

October 27, 2009

President John Wapner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held in the High School Library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Michael Clark, Francis Iaconetti, James Toteno, and David O'Connor. Melony Spock, Fred Hutchinson (left meeting at 8:08 p.m., returned 8:10 p.m.), and Denise Dapice.

Also attending was Cheryl Nucifero, Superintendent; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Dr. Jean Sheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Ronald Davis, High School Co-Principal; John Thorsen, High School Co-Principal; Gordon Fitting, Principal Chatham Middle School; Kristin Reno, Principal Chatham Elementary School and members of the community and newspapers.

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

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson to approve the present agenda as written or amended.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

APPROVAL OF PRESENT  
AGENDA

Student members of the Wellness committee presented High School survey results on menu content and offered breakfast items to included sugar free choices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Thorsen and Ronald Davis presented the 2009 AP results. Graduated 2009 seniors and one 2010 student achieved the highest standards in AP scores in the history of Chatham High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORTS

The Fine Arts Booster Club presented part one of a two phase proposal. Included in the proposal is the participation in the Fine Arts Honor Society and the benefits to educators and students enrolled.

David O'Connor provided a brief summary of the Independent Audit report released at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Audit Committee meeting. The report indicated a fiscally responsible procedure and a clear definition of future goals.

Cheryl Nucifero discussed the Proposed Capital project explaining the current items included in the project are a work in progress. The proposed date of a vote is January 12, 2010.

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Cheryl Nuciforo informed the Board of Education that the proposed Mid-year State Aid Cuts have not been determined.

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson to approve **R. 18 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the fundraisers to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. trip, in accordance with policy #5251.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE WASHINGTON  
TRIP

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock, to approve **R. 19 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bus Drivers' Association dated September 8, 2009 and signed on October 8, 2009, regarding clarification of the health insurance buyout.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT BUS DRIVERS  
ASSOCIATION

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, to approve **R. 20 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School District Bus Drivers' Association dated September 29, 2009, regarding restructuring of transportation personnel due to the one-bell system.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

RESTRUCTURING OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
PERSONNEL

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock, to approve **R. 21 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham School District Principals' Association dated October 23, 2009 regarding administrative reorganization.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

RESTRUCTURING OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, to approve **R. 22 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Kinderhook Central School District (Ichabod Crane) to accept two Ichabod Crane School District students into the Chatham Central School District's education program for the 2009-2010 school year, at a tuition rate determined by the State Education Department, with transportation services to be paid by Kinderhook School District.

**Motion Carried 9-0**

MOA KINDERHOOK  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT-TWO STUDENTS

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Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, to approve **R. 23 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the September 23, 28, 29, October 8 and 14, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the October 14, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Pre-school Special Education. **Motion Carried 9-0**

RECOMMENDATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON  
PRE-SCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, to approve **R. 24 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Lease Agreement with Columbia Opportunities, Inc. (Head Start) for the period September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$901.00 per month, plus transportation costs, and other terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement. **Motion Carried 9-0**

LEASE AGREEMENT  
COLUMBIA  
OPPORTUNITIES

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, to approve **R. 25 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the annual Independent Audit Report of Raymond G. Preusser, CPT, PC, and direct the Superintendent to implement the suggestions contained in the management letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. **Motion Carried 9-0**

INDEPENDENT AUDIT  
REPORT ACCEPTANCE

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock, to approve **R.26 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the October 27, 2009 Board meeting, as written. **Motion Carried 9-0**

CONSENSUS AGENDA

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the September 22, 2009 Board of Education meeting, as amended, correcting the name of the donor of \$750 to "Friends of the Chatham Public Library", accept the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Town Hall Board meeting, and accept the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Workshop meeting.

ACCEPT MINUTES

That the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for John Thorsen as Assistant Principal, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE-JOHN  
THORSEN

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patricia Papa, part-time teacher's aide (public library), effective October 19, 2009.

RESIGNATION-PATRICIA  
PAPA

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That the Board of Education approve the parental leave request of Jacqueline Mulica beginning on or about November 26, 2009 until March 15, 2010.

