

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
August 19, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Garland

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Tailleir, Mr. Cardinale, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Gerrain, Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Wallace

Absent: Mr. Petramale arrived at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Hanse

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to adjourn to Executive Session at ?? for the reason of discussing 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 was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously passed to return to the regular meeting at 6:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Wallace 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 7/22/08; and minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 7/8/08.

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.

None

#### Communications/Board Discussion

##### Committee Reports

The Facilities Committee has met to discuss the role of construction manager. The Building Advisory Committee has met on four occasions and a report will be presented to the Board of Education on September 9.

The Negotiations Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, Wednesday, August 20, 2008, for teacher negotiations.

##### Update on Building Advisory Committee

The Building Advisory Committee has taken tours of the buildings to look at the space issues being discussed. The members are a committed group who are working toward bringing their recommendations to the Board. A report will be completed by the facilitator and presented to the Board in September with members of the Building Advisory Committee members present.

##### Board Development Opportunities

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009.

##### Superintendent's Staff Reports

###### Presentation of Action Plans for 2008 – 2009 – Mrs. Long

Mrs. Long updated the Board on the Action Plans for 2008-2009 (Attached)

###### Board Presentations for 2008 – 2009 – Dr. Gregory

Dr. Gregory reviewed the Board presentations scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year and asked if there were any questions. (Attached)

##### Superintendent's Recommendations

###### Program Matters

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

###### Policies – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

#2180 Membership

#2280 Executive Sessions

#2340 Board Member Resignation

#2350 Board Member Removal from Office

#5700 Homeless Children

###### Personnel Matters

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

###### Resignations

Pamela Rednak - Secretary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Pamela Rednak from her position as secretary in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective July 29, 2008.

Alison Greene – Special Education

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Alison Greene from her position as special education teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective August 31, 2008.

Linda Lowney – Library Media Specialist

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Linda Lowney from her position as library media specialist in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective August 31, 2008.

Jillian Horan – Reading

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Jillian Horan from her position as reading teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective August 31, 2008.

Corissa Tripp (Siciliano) – Elementary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Corissa Siciliano from her position as elementary teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective August 15, 2008.

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

Leave of Absence

Cate Collier – Elementary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a leave of absence to Cate Collier from her position as elementary teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through December 23, 2008 for child rearing purposes

Charlene Manning-Ellis – Elementary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a leave of absence to Charlene Manning Ellis from her position as elementary teacher in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective November 10, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Mary Ann Linders – Teacher Aide

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a leave of absence to Mary Ann Linders from her position as teacher aide in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

Annette DeLuccy – Teaching Assistant

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a leave of absence to Annette DeLuccy from her position as teaching assistant in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

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

Probationary Appointments

Lorna Collins-Mihill – Special Education

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Lorna Collins-Mihill who holds permanent New York State certification as a special education teacher to the Education of Children with Handicapping Condition-General Special Education tenure area in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Jenna Sourwine – Special Education

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Jenna Sourwine who holds initial New York State certification as a special education teacher to the Education of Children with Handicapping Condition-General Special Education tenure area in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Anne Chalmers – Reading

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a probationary appointment to Anne Chalmers who holds initial New York State certification as a reading teacher to the Reading K-12 tenure area in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Jessica Pray – School Counselor

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education law, provide a probationary appointment to

Jessica Pray who holds provisional New York State certification as a school counselor to the School Counselor tenure area in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Michelle Moore – Math

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law provide a probationary appointment to Michelle Moore who holds permanent New York State certification as a math 7-12 teacher and K-6 elementary teacher to the Math 7-12 tenure area in the Cossackie-Athens Central school District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teachers Association.

Christine LaPlante - Special Education 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 Christine LaPlante who holds permanent New York State certification as a special education teacher to the Education of Children with Handicapping Condition-General Special Education tenure area in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

Deena Donohue – 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 Deena Donohue who holds English 7-12 initial New York State certification as a teaching assistant to the Teaching Assistant tenure area in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides Association.

Kathleen Hanse – 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 Kathleen Hanse as a teacher aide in the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Cossackie-Athens Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides Association.

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

Regular Substitutes

Erin Murphy – Elementary

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, provide a regular substitute appointment to Erin Murphy who holds initial New York State certification as an elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2008 through December 23, 2008, remunerated in accord with the contract currently in effect between the District and the Coxsackie-Athens Teachers' Association.

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

Other Appointments

Substitute Personnel

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

Tammy Albright	Teacher/Tchg Asst
April Bennett	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Tracey Boehm	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Karen Boeri	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Carla Borrelli	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Lynne Brown-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Ann Buchanan	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Olga Cascione-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Megan Deschamps-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Jan Dixon	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Cynthia Donovan	Teacher/Tchg Asst
James Dykeman-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Janice Flegel – RN	Nurse
Mary Jane Frank	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Linda Gasparini	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Deborah Gianola – RN	Nurse
Tara Holloway-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Lynne Howell	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Rose Ann Hudson–Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Roger Kibbey	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Andrea Lambertson-Certif.	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Corie Litchko	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Clare McHugh	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Susan Napolitano	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Lynn Randazzo	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Mary Reamer	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Robert Ross	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Noele Routh	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Melissa Seaburg	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Karen Schubert	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Kathleen Smith	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Caitlin Spoor-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst

Anthony Stanzione	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Marcia Story-Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Susan VanSlyke	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Jeanette Vermilyea	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Natalie Turner	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Laura Butler	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Dorene Chiudina	Teacher/Tchg Asst
Bridget Auclair – Certified	Teacher/Tchg Asst.
Michele Tarsa – RN	Nurse/Aide
Jancie Myers	Teacher/Tchg Asst.
Amanda Karaszkievic	Teacher/Tchg Asst.
Debra Barragan-Suhner	Teacher/Tchg Asst.

