. Collins went on to review the cost estimate. (See attached sheet) Revised total would be \$19,871,789. Presentations of the proposed construction/renovation project are scheduled for staff members at the October 28 Superintendent's Conference Day. Mr. Collins asked for direction if the Board would like to keep the new bleachers, and the high school lockers (locker bays) in the project. All Board members stated they are comfortable with the proposed \$19,871,789.

Superintendent's Staff Reports

Shared Decision-Making Plan – Mrs. Maureen Long

Mrs. Long told the board that the committee reviewed the plan that was in place. Three Board members were part of the committee which reviewed the existing plan and suggested proposed changes. A draft was sent out to group and all members approved the draft plan in September. Motion to approve the revised plan is placed later on the agenda. Next meeting is scheduled for November 3.

Transfinder Software – Mr. Ted Nugent

Mr. Nugent gave a brief overview of Transfinder. The Student trip detail report has the trip name, the driver name, the total time of the trip, the total mileage of the trip, student names, telephone numbers, pickup address. Driver has all this data available to him. He shared the field trip report – this is an on-line request, goes to the administrator, and is then forwarded to transportation department. There have been fewer issues with the routes and drivers over the past few weeks. There is no student in district on the bus for longer than an hour.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Program Matters

Dr. Gregory has asked the Board to consider approving policy #4750 tonight, since it needs to be in place to move forward with implementation of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to approve the 1st reading of Policies #4750, #6060, #4120, #4200, #4220.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Nadler and unanimously approved to adopt Policy #4750 Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.

Dr. Gregory asked the Board to consider approving policy #6060, the district would have a policy about meal charges..

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Nadler, and unanimously approved to adopt Policy #6060 Meal Charge Policy.

1st Reading Board Policies

#4750 Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

#6060 Meal Charge Policy

#4120 Designation of Valedictorian & Salutatorian

#4200 Middle School Promotion Policy

#4220 High School Final Examinations

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

Approve Revised Shared Decision-Making Plan

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the revised Shared Decision-Making Plan as presented. (attached)

Personnel Matters

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

Resignations

Diana McManus – Music K-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the resignation of Diana McManus from her position as music teacher in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective October 17, 2008.

Jeri Chapman – Science 7-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the resignation of Jeri Chapman from her position as science teacher in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective October 25, 2008.

Probationary Appointments

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

Kerri Greenaway – Music K-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Kerri Greenaway who holds provisional New York State certification as a music teacher to the Music K-12 tenure area effective November 10, 2008 through November 9, 2010 remunerated in accord with the contract between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Sheila Wixon – Teaching Assistant

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Sheila Wixon who holds Level 1 New York State certification as a teaching assistant to the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective September 25, 2008 through September 24, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides Association.

Belkis Hazen – Food Service

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law, provide a probationary appointment to Belkis Hazen as a food service worker in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective October 22, 2008, remunerated in accord with the contract between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Food Service Employees Association.

Regular Substitute

Shawn Mousseau – Teacher Aide

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law, provide a regular substitute appointment to Shawn Mousseau as teacher aide in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 29, 2008 through February 28, 2009 remunerated in accord with the contract between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides Association.

Other Appointments

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

Interim Appointment

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, approve Marilyn Barry as interim high school principal at a rate of \$400 per day plus mileage effective November 3, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Nadler and passed with and 8-1(Mr. Garland abstained) to approve the following resolutions:

Substitutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education and Civil Service Law, approve the following as substitute personnel for the 2008-2009 school year:

Brittany Lang	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Carolyn Garland	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Stephanie Murphy	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Nancy Wager	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Danielle Smith	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Michele Tarsa	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Laura Butler	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Nancy Williams	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Eileen Roseblatt	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Andres Friedman-Picayo	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Christy Roe	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Sally DelCastillo	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Martha McPartland	Food Service
Shannon Apjohn	Food Service
Judith Powell	Cleaner
Irene VanWie	Cleaner

Annual Appointments Coaches/Advisors

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, approve the following annual appointments for the 2008-2009 school year:

Dave Perlee	Mock Trial
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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 2008-2009 school year:

Brianna Breault	Girls Modified Soccer
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Business Matters

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

Donations

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the donation to Coxsackie Elementary School of various school supplies from the United Methodist Church in Coxsackie;

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the donation of a box of school supplies from the Bethel AME Church;

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the donation of two Kodak black and white processors from David O'Brien valued at \$700.

Surplus Items

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.

Auditor's Report

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the External Auditor's Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Cardinale and unanimously passed to Table the following resolutions until the Special Board of Education meeting scheduled for October 28, 2008.

State Environmental Quality Review Act

Be it RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Board of Education adopting this resolution has declared itself to be the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations promulgated there under for purposes of determining the environmental impact of the project described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. Based upon the proposed scope of work and additional documents attached hereto and made a part hereof, it is hereby determined that the project described in Section 3 hereof is an Unlisted Action which will not have a significant impact upon the environment in accordance with the regulatory provisions under SEQRA. SEQRA forms appended hereto are available in the office of the School District Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

Section 3. The project which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows: Construction of additions to and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Special School District Election

Be it RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York as follows:

Section 1. A Special School District Meeting in and for the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, Greene County, New York, shall be held on December 9, 2008, at Coxsackie Elementary School, 24 Sunset Boulevard in Coxsackie, New York , and at E. J. Arthur Elementary School in Athens, New York, at 7:00 p.m. and the polls shall be kept open for voting by voting machines between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, on said date. The proposition hereinafter set forth in the Notice of said Meeting is described in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Voting at said Meeting shall be conducted by the use of voting machines.

Section 3. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of said Meeting in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the *Daily Mail* and the *Kingston Freeman*, being the newspapers having a general circulation in said School District, such publications to be made so that such notice shall appear in said newspapers each four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days (but, preferably, not more than forty-nine days) before said meeting, and to give such other notice as may be deemed desirable.

Section 4. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of said Special School District Meeting from time to time as, in his or her discretion, such amendment may be required or desirable.

Section 5. To the extent required by law, the Board of Education shall appoint election personnel to conduct said Special School District Meeting pursuant to a separate resolution of this Board of Education.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Bill Schedule

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent approve the following bill schedule for September 2008:

General Account Bill Schedule #4 in the amount of \$1,200,896.79

Federal Account Bill Schedule #4 in the amount of \$23,036.65

School Lunch Fund Bill Schedule #4 in the amount of \$35,733.73

Financial Reports

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

Treasurer's Report
Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds
Appropriations Status Report – All Funds
Trial Balances – All Funds
School Lunch Profit and Loss
Statement of Student Activities Accounts

Internal Claims Report

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to approve the scheduling of a Special Board of Education meeting for Tuesday October 28, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

None

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings

Special Board of Education meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7 p.m. Middle School Library

Regular Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7 p.m. Middle School Library

Committee Meetings

Policy Committee is scheduled for November 18, 2008 at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of going into Executive Session to discuss a matter related to a specific student.

Mr. Nadler left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleux, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Zoller, District Clerk

One District, One Mission, One Vision for Every Student