

April 13, 2010

Board President John Wapner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Michael Clark; Denise Dapice; Fred Hutchinson; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; Melony Spock; and, James Toteno.

Also attending were Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent; Dr. Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; and, John Thorsen, CHS Co-Principal.

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

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

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education move to Executive Session to discuss the status of a corporation employment history leading to the employment of this corporation by the District. **Motion Carried 9-0**
Entered Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education resume Open Session. **Motion Carried 9-0**
Resumed Open Session at 6:36 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended. **Motion Carried 9-0**

APPROVE AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Capital Project Update – Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo informed the Board and the public that the Spring Phase I projects received approval from the NYS Education Department and that this evenings agenda will appoint “The Pike Company” as construction manager for all phases of the projects. On April 22, 2010, a pre-bid conference will be held to consider bidders’ questions. The public notices have been published and the bid openings will take place in the District Offices on April 29, 2010.

CAPITAL PROJECT
UPDATE

2. 2010-2011 Budget Update – Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo presented the 2010-2011 budget as it stands on April 13, 2010. Budget projections have been made by administration on a k-12 basis while adhering to the following philosophy to 1) Preserve Chatham’s core

BUDGET UPDATE

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educational program, 2) Staffing based on enrollment, 3) staff reductions through attrition where possible, 4) Sensitivity to current economic climate and 5) Focus on long-term financial well-being of the District. Various factors are out of the District's control. These factors including but not limited to unknown NYS aid levels to be received in 2010-2011, county pre-K and summer special need program costs shifted from county to school districts, STAR calculation changes. At this time, the increase on the tax levy is 2.54% and the budget-to-budget change is a decrease of 0.72% from the 2009-2010 budget.

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 73** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham School District Principals' Association, dated March 31, 2010.

Motion Carried 9-0

MOA – PRINCIPALS' ASSOC.

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Melony Spock, that the Board of Education **table R. 74**

TABLE **R. 74**

WHEREAS, Richard McCarthy, an owner of real property situate in the Town of Ghent and the Chatham Central School District and, identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 84.-1-33, 84.-2-59.1 and 84.-2-19.111, has commenced litigation against the Town of Ghent Board of Assessment Review contesting the assessments of the above parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ghent has requested that the County of Columbia and the Chatham Central School District contribute to the necessary legal costs and expenses with regard to defending said Tax Proceeding in the following proportions:

- (a) 50% - Chatham Central School District
- (b) 40% - County of Columbia
- (c) 10% - Town of Ghent

and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been advised by legal counsel that the above sharing ratio is proper and in the best interests of the School District; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Chatham Central School District pay 50% of the necessary litigation costs and expenses incurred in the defense of the above referenced Tax Review Proceedings.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Chatham Central School District on the 13th day of April, 2010.

Motion to Table R. 74 Carried 9-0

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 75** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with the Pike Company for capital project construction management services, effective April 14, 2010, in the amount of \$297,000.00.

Motion Carried 9-0

PIKE CO. CONTRACT

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Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 76** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the four-year Agreement with Advanced Therapy for occupational and physical therapy services, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$81,000 per year.

Motion Carried 9-0

APPROVE AGREEMENT –
ADVANCED THERAPY

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Melony Spock, that the Board of Education approve **R. 77** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the April 13, 2010 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 9-0

CONSENSUS AGENDA

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Board of Education meetings.

BOARD MINUTES

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Lynn M. Thorne, bus driver, from permanent full-time (4 hours/day) to permanent full-time (4.5 hours/day), effective March 22, 2010, at the same rate of pay.

AMEND WORKDAY – L.
THORNE

That the Board of Education accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Ronald R. Davis, CHS Co-Principal, effective June 30, 2010.

RETIREMENT – R. DAVIS

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 the following per diem substitutes, effective April 14, 2010:

SUBSTITUTES

- Sally Hallock, Teacher (retired)
- Richard Hallock, Teacher
- Kathryn Babendreier, Teacher, TA/Aide
- Michael Sanders, Teacher
- Emily McHugh, Teacher
- Jaimy Johnson, Teacher

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

NON-RESIDENT TUITION
RATES 2008-2009

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Regular Ed.</u>	<u>Special Ed.</u>
K-6	\$10,977	\$29,316
7-12	\$ 8,039	\$26,378

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That the Board of Education adopt the estimated non-resident tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Regular Ed.</u>	<u>Special Ed.</u>
K-6	\$ 9,999	\$36,942
7-12	\$11,363	\$38,306

ESTIMATED NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES – 2009-2010

That the Board of Education accept the budget transfers dated March 22, 2010 totaling \$220,198.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Hudson River Bank & Trust in the amount of \$5,000 for Chatham Public Library programming, and increase the 2009-10 budget by the same amount.

DONATION – HUDSON RIVER BANK & TRUST

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Hudson River Bank & Trust in the amount of \$5,000 for Canaan Public Library programming, and increase the 2009-10 budget by the same amount.

DONATION – HUDSON RIVER BANK & TRUST

That the Board of Education accept miscellaneous donations to the Chatham Public Library totaling \$210.25, and increase the 2009-10 budget in the same amount.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Finance Committee - met on 4/12 to review the 2010-2011 budget, discuss collateralization documents for the district's bank accounts and determine the need for going forward with a banking RFP.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Audit Committee – has not met
Library Committee – has not met

AUDIT COMMITTEE
LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Policy Committee - scheduled to meet the week of April 19th.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Curriculum Committee – has not met

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Facilities Committee – discussed with the Superintendent Report on the Capital Project status.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Liaison Committee – has not met

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Bi-County School Boards – letter to Governor and Legislature regarding non-monetary approach to save Districts money

BI-COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS

- Working to form legislative committee of regional BOE
- Next meeting will be May 6, 2010

Items for Review

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Items for Future Agenda

- report on "Stop Bullying" efforts being made through NCBI & Yellow Ribbon student programs at Chatham CSD.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting.
Motion Carried 9-0

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education resume Open Session.
Motion Carried 9-0

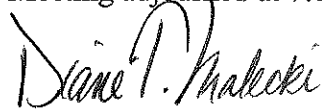
OPEN SESSION

Open Session resumed at 9:17 p.m.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education adjourn the April 13, 2010 meeting.
Motion Carried 9-0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk



Cheryl A. Nuciforo
District Clerk Pro-Temp