

January 27, 2009

President John Wapner called the January 27, 2009 Business Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the high school library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Ric Campbell; Michael Clark; Fred Hutchinson; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor (arrived at 6:37 p.m.); and, James Toteno. Denise Dapice was absent.

Also present 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; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal

The audience consisted of staff, members of the community and newspaper reporters. John Sharkey, of Rhinebeck Architectural, was in attendance as an invited guest of the Board.

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

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended. **Motion Carried 7-0**

APPROVE AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Tech Valley Student Presentation: Patrick Kervin gave a power point presentation of the Tech Valley school and described his experience as a student there. Patrick answered various questions from the Board and Mr. Bordick.

TECH VALLEY
PRESENTATION

2. Capital Improvement Project & Financing Strategies – Update from John Sharkey: Mr. Sharkey distributed preliminary drawings of the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School entrance changes proposed as an alternate to be included in the current \$6,035,000 capital project, anticipating SED approval by late March or early April 2009.

CAPITAL PROJECT

3. Weekend Custodial Coverage Proposal: Mr. Bordick informed the Board that the restructured weekend custodial coverage met with a positive response by both staff and community organizations.

WEEKEND CUSTODIAL
COVERAGE

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4. Field Trip Request – 4th Grade Peace Makers: Mr. Bordick spoke about the 4th grade Peace Makers going to an East Greenbush facility this year. Mrs. Frye, Elementary Principal, and Mrs. Morgan, Support Teacher, spoke of hopefully returning to the Chatham facility in the 2009-2010 school year.

4th GRADE FIELD TRIP

5. Columbia-Greene College Update: Per Mr. Bordick, it is anticipated that the program will offer 9 courses of study in the 2009-2010 school year. The credits earned will be transferrable to colleges in the system.

COLUMBIA GREENE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6. Teacher Websites – Update: Mr. Bordick stated there is a strong commitment by District Administration to move forward with the website process. The increase of staff creating websites has grown from 15 to 48 or more through various staff development opportunities.

TEACHER WEBSITES

7. 2009-2010 Budget Update: Mr. Bordick stated that a full discussion of the 2009-2010 budget will take place at the March 10, 2009 Budget Workshop. Mr. Bordick briefly reviewed retirement incentive possibilities, the 1-bell bus routing pros and cons, and the goal of reducing expenditures without negatively affecting staff.

2009-2010 BUDGET UPDATE

8. Columbia County School Boards Association Meeting: Mr. Bordick discussed the meeting that took place in January, 2009 with many of the Columbia County School Boards and their respective Superintendents in attendance. As a result of this meeting, the group will meet again on March 5, 2009 to discuss options for sharing services to reduce District expenditures and increase efficiencies within the Districts.

CC SCHOOL BOARDS
ASSOC.

9. Converting Spring Conference Days to Student Attendance Days: As of this meeting, Mr. Bordick noted that the District has 1 snow day remaining. March 20, 2009, a scheduled conference day, will be converted to a full day for student instruction; and April 3, 2009, originally a full conference day, will be one half day student instruction and one half day senior exhibition. Mr. Bordick thanked all the instructional staff that created an effective schedule to make it possible for the senior exhibitions to fit into a half day schedule.

SPRING CONFERENCE DAYS

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 83** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the December 16 and 18, 2008 and January 5, 6, 8, 12, and 14, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the January 14 and 21, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on

CSE & PSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

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Preschool Special Education.

Motion Carried 8-0

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 84** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grant tenure to Dawn Marie Blasl in the area of English as a second language, effective February 13, 2009.

Motion Carried 8-0

TENURE – D.M. BLASL

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by Michael Clark, that the Board of Education approve **R. 85** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint the following 2008-2009 Advisory Group members for the purpose of interviewing prospective candidates to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools:

Larry Burud	Nancy Knabbe
Lucas Christensen	Diane Malecki
Muriel Faxon	Kathleen Nichol
Ann Flanagan	Darci Ordway
Fred Hutchinson	John Wapner

Motion Carried 8-0

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
ADVISORY GROUP

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 86** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education nominate Edna (Nancy) Knabbe to continue to serve on the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Questar III) for the term beginning July 1, 2009.

Motion Carried 8-0

E. KNABBE – R-C-G- BOCES

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 87** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education cross-contract with Northeastern Regional Information Center (NERIC) of the Capital Region BOCES for the "SchoolTool" Student Management System, effective January 28, 2009, as presented at the January 13, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried 8-0

SchoolTool – NERIC

Mr. Bordick explained the cost of the SchoolTool service and hardware for the 2008-2009 school year is \$54,635. This expenditure will be paid through the Saland grants received in the current school year. 49.5% of this amount will be received as BOCES aid in the 2009-2010 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
COMMENT - SchoolTool

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 88** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Scholastic, Inc. to purchase 60 onsite, lifetime licenses for the "Read-About" ELA software, to be used to provide Response To Intervention services for Chatham Middle School students, at

CONTRACT – SCHOLASTIC

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a total discounted cost of \$5,025, and as paid for by Title IA grants approved by the New York State Education Department.

