

January 13, 2008

President John Wapner (left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.) called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the high school library. Board members in attendance were Vice-President Elizabeth Macfarlane; Michael Clark; Fred Hutchinson (left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.); Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; and, James Toteno. Ric Campbell and Denise Dapice were absent.

Also attending were Lee Bordick, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Phyllis McGill, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Dr. Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Charlotte Frye, Elementary School Principal; Ron Davis, High School Principal; John Thorsen, High School Assistant Principal; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal.

High School student Andrew Knight and his parents were present as invited guests of the Board.

The audience consisted of staff, students, members of the community, and newspaper reporters.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board conducted the following business.

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended. **Motion Carried 6-0**

APPROVE AGENDA

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:**

1. Recognize Andrew Knight for selection to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas High School Scholar All-American Soccer Team – Lee Bordick and Board of Education: Andrew received a certificate for his achievement and Mr. Davis gave a brief overview of Andrew's accomplishments throughout his high school career.

RECOGNITION – ANDREW KNIGHT

The Board then addressed New Business.

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 80** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham Central School District Board of Education formally recognize Chatham Central School Administrative Support Unit, "Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO – Columbia County Local 811," and

RECOGNIZE UNION – CSEA

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education ratify the contract between the Chatham Central School District and the Chatham Central School District CSEA Administrative Support Unit for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. **Motion Carried 6-0**

RATIFY CSEA  
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT  
UNIT CONTRACT

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 81** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education ratify the contract between the Chatham Central School District and the Chatham School District Principals' Association for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. **Motion Carried 6-0**

RATIFY PRINCIPALS'  
ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 82** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the January 13, 2009 Board meeting, as written. **Motion Carried 6-0**

CONSENSUS AGENDA

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education increase the workday of Ann Jackson, teacher's aide, from 6 hours/day to 6.5 hours/day, effective January 14, 2009, at the same rate of pay.

INCREASE HOURS – A.  
JACKSON

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Nora Bergeron, part-time food service helper, effective December 19, 2008.

RESIGNATION – N.  
BERGERON

That the Board of Education approve fundraising for the 2009 varsity baseball season, in accordance with policy #5251.

VARSITY BASEBALL  
FUNDRAISING

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS (cont'd):

2. NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) Student Presentation: Jackie Hoffman and Cynthia Herron (MS Guidance Counselors) and Tracy Kelly (HS Social Worker) presented an overview of NCBI and shared their personal views and involvement in the program. Some facets of the program were demonstrated by students through role playing with those attending the Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORTS (cont'd)

NCBI

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Columbia County DSS Agreement Regarding Educational Neglect: Dr. Scheriff explained the concept of this proposed Agreement with the County Department of Social Services. The Board discussed their concerns about how this proposal may affect confidentiality and responsibility to the student. Dr. Wapner suggested the Board revisit this item at a later time.

COLUMBIA CO. DSS  
EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT  
AGREEMENT

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2. Preliminary Budget Development Discussion: Mr. Bordick discussed proposed cost constraints for the District in the 2009-2010 budget year. He advised the Board that all programs are being reviewed. However, it is the administration's goal that no programs currently in place suffer fiscal cuts. Discussion of a proposed "1 bell" system for student transportation took place. Pros and cons were presented.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
DISCUSSION

3. Student Information System: Mr. Bordick spoke of the status of the implementation of "School Tools", the student information system selected by District administration to replace the current SADI system which will become obsolete at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

"SCHOOL TOOLS"

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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- Status of \$6M capital project
- Status of Superintendent Search

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education appoint Lee Bordick as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 6-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Nancy Macfarlane, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss issues relating to the employment history or promotion of a particular employee. **Motion Carried 6-0**  
Entered Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education return to Open Session. **Motion Carried 6-0**

OPEN SESSION

Resumed Open Session at 9:39 p.m.

Motion by Dave O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education adjourn the January 13, 2009 Work shop Meeting. **Motion Carried 6-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane T. Malecki  
District Clerk

Lee Bordick  
District Clerk Pro-Temp

