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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 Michael Clark; Denise Dapice (arrived at 6:37 p.m.); Fred Hutchinson (left the meeting at 7:02 p.m., returned at 7:09 p.m.); Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; and, James Toteno. Vice-President Elizabeth Macfarlane and Ric Campbell 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; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Ron Davis, High School Principal; and, John Thorsen, High School Assistant Principal.

The audience consisted of staff, members of the public, and one newspaper reporter.

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

Public Comment

The Board heard public comments regarding both pros and cons for the proposed 1-bell transportation system currently in the proposed 2009-2010 budget,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORTS

1. Announce Board Candidate Petitions Available in the Business Office: Mr. Bordick announced that Board of Education candidate nominating petitions are available in the Business Office. Completed petitions are to be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2009.

2. Transportation to Children's Book Festival at Hudson CSD – Mr. Hutchinson spoke about the Hudson Children's Book Fair to be held at the Hudson Middle School Library on May 16th. The venue is for Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade and will have authors, vendors and food for parents, students and staff.

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3. Middle School Recognition – CMS Character Education

Mr. Bordick congratulated the Middle School on the achievement of the Character Education Award. Mr. Fitting reported that the Middle School was one of thirteen schools competing for State recognition.

4. 2009-2010 Educational Plan and Budget Update: Mr. Bordick gave a power point presentation of the proposed budget to the Board of Education and the community. A backpack mailing will go out on Thursday to all parents as a “Q&A” to answer questions regarding the 1-Bell Transportation System. Mr. Bordick emphasized that the District Bus Drivers are the 1st and the last layers of safety for our students.

Mr. Bordick reviewed the March 10th presentation as to scrubbing the budget to reduce the levy increase from the starting point of 17.46% increase over 2008-2009’s levy to a much more appropriate 1.55% over the 2008-2009 school year. Declining enrollment is one of the major factors driving the budget process. Mr. Bordick stated that to do nothing with this years budget process will create serious problems in the near future.

Mr. Bordick emphasized the guiding principles for this year’s budget process include 1) preservation of the core program, 2) reducing expenditures without affecting staff and 3) staff reductions based on enrollment.

The 2009-2010 budget-to-budget change is a reduction of \$444,444 from the 2008-2009 budget which is 1.67% decrease in operating expenditures.

Mr. Bordick indicated that the 1-Bell Transportation system mantra is “Perfect 1st day, perfect 1st week and perfect 1st month to make the 1-Bell Transportation system succeed”.

Mr. Bordick discussed the “Stimulus Package” money that the District may receive. The Board must be “circumspect” about this money and its use. Mr. Bordick advised against using the money to restore current cuts. One time expenditures are the most effective uses of the stimulus money. More discussion of the stimulus money will take place at the April 7th Board meeting.

Mr. Bordick stated that regarding the 1-Bell Transportation system, it is his role to present the Board with all necessary information to make the final decisions. Final plans will be in place before school concludes. The Transportation issue will not

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go away as long as the district enrollment continues to decline. Using the same 19 passenger buses with a 1-Bell system is a more effective use of District resources.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education accept **R. 104** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the February 26, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the February 26 & 27, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Motion Carried 7-0

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 105** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grant tenure to Phyllis Spiegel-McGill I the area of Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, effective July 14, 2009.

Motion Carried 7-0

TENURE – DR. PHYLLIS SPIEGEL-McGILL

Mr. Wapner, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Clark thanked Dr. McGill for her professionalism and quality of the letter she wrote requesting tenure. Mr. Wapner thanked Dr. McGill for the excellence as to her solid work ethic and efforts throughout the past 3 years.

BOARD COMMENT

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve **R. 106** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the Energy Management and Conservation Policy #8800, as read at the January 27 and February 24, 2009 Board meeting.