Motion Carried 8-0

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 89 as follows: BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 27, 2009 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$189,500 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) SIXTY/SIXTY-FIVE PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$189,500, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

SERIAL GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS – BUS
PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Chatham Central School District (the "District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 20th day of May, 2008, duly approved a proposition authorizing the acquisition of two (2) sixty/sixty-five passenger school buses and to finance the same in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law and the Local Finance Law;
NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District shall acquire two (2) sixty/sixty-five passenger school buses, at a maximum cost of \$189,500, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the District at the annual meeting held on May 20, 2008.

Section 2. The District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$189,500 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the acquisition of two (2) sixty/sixty-five passenger school buses.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$189,500, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from aid received from the State of New York and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

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Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. After taking into account New York State aid received by the District with respect to the Purpose, there shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 90** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the January 27, 2009 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 8-0

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the December 9, December 16, 2008, January 6, and 13, 2009 meetings of the Board of Education.

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Cheryl Brill, bus attendant, from permanent full-time (5.5 hours/day) to permanent full-time (6 hours/day), effective January 5, 2009, at the same hourly rate of pay.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

BOARD MINUTES

AMEND WORKDAY –
C.BRILL

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That the Board of Education accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Alaine V. Thorne, teaching assistant, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

RETIREMENT – A. THORNE

That the Board of Education accept the request from Samantha McShane, music teacher, for a parental leave effective on or about April 28, 2009 through June 26, 2009.

PARENTAL LEAVE –
S.McSHANE

Please note: All appointments are contingent upon NYSED clearance from the fingerprint supported criminal background check, as required by Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000.

That the Board of Education appoint Paula Nuss, who holds permanent certification in the area of Music K-12, as substitute music teacher, effective on or about April 28, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a per diem rate of \$100 per day.

APPOINT – P. NUSS

That the Board of Education appoint Tammy Lockenwitz as permanent part-time bus attendant (5 hours/day), effective January 5, 2009, at an hourly pay rate of \$14.20.

APPOINT – T. LOCKENWITZ

That the Board of Education appoint Leonard D. Morse as substitute bus driver, effective January 5, 2009, at an hourly pay rate of \$14.70.

APPOINT – L. MORSE

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes, effective January 28, 2009:

APPOINT SUBSTITUTES

Marcia Mayer, teacher
Michelle Staron, teacher, TA/aide
Carrie Engel, teacher, TA/aide
Elizabeth (Liza) Corsillo, teacher
Terry Owens Gilbert, teacher
Susan Cerny, teacher, TA/aide
Lawrence Carr, teacher

That the Board of Education approve the following list of 403(b) Providers who signed the Information Sharing Agreement with Omni Group, Inc., as approved by the Board on December 16, 2008:

APPROVE 403(b) PROVIDERS

American Funds	New England Life
Cadaret Grant	Oppenheimer
Equitable (AXA)	Putnam Retirement Plan
Fidelity	Riversource Life Ins. Co. of New York
ING	Travelers
Metropolitan Life	Waddell Reed

That the Board of Education accept the donation from The Friends of the Chatham Public Library in the amount of \$3,000, to be used to purchase library materials for the Chatham Public

ACCEPT DONATION –
FRIENDS of the CHATHAM
LIBRARY

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Library, and increase the 2008-2009 budget by the same amount.

That the Board of Education approve the Claims Auditor's reports for the month of December, 2008.

CLAIMS AUDITOR'S
REPORTS

That the Board of Education accept the budget comprehensive status and revenue status reports for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Federal Fund, Capital Fund, and Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2008.

BUDGET & REVENUE
STATUS REPORTS

That the Board of Education approve the High School Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report for the months of October, November and December, 2008.

HS ACTIVITIES FUND
REPORT

That the Board of Education approve the Middle School Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report for the months of October, November and December, 2008.

MS ACTIVITIES FUND
REPORT

Board of Education

- 1.1 Finance Committee – The next meeting will be 02/03/09 at 5:00 p.m.
- 1.2 Audit Committee – The Committee met on 01/26/09
- 1.3 Library Committee –
- 1.4 Policy Committee – See meeting notes from 01/13/09
 - first reading – Energy Management Conservation Policy #880
 - second reading – Public Use of School Buses Policy \$1501
- 1.5 Facilities Committee – Mr. Bordick commented on the next meeting scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009 to discuss the status of the \$6,035,000 Capital Project.
- 1.6 Liaison Committee – see meeting notes from 11/20/08
The Committee met on 01/27/09.
- 1.7 Items for Review - 02/11/09 Andy DeFeo training, 6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEES

Items for Future Agenda

- Columbia County Department of Social Services Agreement
- Attendance Policy
- IST Leaders & GLT Leaders – workshop meeting

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education appoint Lee Bordick as District Clerk Pro-Temp.
Motion Carried 8-0

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss issues relating to collective bargaining and the employment history or promotion of a particular employee.
Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Entered Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by Fred Hutchinson,
that the Board of Education return to Open Session.

Motion Carried 8-0

Returned to Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Michael Clark, that the
Board of Education adjourn the January 27, 2009 Business
Meeting.

Motion Carried 8-0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk

Lee Bordick
District Clerk Pro-Temp

