

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
March 3, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Garland.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mrs. Hanse, Mrs. Tailleir arrived at 8:00 p.m.

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.

Joanne Bartolotta shared condolences from the CATA to the Styga and Hanse family. They look forward to Maureen making a fully and speedy recovery. She also shared condolences from the CATA to the Chaloner family, and shared that there thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Patty McIntyre shared the results from the January 2009 Math A Regents. She is very proud of these students for working hard and being successful in passing this Regents. She also shared that the Interact Club recently held a Blood Drive and collected 53 units of blood. The Interact Club also hosted a successful "Bouncy Bounce" night for middle school students.

Mary Finneran shared that 11 students were showing their art work at the Greene County Council on the Arts Exhibit in Catskill. Many students will also be showing their art in April at the Columbia-Greene Community College Art Show. She also received a grant which will be used with the photography and advanced art class to develop a "Happening" probably some time in May.

Sharon Gerson thanked each member of the Board of Education for their dedication and hard work. We as a district pride ourselves in the programs we offer and the quality of education we provide. She asked the Board to please keep this in mind while working through the difficult budget process.

Mr. Garland responded that the Board always makes their decisions with the students in mind.

Superintendent's Recommendations  
Personnel Matters

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

Permanent Appointment

James Martino – Administrator K-12

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a permanent appointment to James Martino as an elementary principal to the administrator K-12 tenure area in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective August 1, 2009, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Administrators' Association.

Dr. Gregory stated that Mr. Martino will keep some of the responsibilities of the Director of Technology, since that position will be left vacant at this time.

Business Matter

Budget

Special Education – Ms. Gray

Ms. Gray presented her rollover budget for the 2009-2010 school year

BOCES – Mrs. Copleston

Mrs. Copleston presented the 2009-2010 BOCES budget.

Potential Non-staff Reductions

Dr. Gregory reviewed the non-staff reductions that were recommended from the administrators. Staff reduction proposals will be brought to the Board next week.

Dr. Gregory reminded the Board that the Board needs to adopt a budget by April 21.

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

Seph asked if we could look into a confidentiality clause to be included in district e-mail.

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7 p.m. Middle School Library, Special Board of Education Meeting  
Budget Workshop – Potential staff reductions

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7 p.m. Middle School Library, Regular Board of Education Meeting

Committee Meetings

March 10, 2009, 6 p.m. Future Visions Committee meeting

March 17, 2009, 6 p.m. Policy Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously passed to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the reason of discussion of proposed, pending, current litigation.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Nadler and unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Petramale and unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Zoller, District Clerk

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