

October 28, 2008

President John Wapner called the Business Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held in the high school library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Ric Campbell (arrived at 6:37 p.m.); Michael Clark; Fred Hutchinson; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; and, James Toteno. Denise Dapice was absent.

Also in attendance were Lee Bordick, Interim 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; and, Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal.

Messrs. Louis Turpin and John Sharkey of Rhinebeck Architecture, Mr. Robert Fortune of BCI Construction Management and Chatham High School students Adrienne Antonson and Ryan Nightingale were invited guests of the Board.

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

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

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Reports:

1. National Merit Scholarship Commendation: Mr. Bordick presented Ryan Nightingale and Adrienne Antonson with certificates commending their selection as National Merit Scholars, and Mr. Davis gave a brief biography as to each student's achievements during their school years at CCSD.

NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP

2. Capital Project: Mr. Turpin presented a status report on the 2008 renovation project. BCI provided a current budget which is \$85K under projection. The scope and schedule of the project remain unchanged. However, several alternates are possible as a result of the under budget project status.

CAPITAL PROJECT

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3. Discussion of New Superintendent's Salary: Discussion occurred with respect to the salary range to be considered. The general consensus is \$140K to \$160K.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
SALARY

4. Admission Fees to Sporting Events: Mr. Bordick noted that Chatham typically charges admission for football and basketball events.

SPORTING EVENTS
ADMISSION FEES

5. Transportation Study: Mr. Bordick reported that the study has started and is scheduled for presentation at the December 16, 2008 Board meeting. Mr. Bordick assured the Board and the public that the consultant conducting the survey is of high quality. The consultant will look at all aspects of our transportation department structure; such as routes, ridership, types of buses, waivers, sale of buses, overall usage, start time changes, feasibility of a 1 bell system, non-public school routes, fuel efficiency, etc.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

6. National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI): Mr. Davis thanked the Superintendent for the opportunity to participate in this program. Mr. Davis reported that the high school completed their program on Friday, October 24, 2008. Mr. Fitting commented on the 9 staff and 11 students from the middle school that will begin to integrate sets to pilot at the 5th grade level, then 6th grade integration. Mr. Bordick suggested having the students to bring a presentation to the December 16th Board meeting.

NATIONAL COALITION
BUILDING INSTITUTE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve **R. 43** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grant tenure to Jean Scheriff in the area of Director of Pupil Services, effective November 8, 2008. **Motion Carried 8-0**

TENURE – J. SCHERIFF

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 44** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the high school student field trip to the 69th Annual Model Congress at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 8-10, 2009. **Motion Carried 8-0**

HS FIELD TRIP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 45** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the 2008-2009 Board of Education Goals, as presented. **Motion Carried 8-0**

2008-2009 BOE GOALS

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Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 46** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the September 15, 22, 29, 30, October 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2008 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the October 6, 2008 recommendations of the Committee on Pre-school Special Education.
Motion Carried 8-0

CSE and PSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education **TABLE R. 47**. **Motion Carried 8-0**
(Tabled Motion: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Columbia County Mental Health to provide consultant services in the area of prevention counseling at Chatham Middle School at an annual rate of \$5,750 for the period November 2008 through June, 2009.)

TABLE RESOLUTION 47

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by Francis Iaconetti, that the Board of Education approve **R. 48** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Dr. Michael Wallace to provide consultant services in the area of curriculum mapping and/or social studies at Chatham Middle School for the period November 2008 through June 2009, at the rate of \$50 per hour, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,200.
Motion Carried 8-0

CONSULTING AGREEMENT
- M. WALLACE

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 49** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with the Spencertown Academy to provide consultant services in the areas of embedded staff development and direct services for students in grades two through six for the period November 2008 through June 2009, at an amount not to exceed \$4,000.
Motion Carried 8-0

SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY
AGREEMENT

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Rick Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 50** as follows: **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, 2008.
Motion Carried 8-0

INDEPENDENT AUDIT
REPORT

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 51** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham Central School District Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter in an Agreement with The Omni Group to serve as the Third Party Administrators in the administration of Chatham Central

OMNI GROUP AGREEMENT

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School District's 403(b) plan to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service requirements. **Motion Carried 7-1**
(David O'Connor voted No)

Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education approve **R. 52** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Lease Agreement with Columbia Opportunities, Inc. (Head Start), for the period September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$867.00 per month, plus transportation costs, and other terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement.

