

April 22, 2008

President John Wapner called the business meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was held in the high school library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President (left at 8:59, returned at 9:01 p.m.); Ric Campbell; Michael Clark; Denise Dapice; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; and, James Toteno (left at 8:49, returned at 8:51 p.m.). Wayne Rose was absent.

Also in attendance were G. Scott Hunter, Superintendent; Dr. Phyllis McGill, Assistant superintendent for Educational Services; Dr. Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Charlotte Frye, Elementary School Principal; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal; and, Ron Davis, High School Principal.

The audience consisted of school staff, members of the community, and two newspaper reporters.

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

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended. **Motion Carried 8-0**

Superintendents Reports

1. Presentation and discussion of Proposed 2008-09 District Calendar (S. Hunter): Mr. Hunter presented the proposed 2008-2009 calendar to the Board and highlighted various features that will make it a useful tool for delivering the educational and strategic plans over the next school year.

2. Educational Plan & Budget – Draft 4 (final draft) Presentation (D. Malecki): Mr. Hunter announced that Senator Steven Saland contacted him to inform him that Chatham will receive a member-item grant in the amount of \$75,000. This grant is unrestricted revenue that can be used by the District in any way. Mr. Hunter recommended that its use be discussed by the Board's Finance Committee. Ms. Malecki presented draft 4 of the 2008-2009 budget and highlighted changes from draft 3. These changes have reduced both the budget-to-budget and levy-to-levy increases projected.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

2008-2009 DRAFT #4 BUDGET

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PROGRAM PROPOSALS

3. Discussion of Program Proposals: The Board discussed the disposition of program proposals previously presented with the intent of deciding which proposals would remain in the budget for 2008-2009.

	<u>VOTE</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
a. First Grade Intensive Class	8	0	Motion Carried
b. Fourth Grade Capstone Class	7	1	Motion Carried (Francis Iaconetti voted No)
c. Fifth Grade Intensive Class	8	0	Motion Carried
d. Seventh Grade Science Teacher	8	0	Motion Carried
e. 9-12 Heath/PE Teacher	8	0	Motion Carried
f. 9-12 Environmental Science	7	1	Motion Carried (Francis Iaconetti voted No)
g. 9-12 Science/PLTW	8	0	Motion Carried
h. 9-12 Music in Our Lives	8	0	Motion Carried
i. Clerk/Typist MED	2	6	Motion Defeated (James Toteno, Denise Dapice, John Wapner, Francis Iaconetti, David O'Connor and Elizabeth Macfarlane voted No)
j. Teacher Aide/Panther Plus CMS	8	0	Motion Carried
k. Teacher Aide (1/2 hr/day) CHS	5	3	Motion Carried (Francis Iaconetti, Michael Clark and David O'Connor voted No)
l. Upgrade Network Aide to Network Engineer	8	0	Motion Carried
m. After-school Professional Development	8	0	Motion Carried
n. Head Bus Driver	0	8	Motion Defeated
o. Maintenance 2 nd Shift Superv.	0	8	Motion Defeated
p. Summer Maintenance Workers	4	4	Motion Defeated (James Toteno, John Wapner, Francis Iaconetti, and Denise Dapice voted No)
q. Public Library Director	8	0	Motion Carried
r. Public Library Extra Hours	8	0	Motion Carried
s. Therapy Dog	8	0	Motion Carried

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by James Toteno, to remove from the Table **R. 61**. **Motion Carried 8-0**

Motion by Michael Clark, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 61** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education amend the per diem teacher substitute rate of \$100 for NYS certified retired teachers to include substituting in any certification area, effective January 23, 2008. [Suggested effective date April 23, 2008.]

Motion Carried 7-1

(Francis Iaconetti voted No on **R. 61**)

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, to remove from the Table Resolution **#R.88**

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER PAY RATE

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Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 88** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Amendment to the contract between the Board of Education of the Chatham Central School District and Phyllis McGill, Ph.D. dated June 13, 2006 is hereby approved.

Motion Carried 8-0

CONTRACT AMENDMENT –
DR. P. MCGILL

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 90** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mr. John Hill, Valley Falls, NY, (from the Hoosic Valley Central School District), to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Motion Carried 8-0

BOCES BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTION

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 91** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mr. Joseph Garland, Coxsackie, NY, (from the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District), to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Motion Carried 8-0

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 cast its vote for the election of Mrs. Marilyn Noonan, Catskill, NY, (from the Catskill Central School District), to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Motion Carried 8-0

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 cast its vote for the election of Mr. James W. Keegan, Claverack, NY, (from the Hudson City School District), to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Motion Carried 8-0

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 approve the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services 2008-2009 Tentative Administrative Budget

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in the amount of \$3,827,613.

Motion Carried 8-0

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education approve **R. 95** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Chatham Public Library Annual Report for 2007, as reviewed by the Library Committee.

