

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 18, 2008.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent : Mr. Nadler, Mr. Gerrain arrived at 7:10 p;.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, 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 of the Committee on Special Education meeting of 10/15/08; minutes of the Subcommittee on Special Education meetings of 10/8/08, 10/15/08, 10/20/08, 11/05/08; minutes of the Preschool on Special Education meetings of 10/16/08, 10/28/08, 11/05/08; minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 10/21/08; and minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of 10/28/08.

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.

Matt DiPace asked why the parking spots near the Science Wing are off limits. **Mr. Proper** explained that there previously has been a lot of vandalism in that area, so it was agreed to block off that area in order to free up the traffic flow.

Matt DiPace stated that he participates on the C-A Golf and Bowling team. Previously they have been allowed to drive to golf practice but are not being allowed to drive to the bowling alley. **Mr. Proper** explained that it is written in the athletic handbook that everyone must ride the bus to a game. The main reason for this is a safety issue. He understands that sometimes it might be an inconvenience, but feels it is important on a safety standpoint to follow these guidelines.

Mr. Herwick stated that he is a teacher who has been working at C-A for the past 21 years now. Teachers have worked 141 days without a contract. Their salaries are not comparable to the cost of living increase. The teachers understand that settling a contract with them and balancing a budget are not an easy task. The teachers agree that we need to invest in the buildings that are children are learning in, but please remember to invest in the teachers who are teaching our children.

Communications/Board Discussion

“Good News”

See attached

Committee Reports

The Policy Committee did not meet tonight; the committee is waiting for the attorney to review some policies.

The Facilities Committees continues to work with Building Advisory group. Thanks to Mr. Wallace the signs and posters have been made for the building project/ renovation vote. They are available in the District Office.

The next meeting of the Negotiating Committee is scheduled for December 2. The meeting will be held in the High School Library.

Board Development Opportunities

Annual Board Retreat – January 10, 2009

Dr. Gregory asked the Board to confirm with Mrs. Zoller their availability on January 10th, so that he may proceed with securing a facilitator for the retreat.

Greene County Schools Boards’ Association

Mr. Gerrain told the Board that the Executive Committee has not met this year. He believes the Association will be inactive this year. He will follow-up with the Executive Committee and with John Wiktorko, Superintendent of Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD. Dr. Gregory will bring the topic up at the next Columbia and Greene Superintendents meeting scheduled for December 5. Mr. Garland suggested that we should schedule a meeting with Senator Seward and Assemblyman Lopez being invited to speak to the group.

Superintendent’s Staff Reports

Highlights from Professional Improvement Leave – Mr. Roberg

Mr. Roberg gave an overview of his 2007-2008 Professional Improvement Leave. He explained that the reason he requested this professional improvement leave was because he wanted to travel to places that he teaches about and to share his experiences with his colleagues and students. This was the most rewarding thing he has done in his professional career. He thanked the Board for allowing him to have this opportunity.

Dashboard Lights Data – Mrs. Long

See attached.

Middle School Assessment Data – Mr. Posillico

See attached.

Interscholastic Athletics Report – Mr. Proper

See attached.

Energy Educator Report – Mr. Proper

See attached. Mr. Proper explained that overall the program is still working to save the district money.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Program Matters

1st Reading Policy

/#4110 Determination of Class Rank

2nd Reading Policies

#4200 Middle School Promotion Policy

#4120 Designation of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

#4220 High School Final Examinations

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

Field Trip – Washington D.C.

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. on May 7 thru May 9, 2009

Personnel Matters

Probationary Appointments

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

Daniel Luby – Science 7-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Daniel Luby who holds provisional New York State certification as a biology teacher to the Science 7-12 tenure area effective October 27, 2008 through October 26, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Louise Deyo – Teacher Aide

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law, provide a probationary appointment to Louise Deyo as a teacher aide effective October 22, 2008 through April 21, 2009, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides Association.

Tenure Appointment

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

Lisa McNeil – Mathematics 7-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, appoint Lisa McNeil who holds permanent New York State certification as a math teacher and who has satisfactorily and competently completed her probationary period which shall expire in the District on November 28, 2008, to tenure in the Mathematics 7-12 area in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective November 29, 2008.

Other Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed 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:

William Warren	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Diana Dean	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Pamela Minnick	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Janice Myers	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Tracy Lester	RN
Denise Vignera	Food Service Worker
Pat O'Neil	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Josh Pray	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Kerri Graff	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Gabrielle Horsman	Teacher/Teaching Asst.