PARENTAL LEAVE-  
JACQUELINE MULICA

That the Board of Education approve the parental leave request of Jill Chittenden, beginning on or about December 27, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

PARENTAL LEAVE-  
JILL CHITTENDEN

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patricia Lanphear as CMS Grade 5/6 Book Club Co-Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESIGNATION CLUB  
ADVISOR-PATRICIA  
LANPHEAR

That the Board of Education appoint John Thorsen, who holds permanent certification in the area of School Administrator/Supervisor, to a 1.0 FTE probationary appointment as co-principal, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012, with no change in salary

APPOINTMENT-JOHN  
THORSEN

That the Board of Education amend the workday of the following transportation employees, effective September 1, 2009, with no change in pay rate:

AMMENDED WORK DAY-  
TRANSPORTATION  
EMPLOYEES

**Bus Drivers, effective Sept. 1, 2009:**

Douglas Boyle from 6.5 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Betsy Meehan from 6.0 to 8.0 hrs/day  
Leslie Coons from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Darci Ordway from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Donna Edwards from 6.0 to 8.0 hrs/day  
Tammy Page from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Wanda Gawron from 5.5 to 4.5 hrs/day  
Melissa Radley from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day  
Teresa Hughes from 6.0 to 8.0 hrs/day  
Debra Roberts from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day  
Pamela LaVersa from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Joanne Sikora from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Susanne Mancini from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day  
Lynne Thorne from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day

**Paula Matthews** from 4.5 to 4.0 hrs/day  
David Tuthill from 6.0 to 4.0 hrs/day

**Bus Driver, effective Sept. 29, 2009:**

Sharon Mesick from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day

**Bus Attendants, effective Sept. 1, 2009:**

Donna Beaudry from 5.5 to 6.0 hrs/day  
Betsy O'Connell from 5.5 to 6.0 hrs/day  
Teena Bogarski from 6.0 to 5.5 hrs/day  
Kelly Strobel from 5.5 to 6.0 hrs/day  
Cheryl Brill from 6.0 to 3.5 hours/day  
Tammy Lockenwitz from 5.5 to 3.5 hrs/day

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That the Board of Education appoint the following employees to permanent positions, each having successfully completed a 52-week probationary period, with no change in pay rate:

Ann Jackson - Teacher's Aide, effective 9-1-08  
Luisa Sabin-Kildiss - Public Library Director I, effective 10-15-09  
Elaine VanAlstyne - Teacher's Aide, effective 1-18-09  
Carol Williams - Teacher's Aide, effective 9-1-08  
Peggy Myers, Food Service Helper, effective 9-5-07  
Lisa Coons, Payroll Clerk, effective 7-31-07  
Dominic Fiorillo, Custodian, effective 8-14-07  
Hollis Bornhorst, Teacher's Aide, effective 3-28-08  
Barbara Murray, Cafeteria Supervisor, effective 8-18-09  
Diane Berlt-Williams, Bus Dispatcher, effective 9-26-08  
Sandra Neefus, Secretary I, effective 10-21-09 (26-wk probation for *promotional* appts.)

APPOINTMENT-  
PERMANENT POSITIONS

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes effective October 28, 2009:

Lynn Wheeler, teacher/TA/aide  
Laura Davis, registered nurse  
Edwin Hirschfeld, teacher/home tutor/TA/aid  
Mary Langley, teacher/home tutor  
Nola Rudolph, teacher/TA/aide  
Deborah Schechter, TA/aide/food service  
Taryn Phippen, teacher/home tutor  
Gloria Morse-Kennedy, TA/aide/food service  
Carol Hargis, TA/aide  
Leslie DeGroot, TA/aide  
Patrick McMahan, teacher  
Jillian O'Connell, teacher/home tutor  
Marcia Jensen, TA/aide  
Catherine Lemoine, registered nurse / teacher  
Patricia A. Collins, registered nurse / health  
Amy Frank, teacher  
Patricia Papa, aide (Public Library)

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

That the Board of Education appoint Kim Gardella as an additional parent member for the CSE and CPSE committees for the 2009-2010 school year.

APPOINTMENT-KIM  
GARDELLA

That the Board of Education appoint Paula Ptaszek as Elementary School Education Communication Director (AV) at a stipend of \$803.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

APPOINTMENT-PAULA  
PTASZEK

That the Board of Education add Jaimee Boehme as CMS Grade 5/6 Book Club Co-Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year, at a shared stipend of \$803.00.