Motion Carried 7-0

PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL
REPORT

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve **R. 96** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the March 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 31, 2008 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the March 20 & 28, 2008 recommendations of the Committee on Pre-school Special Education.

Motion Carried 7-0

CSE and PSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve **R. 97** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 Property Tax Report Card.

Motion Carried 8-0

2008-2009 PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Michael Clark, that the Board of Education approve **R. 98** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the 2008-2009 Educational Plan and Budget in the amount of \$26,548,591.

Motion Carried 8-0

2008-2009 DISTRICT BUDGET

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 99** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the contract with Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning, PC, for post-referendum architectural services, pending voter approval of the capital project referendum on May 20, 2008.

Motion Carried 8-0

CONTRACT – RHINNEBECK
ARCHITECTURE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 100** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Lee Bordick as Assistant to the Superintendent effective June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, at a per diem rate of \$520, and as Interim Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2008 and terminating on or about June 30, 2009, at an annual salary of \$135,000, and at a per diem rate of \$520 for additional days thereafter, pursuant to the employment agreement dated and effective June 1, 2008.

Motion Carried 8-0

APPOINT – L. BORDICK

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Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 101** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the April 22, 2008 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 8-0

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the February 26, March 4, and March 11, 2008 Board of Education meetings.

That the Board of Education amend the appoint of Diane Edwards, full-time School District Bus Dispatcher, from a provisional appointment to a permanent appointment, effective March 26, 2008, off step at the same pay rate of \$17.38 per hour, plus \$.55 longevity, having successfully passed the Columbia County Civil Service test for School District Bus Dispatcher, and successfully completed a 26-week probationary period in the same title.

That the Board of Education amend the hours of Paula A. Falkner, bus driver, from part-time (4.5 hours/day) to part-time (5.0 hours/day), effective April 1, 2008, at the same pay rate of \$14.00/hour (06-07 rate).

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 Amanda J. McCagg as substitute bus driver, effective April 7, 2008, at a pay rate of \$13.50/hour (06-07 rate).

That the Board of Education appoint David Sirani as JV baseball volunteer for the 2007-08 sports season (no stipend).

That the Board of Education appoint Karen Weiss as full-time provisional, probationary Network Systems Engineer, effective May 13, 2008, at an annual salary of \$42,000.00, pending the results of the Columbia County Civil Service Network Systems Engineer examination.

That the Board of Education approve a change in the 2007-2008 school calendar to convert Friday, May 23, 2008 to a recess day.

That the Board of Education adopt the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

BOE MINUTES

AMEND APPOINTMENT – D. EDWARDS

AMEND HOURS – P. FALKNER

APPOINT – A. McCAGG

APPOINT – D. SIRANI

APPOINT – K. WEISS

APPROVE CHANGE to 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ADOPT 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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That the Board of Education accept the donation from Chatham Middle School Student Activities Account in the amounts of \$3,750.00 and \$600.00, to be used as deposits for the 6th grade field trip to Boston, MA, and increase the 2007-08 budget by \$4,350.00.

ACCEPT DONATION – MS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Chatham Middle School Student Activities Account in the amounts of \$3,642.50 and \$4,035.00, to pay for the balance due on the 6th grade field trip to Boston, MA, and increase the 2007-08 budget by \$7,677.50.

ACCEPT DONATION – MS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Chatham Middle School Student Activities Account in the amount of \$1,390.00 for the Team 7 field trip to Sturbridge Village, and increase the 2007-08 budget by the same amount.

ACCEPT DONATION – MS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

That the Board of Education accept the donation in the amount of \$3,195.00 from the friends and family of Sigrid Aldrich, in her memory, with \$500.00 going to the MED Elementary School Library, \$500.00 going to the Middle School Library, and the remainder of funds to be placed into a scholarship fund at the High School for the next several years, and increase the 2007-08 budget by the same amount.

ACCEPT DONATION –
FRIENDS & FAMILY of
SIGRID ALDRICH

That the Board of Education approve the budget transfers dated April 1, 2008.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Finance Committee - meetings held 3-4 and 4-3 - notes not available

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee - meeting held on 3-13 - notes not available
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Library Committee - meetings held on 3-3 and 4-2 - notes not available

Policy Committee - see meeting notes from 4-2

- second reading of policies:

#6100 Annual Budget

#4321.7 Assessment of Students with
Disabilities

#4321.3 Independent Educational
Evaluations

#4321.11 Disproportionality in Special
Education

Facilities Committee - meeting held on 4-2 and 4-8 - notes not available. There will be a public meeting on May 6 at the Chatham High School Library.

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Liaison Committee - see meeting notes from 4-8
Long Range Facilities Planning Committee
Items for Review

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Entered Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education return to open session. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Resumed Open Session at 9:46 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Clark, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education appoint Scott Hunter as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education adjourn the April 22, 2008 Business Meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk

G. Scott Hunter
District Clerk Pro-Temp