Annual Appointments Coaches/Advisors

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, appoint the following as coaches and advisors for the 2008-2009 school year:

Peter Siciliano	Business 7-12 Curriculum Ldr
Elisa Futia	CE Student Activities
Christine Sunkes	CE School Store
Linda Braham	National Junior Honor Society
Jennifer Weinstein	HS Student Council
Peter Siciliano	HS School Store
Anthony Loughran	AM Supervision
Jean Cardany	Professional Partner
Erin Donlon	Professional Partner
Erin Valentine	Professional Partner
Patty McIntyre	Professional Partner
Tony Loughran	Professional Partner
Lisa Amado	Professional Partner
Kristen Capecci	Professional Partner
Dianne Presti	Professional Partner
Charlie Herwick	Professional Partner
Sandy Palmer	Professional Partner
Leif Roberg	Professional Partner
Desiree Pacuk	Professional Partner
Michelle Whiting	Professional Partner
Caroline DiStefano	Professional Partner
Jackie Wolfson	Professional Partner
Kirsten Fori	Professional Partner
Amy Decker	Foreign Lang. Curriculum Leader
Heather Roberg	Co-Coordinator Professional Partners
Diana McManus	Co-Coordinator Professional Partners
Donna Bryan	SAT Prep Verbal (Fall)
Ray Magee	Modified Field Hockey
Steve Ross	Modified Football (Assistant)

John Frangellica      JV Football ( Assistant)  
Mike Hoffman        Varsity Football (Assistant)

Volunteer

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education Law, appoint the following as volunteer for the 2008-2009 school year:

Kristopher Clearwater-Ross – Boys' Varsity Soccer

Business Matters

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

Tax Warrant

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the 2008-2009 school tax warrant in the amount of \$13,843,237 and to set equalized tax rates. The warrant is dated August 31, 2008 with a collection period of 60 days beginning September 1, 2008 and ending October 31, 2008 the penalty free period from September 1, 2008 to October 10, 2008.

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

Surplus Textbooks

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the disposal of surplus textbooks (list attached).

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the disposal of the following surplus textbooks:

- (94) Earth Science ISBN# 0-669-26183-1 – Spaulding & Nomowitz
- (35) Spanish Ven Conmigo ISBN# 0-03-057324-6 Holt

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

Donation

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept a donation of three saxophones, one alto, one tenor, and one soprano saxophone from the Porter family in the name of Robert Porter, the value of which is still to be determined.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept a donation of a SMART document camera for the kindergarten classes at Cocksackie Elementary valued at \$914.00 from Mark DiStefano.

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

Transportation Contracts

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a contract for Tech Valley transportation at a cost of \$70.00 per day. (Bid cooperatively with all four Greene County School districts for transportation home only).

Be it further RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent renew the summer transportation contract with Coxsackie Transport in the amount of \$138.17 per day for a total cost of \$4,145.00.

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

Snack Bid – Revised

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the revised snack bid (attached)

Athletic Bid

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent award the athletic bid to the lowest bidder meeting specifications on a line by line basis (attached).

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

Bill Schedule

June 2008

General Account Bill Schedule #1 in the amount of \$4,532,502.08  
Federal Account Bill Schedule #1 in the amount of \$8,144.11  
School Lunch Account Bill Schedule #1 in the amount of \$64,019.44  
Scholarship Awards Bill Schedule #1 in the amount of \$13,800.00

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General Account Bill Schedule #2 in the amount of \$648,010.82  
Federal Account Bill Schedule #2 in the amount of \$22,832.00  
School Lunch Account Bill Schedule #2 in the amount of \$137.96

Financial Reports

June 2008

Treasurer's Report  
Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds  
General Fund Appropriation Status Report  
Federal Fund Appropriation Status Report  
Trial Balances – All Funds  
Statement of Student activities Accounts  
School Lunch Profit and Loss Report

July 2008

Treasurer's Report  
Revenue Budget Status Report – General Fund  
General Fund Appropriation Status Report  
Trial Balances – General Fund

Internal Claims Report

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

Employment Contract – School Lunch Manager

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Employment Contract with Christopher Bateman, School Lunch Manager.

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

Employment Contract – Director of Facilities

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Employment Contract with Eric Besenfelder, Director of Facilities.

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

Worker's Compensation Reserve Fund

WHEREAS the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District is a self-insurer under the provisions of §50 subd.(4) of the Workers' Compensation Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-j, the Board of Education may establish a Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that it would be in the best interest of the School District to establish such a Fund from available budgetary surplus funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District does hereby establish the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District effective June 30, 2008, and directs the payment into such Fund, from available budgetary surplus funds, of the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be deposited and secured in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law §6-j, and to be expended only in accordance with the provisions of that Section of Law.

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

Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund

WHEREAS the Cossackie-Athens Central School District has in the past elected to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions under Article 18 of the Labor Law, the Unemployment Insurance Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-m, the Board of Education may establish an Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that it would be in the best interest of the School District to establish such a Fund from available budgetary surplus funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cossackie-Athens Central School District does hereby establish the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund of the Cossackie-Athens Central School District effective June 30, 2008, and directs the payment into such Fund, from available budgetary surplus funds, of the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be deposited and secured in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law §6-m, and to be expended only in accordance with the provisions of that Section of Law.

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

Transportation Contracts

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the transportation contracts for the 2008-2009 school year (attached).

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

Mr. Wallace inquired about the work that was done on the soccer field over the Summer. Mrs. Copleston will follow up with Mr. Besenfelder.

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education meetings

Special Board of Education meeting Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 7 p.m. Middle School Library.

Welcome to New Staff Members, Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:45 p.m., Middle School Library

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

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Cardinale, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Judith Zoller, District Clerk

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