Motion Carried 8-0

LEASE AGREEMENT –
COLUMBIA OPPORTUNITIES

Motion by Michael Clark seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 53** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the eighth grade fundraisers to support the 2008-2009 field trip to Washington, D.C., pursuant to Policy #5251.

Motion Carried 8-0

8th GRADE FUNDRAISERS

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education approve **R. 54** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education change the fees for admission to home football and basketball games to \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults.

Motion Carried 8-0

SPORTING EVENT FEES

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 55** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education increase the Chatham Public Library hours of operation by adding three hours on Mondays (from 5-8 p.m.), and two hours on Saturdays (from 1-3 p.m.), for a total additional 5 hours per week.

Motion Carried 8-0

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve **R. 56** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the October 28, 2008 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 8-0

CONSENSUS AGENDA

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the September 23 and October 14, 2008 Board of Education meetings.

BOARD MINUTES

That the Board of Education amend the total monthly work hours for each of the following part-time Public Library aides as a result of the increase in the Public Library hours of operation, effective November 1, 2008, with no change in pay rate:

AMEND HOURS – P/T
PUBLIC LIBRARY AIDES

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Deborah Spaulding, from 6-9 hours/month to 10 hours/month

Harriet Simpkins from 18 hours/month to 21-24 hours/month

Marilyn Martin from 6-9 hours/month to 26 hours/month

Carolyn Brust from 9-12 hours/month to 10-15 hours/month

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Paula Falkner, bus driver, from part-time (5.0 hours/day) to part-time (4.5 hours/day), effective September 29, 2008, at the same pay rate of \$15.58/hour.

AMEND WORKDAY –P.
FALKNER

That the Board of Education amend the workday of Kimberly Layton, bus driver, from full-time (6.0 hours/day) to full-time (5.5 hours/day), effective September 29, 2008, at the same pay rate of \$15.96/hour.

AMEND WORKDAY – K.
LAYTON

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Irene Hanna as High School Spanish Club Advisor for the 2008-2009 school year.

HS SPANISH CLUB ADVISOR
RESIGNATION

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 Erin Gansowski as High School Spanish Club Advisor for the 2008-2009 school year, at a stipend of \$782.00, prorated for the period September 19, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

APPOINT HS SPANISH CLUB
ADVISOR

That the Board of Education appoint Rebecca Hoff as part-time (16 hours/month) Public Library aide, effective November 1, 2008, on Step 1, at an hourly rate of \$12.16 per hour.

APPOINT – R. HOFF

That the Board of Education appoint Patricia Papa as part-time (15 hours/month) Public Library aide, effective November 1, 2008, on Step 1, at an hourly rate of \$12.16 per hour.

APPOINT - P.PAPA

That the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the 2008-2009 sports season:

APPOINT COACHES

Brian Poland - Boys' Modified (7/8) Baseball, \$1,477 stipend

Jason Summers - Girls' Modified (7/8) Basketball, \$1,477 stipend

Daniel Kohler - Indoor Track Head Coach, \$3,384 stipend

Suzanne Wightman - Indoor Track Assistant Coach, \$1,901

Stipend

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Frank DeCrescenzo- Boys' Freshman Basketball, \$1,901 stipend
Steve Naile - Girls' JV Basketball, \$2,372 stipend
Daniel Doyle - Modified Softball (7/8), \$1,477 stipend

That the Board of Education appoint the following employees to permanent positions, having successfully completed 52-week probationary periods in their new titles, effective November 28, 2008, with no change in pay rate:

Loretta Cassidy - senior typist
Ann Flanagan - administrative assistant
Linda Hess - senior typist
Teri Howard - senior typist
Alma Kelly - senior typist

Deborah Pottenburgh - senior typist
Patricia Schlegel - senior typist

PERMANENT
APPOINTMENTS –
L. CASSIDY
A. FLANAGAN
L. HESS
T. HOWARD
A. KELLY
D. POTTENBURGH
P. SCHLEGEL

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes effective October 29, 2008:

Linda Everett, TA/Teacher Aide
Gail McManus, Teacher
JoAnn Barnes, TA/Teacher Aide
Kristen Clark, Teacher
James Vanwormer, Teacher
Marcia Story, Teacher
Lindsey Konderwich, Teacher
Theresa Conte, Teacher
Holly Gustafson, Teacher, TA/Teacher Aide
Joan Quilty, Teacher
Amy-Lee Gregg, Teacher
Frank Sacco, Jr., Cleaner/Custodian

APPOINT SUBSTITUTES

That the Board of Education approve a change in the 2008-2009 Board meeting calendar adding Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library as a Board Workshop Meeting for the purpose of a Chatham School District community discussion on the Superintendent search.

CHANGE BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR

That the Board of Education adopt the Budget Development Calendar for the 2009-2010 budget process.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT
CALENDAR

That the Board of Education accept the following Senator Saland Member Item Grants, and increase the 2008-2009 budget in the same amounts:

\$150,000 Technology Grant
\$ 75,000 General Purpose Grant
\$ 9,141 Public Library Technology Grant

GRANTS

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That the Board of Education accept the anonymous donation in the total amount of \$25,000 to help defray the cost of the Shakespeare & Company Fall Festival at Chatham High School, to be divided equally for five years, at \$5,000 per year, and increase the 2008-2009 budget by the same amount.

ACCEPT DONATION –
ANONYMOUS

That the Board of Education accept the donation from the Middle School Student Activities Account in the amount of \$845.00 for the 8th grade field trip to the NYS Theatre Institute on October 9, 2008, and increase the 2008-09 budget by the same amount.

ACCEPT DONATION – MS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

That the Board of Education approve the High School Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report for the months of July, August, and September, 2008.

HS EXTRA CLASSROOM
ACTIVITIES REPORT

That the Board of Education approve the Middle School Extra Classroom Activities Fund Report for the months of July, August, and September, 2008.

MS EXTRA CLASSROOM
ACTIVITIES REPORT

That the Board of Education approve the Claims Auditor's report for the month of September, 2008.

CLAIMS AUDITOR 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, 2008.

BUDGET & REVENUE
STATUS REPORTS

Finance Committee: Minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting were distributed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEES

Audit Committee:

Library Committee - see meeting notes from 9-17

Policy Committee - see meeting notes from 10-14

- 2nd reading of Discipline of Students with Disabilities Policy #5300.5

- 1st reading of Anaphylactic Policy #5421

- 1st reading of revised Visitors and Staff Identification Policy #1240

- Facilities Committee

- Items for Review

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. International Baccalaureate / Columbia Greene College Courses - Nov. 4
2. Response to Intervention / Special Education Services - Dec. 2
3. Modified Field in Disrepair

ITEMS FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS

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Motion by Rick Campbell, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education appoint Lee Bordick as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history or promotion of particular employees, collective bargaining, and contractual issues. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Entered Executive session at 8:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education resume Regular Session. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Resumed Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

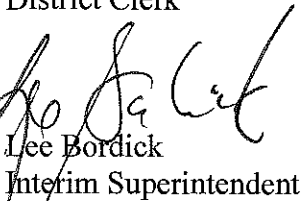
REGULAR SESSION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by David O'Connor, that the Board of Education adjourn the October 28, 2008 Business Meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk



Lee Bordick
Interim Superintendent