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President John Wapner called the 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; David O'Connor (arrived at 6:38 p.m.); and, James Toteno. Denise Dapice and Francis Iaconetti were absent.

Also in attendance 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; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal.

The audience consisted of staff and members of the community.

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

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion Carried 6-0

Public Comment: Public comments and discussions centered around the proposed “one bell” transportation system and the opportunity for public comments at Board meetings. Mr. Bordick spoke to the investigatory process employed by the District staff to look at all facets of the one bell routing system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent’s Reports

1. Baseball Field Trip Update – Mr. Bordick spoke briefly about the baseball field trip.

BASEBALL FIELD TRIP

2. School Report Card Results – Mr. Bordick reported that all three schools are “schools in good standing” and all three have met AYP (annual yearly progress) standards established in the “No Child Left Behind” federal law.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

3. Phase Two Proposals – Mr. Bordick discussed all of the original Phase I proposals. The Board of Education requested that the various program proposals

PHASE TWO PROPOSALS

- Model Congress Expansion
- Financial Literacy PILOT
- Math/Science/Technology (MST) Program
- Panther Plus Expansion Program
- National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)
- Central Receiving & Inventory – Central Office

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provide additional cost data to determine whether or not they will be added to the 2009-2010 budget.

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 92** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the January 21, 23, 26, 29, February 2, 3, 5, 9 and 11, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the following students: 12199, 10275, 10277, 10257, and 16051. **Motion Carried 7-0**

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 92** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education amend the 2008-2009 school calendar by converting the following days:
December 15 & 16, 2008 to District conference days
March 20, 2009 to a full student attendance day
April 3, 2009 to a student attendance day with early dismissal (10:30 CMS & CHS; 11:15 MED) **Motion Carried 7-0**

AMEND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 93** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education amend the 2008-2009 Board meeting calendar by adding two Executive Session meetings on February 11 and 19, 2009, and a Special Workshop Meeting on March 31, 2009. **Motion Carried 7-0**

AMEND BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 94** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the Public Use of School Buses Policy and Regulations as read and amended at the December 16, 2008 and January 27, 2009 Board meetings. **Motion Carried 7-0**

ADOPT POLICY – PUBLIC USE of SCHOOL BUSES

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Michael Clark, that the Board of Education approve **R. 95** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the request of Renee Morgan and Brian Simon to take the 4th grade Peace Makers group on an overnight field trip to Camp Is-So-Da in East Greenbush on June 4-5, 2009, as presented to the Board of Education on January 27, 2009. **Motion Carried 7-0**

PEACE MAKERS TRIP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 96** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the request of the High School Social Studies Department to take a field trip to Washington, D.C. from March 27-March 29, 2009, as presented to the Board of Education on February 10, 2009. **Motion Carried 7-0**

HS FIELD TRIP – WASHINGTON, DC

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Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 97** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Michael Clark as an Advisory Group member to replace Fred Hutchinson for the purpose of interviewing prospective candidates to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools. **Motion Carried 7-0**

APPOINT MICHAEL CLARK
– ADVISORY GROUP

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 98** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education acknowledges that the Independent newspaper ceases to exist and, therefore, can no longer serve as an official newspaper of the Chatham Central School District and; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education designates the Chatham Courier and the Register Star as the two official newspapers for the Chatham Central School District effective February 25, 2009.

Motion Carried 7-0

APPOINT OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPERS – REGISTAR
STAR and CHATHAM
COURIER

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 99** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve and accept the Letter of Engagement with Robert T. Schofield of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP in accordance with the terms of the agreement dated February 6, 2009. **Motion Carried 7-0**

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT –
WHITEMAN, OSERMAN &
HANNA

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 100** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adjust the Debt Service and Interfund Transfer to Capital beginning balances for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Finance Committee. **Motion Carried 7-0**

ADJUST DEBT SERVICE &
INTERFUND TRANSFER

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 101** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the February 24, 2009 Board meeting as written. (NOTE: Board member James Toteno abstained from voting on item H.2.e of the Consensus Agenda appointing per diem substitutes.)
The Consensus Agenda consists of:

ACCEPT CONSENSUS
AGENDA

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the January 27 and February 10, 2009 Board of Education meetings, and the February 11, 2009 Executive Session meeting of the Board of Education.