APPOINTMENT-JAIMEE  
BOEHME

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That the Board of Education appoint Teri Conte as High School Drama Club Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year, at a stipend of \$803.00.

APPOINTMENT- TERI  
CONTE

That the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the 2009-2010 sports season at the stipend designated in the CCSTA Contract:

APPOINTMENT-COACHES

Scott Steltz	Varsity Baseball, \$3,309
John Brantley	Varsity Boys' Basketball, \$3,946
Chris Mazzeo	Varsity Girls' Basketball, \$3,946
John Brantley	Varsity Softball, \$3,309
Daniel Kohler	Boys' Track, \$3,476
Katherine Sager	Girls' Track, \$3,476
Shawn Caldwell	Modified Boys' Basketball, \$1,517
Frank DeCrescenzo	Boys' JV Basketball, \$2,436
Daniel Kohler & Katherine Sager	Indoor Track, \$3,476 (shared)
Daniel Kohler & Katherine Sager	Indoor Track Asst, \$1,952 (shared)

That the Board of Education approve the CMS PTSA proposed engraved brick walkway fundraiser.

CMS PTSA BRICK  
FUNDRAISER

That the Board of Education approve the following change orders in connection with the capital improvement project:

CHANGE ORDERS

#01-07 in the amount of \$16,881.55 for HS changes.  
#01-08 in the amount of \$4,892.02 for MS Bus Gate.  
#01-09 in the amount of \$4,397.85 for MED changes.  
#02-03 in the amount of \$2,999.80 for MED changes.  
#02-04 in the amount of (\$16,061.73) decrease for CMS changes.  
#03-01 zero dollar change (uses \$2,281.95 of allowance; \$7,718.05 remains)  
#03-02 zero dollar change (uses \$899.64 of allowance; \$6,818.41 remains)  
#04-03 zero dollar change (uses \$1,728 of allowance; \$4,374.00 remains)  
#04-04 in the amount of \$12,385.00 for HS changes.

That the Board of Education approve payment to the following contractors for capital project improvement services:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
CONTRACTOR PAYMENT

Brownell Electric Corp. in the amount of \$44,025.38  
Collett Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$142,862.51  
Ferrari & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$83,531.29  
James A. Edgar Company, Inc. in the amount of \$55,359.27  
BCI Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500.00

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That the Board of Education approve the budget transfer dated October 14, 2009.

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

ACCEPT CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT

That the Board of Education approve the High School Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the months of July, August and September, 2009.

CHS EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FUND REPORT

That the Board of Education approve the Middle School Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the months of July, August and September, 2009.

CMS EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FUND 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 September, 2009

BUDGET COMPREHENSIVE STATUS AND REVENUE REPORT

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Michael Clark, to approve **R. 27 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education amend the October 27, 2009 agenda to appoint Richard Sitzer as Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 sports season, at a stipend of \$1,952.00, contingent upon verification of basketball temporary coaching license. **Motion Carried 9-0**

APPONTMENT-RICHARD SITZER

The Finance Committee met week of October 20, minutes will be distributed when complete.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee met on October 26 to discuss independent audit.

The Library Committee met to discuss the proposed separation from school district, community participation and children's programs.

The Policy Committee will meet in November.

The Facilities Committee is meeting on an ongoing basis throughout current capital project and coordination the proposed referendum.

The Liaison Committee will meet November 17, 2009.

The Columbia School Boards Association will meet in November to change the name of the organization.

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Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson,  
to appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-temp for  
the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 9-0**

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Fred Hutchinson,  
to enter executive session. **Motion Carried 9-0**  
Time entered Executive session 8:44pm

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Elizabeth  
MacFarlane that the Board of Education return to open  
session. **Motion Carried 9-0**  
Return to Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by David O'Connor,  
that the Board of Education adjourn the October 27, 2009  
Business meeting. **Motion Carried 9-0**  
Time adjourned 9:11 p.m.

Diane T. Malecki  
District Clerk

Cheryl A. Nuciforo  
District Clerk Pro-Temp

