

February 9, 2010

Prior to convening the meeting, the Board of Education participated in a reception celebrating the Chatham Middle School being named a 2010 New York State School of Character by the Academy for Character Education at the Sage Colleges and the Character Education partnership. Earning this distinction now advances the Chatham Middle School to the national level of competition as New York State's nominee for the National School of Character Program.

CHATHAM MIDDLE  
SCHOOL CHARACTER  
EDUCATION RECEPTION

President John Wapner called the Public Hearing and Board Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Michael Clark; Denise Dapice; Fred Hutchinson (arrived at 6:49 p.m.); Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; Melony Spock; and, James Toteno.

Also present were Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent; Dr. Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Kristen Reno, Elementary School Principal; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; and, John Thorsen, High School Co-Principal. Members of the Middle School Character Education Committee were in attendance as invited guests of the Board. Also present as an invited guest was Sandy Fischer, high school science teacher. The audience consisted of staff, members of the community and newspaper reporters. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the Board conducted the following business.

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Melony Spock, to approve the present agenda as written or amended.

APPROVE AGENDA

**Motion Carried 8-0**

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on income eligibility levels for real property tax exemptions. Information will be available on the District's website.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX  
EXEMPTIONS

Superintendent's Reports:

1. Chatham Middle School – NYS School of Character: Members of the Middle School's Character Education Committee spoke to the level of commitment of Middle School students and staff in developing and promoting the Character Education Program. Board President, John Wapner, thanked everyone involved in the program for their passion in continuing to move the program forward.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORTS

CHATHAM MIDDLE  
SCHOOL – NYS SCHOOL  
OF CHARACTER

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2. Capital Project Update – Cheryl Nuciforo presented an overview of the upcoming capital project.

CAPITAL PROJECT  
UPDATE

3. Phase 1 Proposal – Global Environment Course at Chatham high school: Sandy Fischer presented the Phase 1 proposal for the foundation of the program, as well as requirements for teachers as instructors of the program.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT  
COURSE

4. 2010-11 Budget Update – Cheryl Nuciforo reported that all administrators have been diligently working toward “scrubbing” their budgets to reduce costs while maintaining the quality of programs.

2010-2011 BUDGET  
UPDATE

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 57** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the revised Family & Medical Leave Act Policy (#9520.2), as read at the December 8, 2009 and January 26, 2010 meetings.

ADOPT FAMILY &  
MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by David O’Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 58** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the request of Darren Rosenbaum to take students on an overnight trip to Dartmouth College for Model UN Competition from April 9-11, 2010.

MODEL UN COMPETITION  
-DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 59** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education change the Civil Service title of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds to Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, effective February 15, 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT OF  
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by David O’Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 60** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the income eligibility level for the real property tax exemption granted to persons with disabilities, and limited income as described in Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, be established at the maximum amount authorized by law.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY  
LEVELS/REAL PROPERTY  
TAX EXEMPTION

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 61** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the maximum income eligibility level of persons over 65 years of age receiving the real property tax exemption authorized by Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law be established at the maximum amount authorized by law.

OVER 65 MAXIMUM  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY –  
TAX EXEMPTION

**Motion Carried 9-0**

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Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 62** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that an exemption be granted in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of real property (not exceeding \$3,000 multiplied by the latest State Equalization Rate) for residential real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as authorized by Section 466-d of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

REAL PROPERTY TAX  
EXEMPTION –  
VOLUNTEER  
FIRE/AMBULANCE

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Melony Spock, that the Board of Education approve **R. 63** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the February 9, 2010 Board meeting, as written.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

CONSENSUS AGENDA

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education amend the appointment of Theresa Conte from CMS Musical Director at \$1,404 to Director CMS Musical at a contractual stipend of \$2,409.

T.CONTE – DIRECTOR,  
CMS MUSICAL

That the Board of Education accept the resignation from William Visscher, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective February 12, 2010.

RESIGNATION – W.  
VISSCHER

That the Board of Education accept the resignation from Darci Ordway as Board Clerk, effective March 31, 2010.

RESIGNATION – D.  
ORDWAY (Board Clerk)

*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 Christian Carr as full-time, probationary custodian, beginning on or about February 10, 2010 and ending August 22, 2010, on step one, at a pay rate of \$12.59 per hour.

APPOINT – C. CARR

That the Board of Education appoint the following coach for the 2009-10 sports season: Jodi Sullivan, JV Softball

APPOINT COACH –  
J.SULLIVAN

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes, effective February 10, 2010:

APPOINT SUBSTITUTES

Daniel Kennedy, cleaner  
Michael Leamy, teacher

That the Board of Education approve the following Change Order in connection with the 6 million dollar capital improvement project:

APPROVE CHANGE  
ORDER

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-#04-08 for Brownell Electric Corp. in the amount of \$2,346 for MED electrical work.

Board Committees:

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met on February 9, 2010.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Audit Committee  
Library Committee

Policy Committee – Committee has met and notes will be available at the next Board meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Facilities Committee  
Liaison Committee  
Bi-County School Boards

Items for Future Agenda:

1. Ichabod Crane boundary dispute
2. Survey recent Chatham graduates
3. Non-Voting student Board member
4. Phase II
5. School Report Card
6. Efficiency Study

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations and the employment history of a particular person leading to the appointment, promotion or discipline of a particular person. **Motion Carried 9-0**  
Entered Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Melony Spock, that the Board of Education resume Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Resumed Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

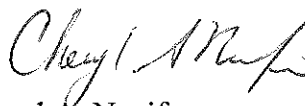
Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education adjourn the February 9, 2010 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion Carried 9-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

  
Diane T. Malecki  
District Clerk

  
Cheryl A. Nuciforo  
District Clerk Pro-Temp