BOARD MINUTES

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Kimberly A. Layton, bus driver, from permanent full-time (5.5 hours/day) to permanent full-time (6.0 hours/day), effective January 26, 2009,

K. LAYTON – AMEND
WORKDAY

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at the same rate of pay.

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Tammy Lockenwitz, bus attendant, from permanent part-time (5 hours/day) to permanent full-time (5.5 hours/day), effective January 26, 2009, at the same rate of pay.

AMEND WORKDAY – T.
LOCKENWITZ

That the Board of Education approve the request of Allyson Bauer, elementary education teacher, to extend her parental leave through June 30, 2009.

A.BAUER – EXTEND
PARENTAL LEAVE

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 extend the appointment of Celeen Lawrence, elementary education long-term substitute, through June 30, 2009, at the same rate of pay.

C.LAWRENCE – EXTEND
APPOINTMENT

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes effective February 25, 2009:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

Emily Kuss, teacher, TA/aide
Eileen M. Hall, teacher, TA/aide, home tutor
Michele MacDonald, teacher, TA/aide
Darby Townsend, teacher
Molly Lemoine, teacher, TA/aide, home tutor
Thomas J. Toteno, teacher
Jordan Nieto, teacher, TA/aide

That the Board of Education appoint Michael Kullman and James Derby as bowling co-coaches for the 2008-2009 school year, at a shared stipend of \$1,901.00.

BOWLING CO-COACHES

That effective February 25, 2009, the Board of Education add First Investor Corporation to the Chatham Central School District list of 403b providers who signed the Information Sharing Agreement with Omni Group, Inc.

FIRST INVESTORS CORP.

That the Board of Education accept the donation to the Chatham Public Library from the Albany Chapter of the Autism Society of America in the amount of \$250.00, to be used to purchase materials related to autism spectrum disorders, and increase the 2008-09 budget by the same amount.

DONATION to CHATHAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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That the Board of Education adopt the actual non-resident tuition rates for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Regular Ed.</u>	<u>Special Ed.</u>
K-6	\$9,040	\$30,824
7-12	\$9,677	\$31,461

2007-2008 ACTUAL NON-RESIDENT TUITITION

That the Board of Education adopt the estimated non-resident tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Regular Ed.</u>	<u>Special Ed.</u>
K-6	\$10,783	\$29,704
7-12	\$11,057	\$29,978

2008-2009 ESTIMATED NON-RESIDENT TUITITION

That the Board of Education accept the budget transfers dated January 23, February 13 and February 25, 2009.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Education approve the Claims Auditor's reports for the month of January, 2009.

CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 January, 2009.

BUDGET & REVENUE STATUS REPORTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee: The District may have as many as ten (10) teachers and at least one (1) administrator take advantage of the retirement incentive. The District is looking at non-education reductions to preserve and keep "sacrosanct" the educational program and staffing. The "first look" budget-to-budget increase was 7.83% requiring a \$2 million reduction in expenditures to meet a 3% increase on the tax levy. The District expects approximately a 12% reduction in state aid for 2009-2010. The draft 2009-2010 budget will be presented to the Board on 03/10/09. The District has not received any formal information on the stimulus money available to education. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is March 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Audit Committee – The internal auditor cited some discrepancies but praised the business office staff and the internal claims auditor for their diligence to correct the processes questioned.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Library Committee - see notes from 2-4-09 meeting
Policy Committee - see notes from 2-10-09 meeting
- 2nd reading of Energy Management and Conservation Policy #8800

LIBRARY COMMITTEE
POLICY COMMITTEE

Facilities Committee – The District will be going out to bid on March 19, 2009. The Committee is looking at the Saland Grants

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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to address the security of the MED front entrance.

Liaison Committee – the next meeting is scheduled for 03/03/09
Items for Review

LIAISON COMMITTEE

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA – Town meeting about the one
bell transportation system.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, 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 7-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by David O’Connor, that
the Board of Education enter executive session to discuss issues
relating to the employment history or promotion of particular
employees. **Motion Carried 7-0**
Entered Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the
Board of Education return to Open Session. **Motion Carried 7-0**
Resumed Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Michael Clark, that the
Board of Education adjourn the February 24, 2009 Business
Meeting. **Motion Carried 7-0**
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk

Lee Bordick
District Clerk Pro-Temp