Annual Appointments

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

Stephen Kowalski	Co-Musical-Artistic Director
Charles Herwick	Co-Musical-Artistic Director
Rich Seebode	Boys' Varsity Basketball
Mike Hall	Boys' JV Basketball
Shawn Mousseau	Boys' Modified Basketball
Dave Albright	Girls' Varsity Basketball
Bo Favicchio	Girls' JV Basketball
Fred Potts/Ray Magee	Girls' Modified Basketball
Curtis Wilkinson	Varsity Bowling
Ken Volpe	Wrestling
Michele Whiting	Professional Partner Co-Coordinator
Ray Magee	Professional Partner

Gregory Hughes
Anna Fernald
Bryanna Laveroni

Professional Partner
Co-Professional Partner
Co-Professional Partner

Leave of Absence

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

Sheryl Mathes – Account Clerk Typist

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a leave of absence to Sheryl Mathes from her position as management confidential account clerk typist effective December 8, 2008 through June 30, 2009, for the purpose of accepting another position in the District.

Provisional Appointment

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

Karen Decker – Account Clerk Typist

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law, provide a provisional appointment to Karen Decker as a management confidential account clerk typist in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective December 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Management Confidential Employees.

Permanent Appointment

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

Sheryl Mathes – Secretary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent and pursuant to Civil Service Law, provide a permanent appointment to Sheryl Mathes as a secretary in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective December 8, 2008, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Clerical Unit.

Business Matters

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

Donation

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the donation of dictionaries for every third grade student at Coxsackie Elementary School from the Catskill Kiwanis Club.

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.

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

Tax Collection Report

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the tax collection report for the 2008-2009 school year per the attached.

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

Tax Reductions

TOWN	PARCEL ID	EXPLANATION	ORIGINAL ASSESSM.	CORRECTED ASSESSMENT	TAX REDUCTION	REFUND
Athens	122.10-3-4	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$130,300	\$105,930	\$ 561.04	unpaid
Athens	105.11-1-20	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$195,100	\$170,730	\$ 561.04	Paid corrected bill- NO REFUND
Athens	122.05-1-18	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$108,400	\$ 84,030	\$ 561.04	\$ 561.04
Athens	122.19-3-1	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$ 53,000	\$ 28,630	\$ 561.04	\$ 561.04
Athens	105.10-6-43	Assessment Change	\$267,700	\$195,200	\$1,669.08	\$ 1,669.08
Athens	105.19-1-5	Assessment Change	\$308,000	\$252,400	\$1,187.93	\$ 1,187.93
Athens	122.19-2-3.2	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$ 73,200	\$ 48,830	\$ 561.04	\$ 561.04
Athens	105.18-2-31	Basic STAR \$24,370	\$234,100	\$209,730	\$ 561.04	\$ 561.04
Athens	622.89-9999-132.35-1003	Assessment Change	\$646,859	\$357,556	\$6,660.28	Paid corrected bill NO REFUND
Athens	121.00-4-9.1	Assessment Change	\$500,000	\$121,000	\$8,725.26	Paid corrected bill NO REFUND
Athens	105.14-2-49	Assessment Change	\$318,000	\$246,000	\$1,657.57	\$ 1,657.57
Coxsackie	88.15-4-37	Wrong assessment	\$165,000	\$ 85,000	\$1,726.66	Paid corrected bill NO REFUND
Coxsackie	56.11-2-29	Assessment Change	\$131,300	\$ 20,000	\$2,402.22	unpaid
New Baltimore	17.00-5-19	Assessment Change	\$ 140,000.	\$ 129,000	\$ 237.41	\$ 237.41
					\$27,632.65	\$ 6,996.15

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

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

Budget Development

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Cardinale 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 October 2008:

General Account Bill Schedule #5 in the amount of \$2,388,742.24

Federal Account Bill Schedule #5 in the amount of \$1,918.15

School Lunch Fund Bill Schedule #5 in the amount of \$67,550.87

Financial Reports

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

Treasurer's Report

Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds

Appropriations Status Report – All Funds

Trial Balances – All Funds

Internal Claims Audit Report

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

Mr. Wallace asked for the student enrollment for the middle school intramural program at the close of the school year..

Mr. Cardinale requested the daily cost of our transportation.

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings

Regular Board of Education meeting, Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 7 p.m. Middle School Library.

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

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Special Board of Education meeting to be scheduled Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

Committee Meetings

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Zoller, District Clerk

One District, One Mission, One Vision for Every Student