Motion Carried 7-0

POLICY #8800 – ENERGY MANAGEMENT and CONSERVATION

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education approve **R. 107** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education place a proposition on the ballot at the 2009 Annual Meeting and Election allowing a student to serve as an "Ex Officio" non-voting Board member as follows: *Shall a student be allowed to serve as an "Ex Officio" non-voting member on the Chatham Central School District's Board of Education, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1702(3-a) of the Education Law?*

Motion Carried 7-0

ANNUAL VOTE PROPOSITION – "EX-OFFICIO" BOARD MEMBER

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 108** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the March 24, 2009 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 7-0

ACCEPT CONSENSUS AGENDA

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The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the February 19, February 24, and March 10, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

BOARD MINUTES

That the Board of Education amend the appointments of Daniel Kohler, Indoor Track Head Coach and Suzanne Wightman, Assistant Indoor Track Coach, to Co-coach and Co-assistant Coach for Indoor Track, sharing a combined stipend of \$5,285.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

AMEND APPOINTMENT – D. KOHLER

ITEM TABLED until March 31, 2009 Board of Education Special Meeting. *That the Board of Education accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Charlotte J. Frye, Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2009.*

TABLE ITEM – C. FRYE RETIREMENT

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sandra Lynn as grade level leader for second grade, effective March 19, 2009.

S. LYNN – GRADE LEADER RESIGNATION

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 Lauren Wheeler, who holds initial certification in childhood education grades 1-6, to a long-term, temporary position as elementary education teacher, effective March 23, 2009 through June 25, 2009, on step 1 BA, at an annual pro-rated salary of \$39,160.00.

APPOINT – L. WHEELER

That the Board of Education appoint Paula Nuss as Middle School and High School Chorus Director for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year at a combined stipend of \$2,344.00, pro-rated for the period February 24, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

MS & HS CHORUS DIRECTOR – P. NUSS

That the Board of Education approve the following “K-5 Running Club” appointments, as funded by the Kids in Motion Grant through Columbia County Healthcare Consortium.:

“K-5 RUNNING CLUB” APPOINTMENTS

Run Club Program Coordinator - Linda Colwell, \$500 stipend

Run Club Supervisors: Brian Simon, Paula Ptaszek, Renee Morgan, Amy Gambino, Keara Lombardi, \$300 stipend each

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

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

Amy Sitzer-Knight, Teacher
Leonard Collins, Teacher

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Sarah Roblez, Teacher
Carol Hall, TA/Aide, Cleaner, Office Clerk
Evan Eitapence, Teacher
Jeffrey Artist, Teacher
Tahnee R. Heins, Teacher, TA/Aide, Home Tutor
Megann Rice, Teacher, Home Tutor
Rebecca Coleman, Teacher
Erika Bervy, Teacher
Taitia L. Shelow, Teacher, TA/Aide

That the Board of Education approve the budget transfer dated March 9, 2009.

BUDGET TRANSFER

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Michele Debye-Saxinger in the amount of \$391.00 to purchase books for the Middle School student book clubs, and increase the 2008-09 budget in the same amount.

ACCEPT DONATION – M.
DEBYE-SAXINGER

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

CLAIMS AUDITOR 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 February, 2009.

BUDGET & REVENUE
REPORTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee – At the March 3, 2009 meeting the Finance Committee discussion centered on the budget and Requests for Proposals. Another meeting will be held in April to continue budget discussions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Audit Committee – At the March 23, 2009 meeting, the Committee discussed the internal/external audit process and extra-curricular school clubs internal claims auditing.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Library Committee

Policy Committee -see meeting notes from 2-24 and 3-10
-first reading of School Admissions policy #5150

POLICY COMMITTEE

Facilities Committee – Mr. Bordick announced a tentative date of April 9, 2009 for the referendum bid opening. SED authorization for the \$6,035,000 project was not received at this date.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Liaison Committee
Items for Review

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Items for Future Agenda

- Discussion of ISL/GSL structure
- Summer School Program

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Michael Clark, 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 James Toteno, seconded by Michael Clark, 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 7:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education return to Open Session. **Motion Carried 7-0**

OPEN SESSION

Resumed Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education adjourn the March 24, 2009 Board of Education meeting. **Motion Carried 7-0**
Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk

Lee Bordick
District Clerk Pro Temp

