

March 1, 2011

The Board of Education President, John Wapner, called the meeting to order at 6:34. The Board meeting was held in the Chatham High School Library. Board members in attendance Michael Clark; Gail Day; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; Melony Spock; James Toteno and Taylor Wenk, Student Representative. Vice President Elizabeth Macfarlane and James Marks were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Others in attendance were Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent; Kristen Reno, MED Principal; Karen Bechdol, HS Assistant Principal; Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Steve Oleynek, Supervisor of Transportation; Barbara Murray, Food Service Supervisor; Adam Charbonneau, Communications Specialist; Chuck Snyder, Interim Business Administrator and Emilia Teasdale, Columbia Paper; several CCS staff members and a few members of the community.

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education appoint Deborah Pottenburgh as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the March 1, 2011 Special Board of Education Meeting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP  
POTTENBURGH

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the Board addressed the following business:

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno to approve the present agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

No Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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**Transportation Budget-** Steve Oleynek, Supervisor of Transportation, presented his proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year with handouts to the Board. The handouts included a look at transportation equipment, diesel and gasoline prices, staffing, bus replacement plans, ridership and strategies for reducing costs.

**High School Phase I Proposals-**The courses presented by particular teachers are additions to course selections and will be enrollment based or some considered on a rotation bases.

- Frank DeCrescenzo, HS Business Teacher, presented two new course selections for the business department; E Commerce and Sport and Marketing Management. These Business courses would tie in with Columbia Greene Community College credits and credits transferrable to all SUNY Schools. The cost to the District would be purchasing of textbooks.
- Maria Hayes, Family Consumer Science Teacher, stated that student enrollment in Culinary classes at the HS have increased. Ms. Hayes proposed a Global & Gourmet Foods course. Ms. Hayes handed out a draft of content topics that would be covered in this 20 week course and an estimate of the cost of the program.

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- Terry Bordell, HS English teacher, spoke on behalf of the HS English department presenting two new electives for course selection. They are English 12: Multi-cultural Literature and English 12: Women in Literature. These courses are no cost to the district.

#### **MED Phase I Proposal**

- A Preschool Literacy Program power point was presented by Kristen Reno, Elementary Principal. This program would be a monthly program for families with children of the ages 2-4 who live in the district to promote pre-school literacy and language skills.

#### **Food Service Budget**

- Barbara Murray, Food Service Supervisor gave a follow up presentation on the Food Service Budget. She discussed new Federal regulations, staffing, and ideas for revenues for the lunch program.

#### **School Calendar**

- Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo informed the Board that we need to make up a day and she will have a recommendation for the next board meeting how to best manage this with the best educational interest to students.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities Committee**-The Superintendent updated the Board that the Capital Project Bid openings were held. They had 32 bidders for 4 contracts.

**Policy Committee**-Michael Clark updated the Board that they are in process of working on policies previously received.

**Liaison Committee**-John Wapner stated the Liaison Committee met on February 17. They discussed that a strategic plan goal was to have every teacher in the District to have a website and are working towards this goal. Another discussion was focused on finances in public education and where is it going. This next meeting is in April.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Taylor Wenk reported the High School celebrated Black History Month with an assembly involving the dancing group Diata Diata before the vacation.

The Student Government has chosen the students to participate in a debate and are in the process of organizing it.

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo updated and discussed with the Board the Governor's Budget Proposal and changes for the future. This included Building Aid, Special Education Aid, Transportation Aid and Competitive Aids.

The Superintendent handed out a sample of an expense worksheet for the proposed budget and discussed the process developing it.

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**INSTRUCTION**

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R.84** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the February 3, 9, 14, and 16, 2011 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the February 14, 2011 recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education approve **R.85** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the High School field trip to Washington, D.C. on March 25-27, 2011.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R.86** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Model United Nations field trip to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire on April 1-3, 2011.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education approve **R.87** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the implementation of an Academic Advantage Opportunity Program at Chatham Middle School for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, as presented on February 8, 2011

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**FINANCE**

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno that the Board approve **R.88** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the service agreement with St. Catherine's School for special education services for one student, effective January 25, 2011 through the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, at the rate approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the NYS Division of the Budget.

Board Member Dave O'Connor asked if the transportation was a separate run or combined.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Michael Clark that the Board of Education approve **R.89** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Deborah Pottenburgh as District Clerk, effective March 1, 2011, at an annual prorated stipend of \$3,200.00.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**CONSENSUS AGENDA**

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 90** as follows **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the March 1,

**APPROVED CSE AND CPSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**APPROVED -CHS WASHINGTON FIELD  
TRIP**

**APPROVED-CHS MODEL UNITED  
NATIONS FIELD TRIP**

**APPROVED-MS ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE  
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

**APPROVED-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL**

**APPOINTED-POTTENBURGH  
DISTRICT CLERK**

**CONSENSUS AGENDA**

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2011 Board meeting, as written.

Board member Michael Clark asked if all Spring coaches have been appointed. (J.2 d) The Superintendent responded stating that not all the Spring coaches' positions have been filled.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

The Consensus Agenda consists of the following:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the February 8, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Appoint Celeen Lawrence as interim payroll clerk, effective February 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011, at the pay rate of \$15.44 per hour.

That the Board of Education appoint Terrance Gibson as per diem substitute bus driver, effective February 27, 2011, at a pay rate of \$16.10 per hour.

That the Board of Education appoint Jimmy Imhoff as per diem substitute bus driver, effective February 14, 2011, at a pay rate of \$16.10 per hour.

That the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the 2010-2011 sports season, at the stipend designated in the contract (09-10 rates):

Jodi Sullivan, JV Softball Coach	\$1,952
Scott Steltz, Varsity Baseball	\$3,309
John Rivers, JV Baseball	\$1,952
John Brantley, Varsity Softball	\$3,309

#### BUSINESS/FINANCE

That the Board of Education approve the budget transfer dated March 9, 2011.

That the Board of Education approve payment to the following contractors for construction services in connection with Phase I of the \$5,087,283 capital project:

The Pike Company, Application #7 in the amount of \$3,409.00  
The Pike Company, Application #8 in the amount of \$9,560.00  
Carousel, Application #4 in the amount of \$7,948.80

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- School Report Card –results from last year
- Phase I Proposal-Service Learning
- Voting to award bids

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Francis Iaconetti to appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-temp for the remainder of the

APPOINTED CELEEN LAWRENCE-  
INTERIM PAYROLL CLERK

APPOINTED TERRANCE GIBSON –PER  
DIEM SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

APPOINTED JIMMY IMHOFF-PER DIEM  
SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

#### COACHING APPOINTMENTS

BUDGET TRANSFER

APPROVED PAYMENT- PHASE I CAPITAL  
PROJECTS

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

CHERYL NUCIFORO DISTRICT CLERK  
PRO-TEMP EXECUTIVE SESSION

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meeting.

**Motion Carried 7-0**



Deborah Pottenburgh  
District Clerk Pro-Temp

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno to enter  
executive session Time: 9:27

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Melony Spock to return to  
Open Session. Time: 10:14

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno to adjourn  
meeting. Time: 10:15

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion Carried 7-0**



Cheryl Nuciforo  
District Clerk Pro-Temp