

December 22, 2009

President John Wapner called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the High School Library. Board members in attendance were, Michael Clark, James Toteno, David O'Connor, Melony Spock, and Fred Hutchinson (arrived at 6:36). Elizabeth Macfarlane, Denise Dapice and Francis Iaconetti was absent.

Also attending were Cheryl Nucifero, Superintendent; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Dr. Jean Sheriff, Director of Pupil Services. The audience consisted of members of the community and newspaper reporters.

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

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno to approve the present agenda as written or amended.

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF PRESENT
AGENDA

Public Comments were offered in reference to a transportation request to change an already existing stop. An evaluation by appropriate administration has been scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Steltz and Mark Dwyer reviewed the accomplishments of Joshua Keyes to the Board and community members. John Wapner presented Joshua Keyes with a certificate of accomplishment on behalf of the District.

STUDENT ATHLETE
RECOGNITION

Cheryl Nucifero informed the Board of the energy performance update. Presenting the percentages the district has saved in energy costs and projected savings for the next calendar year.

ENERGY PERFORMANCE
UPDATE

Cheryl Nucifero informed the Board of the budget calendar and deadlines. State aid numbers are expected to be released by mid January, 2010.

BUDGET CALENDAR AND
PROCESS

Cheryl Nucifero informed the Board of the mid-year state aid cuts that have been implemented by the New York State Governor. Current information has been released and exact numbers are being evaluated.

MID YEAR STATE AID CUTS

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board accept **R. 35 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the November 19, December 1, 2,4, 8, 10, 14 and 15, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the December 2 and 14, 2009 recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON
SPECIAL ED

Motion Carried 6 -0

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Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Mike Clark, that the Board of Education accept **R. 36 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the budget development calendar for the 2010-2011 budget process. **Motion Carried 6-0**

ADOPTION OF BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 37 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School Teachers' Association, replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010. **Motion Carried 6 -0**

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
TEACHERS ASSOC.
-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education accept **R. 38 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School Educational Support Personnel, replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010. **Motion Carried 6 -0**

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
PERSONNEL-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 39 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School District Bus Drivers' Association, replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010. **Motion Carried 6 -0**

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUS DRIVERS'
ASSOCIATION-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 40 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School District Principals' Association, replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010. **Motion Carried 6 -0**

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT PRINCIPALS'
ASSOCIATION-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 41 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Central School Administrative Support Personnel (CSEA), replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010. **Motion Carried 6 -0**

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT PERSONNEL
(CSEA) ASSOCIATION-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

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Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 42 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education amend the Salary and Benefits document for Management Confidential Employees and Employees Not Covered by Individual Employment Contracts, replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), effective January 1, 2010.

Motion Carried 6 -0

MOA WITH CHATHAM
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT CONFIDENTIAL
EMPLOYEES AND
EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED
BY INDIVIDUAL
CONTRACTS-HEALTH
MAINTENANCE

Motion by Michael Clark, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education accept **R. 43 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a two-year disaster sheltering agreement with American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, effective December 23, 2009.

Motion Carried 6 -0

TWO YEAR DISASTER
AGREEMENT-RED CROSS

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education accept **R. 44 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the rate agreement with Capital District Physician's Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP), effective January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, as a result of replacing Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO).

Motion Carried 6 -0

RATE AGREEMENT-CDPHP
JANUARY 1, 2010-JUNE 30,
2010

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 45 WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other,

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the City of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district;
WHEREAS, Chatham Central School District is a "municipal corporation" as defined above;

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer for natural gas and/or electricity as specified below.

NYSMEC AGREEMENT

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interest of the Chatham Central School District (hereinafter "Participant") to participate in the NYSMED, authorizes and directs the Superintendent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule for electricity pursuant to the Agreement for the term ending April 30, 2012 for all electric participants on its behalf and further authorizes its officers and employees to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to participate in the future municipal cooperative bids for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity pursuant to the Agreement and subject to subsequent approval by this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids and to award contracts for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity on behalf of the Participant, subject to subsequent approval by this Board in accordance with such bid specification, to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and employees of Participant are authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by Fred Hutchinson that the Board of Education accept **R. 46 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education allow payment of the following refunds related to school tax adjustments to the property of local taxpayers:

Motion Carried 6-0

PAYMENT OF REFUND
RELATED TO TAX
ADJUSTMENTS

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Tax Year	Owner	Initial Tax	Correct Tax	Refund Amount	Reason
2009-10	William Donges	\$3,327.37	\$3,145.57	\$181.80	Reassessment
	Jatx, Inc	\$3,899.69	\$2,754.98	\$1,144.71	Reassessment
	Afan Levine	\$3,899.69	\$2,869.33	\$1,030.35	Reassessment
	Kevin Lippert	\$6,599.48	\$4,919.61	\$1,679.87	Reassessment
	Adam Litke	\$13,635.28	\$11,819.06	\$1,816.22	Reassessment
	William McMahon	\$11,146.61	\$7,735.28	\$3,411.33	Reassessment
	Debra Ackeman			\$20.00	Overpaid
	Bruce Alexander			\$90.00	Overpaid
	Charles Bardes			\$2,397.62	Duplicate
	Cheney Bartlett Corp			\$30.00	Overpaid
	Claire Berman			\$521.70	Duplicate
	Karen Blake			\$1,814.26	Duplicate
	John Brosh			\$423.57	Duplicate
	Russell Bruns			\$3,802.13	Duplicate
	Keith Crossman			\$4,410.92	Duplicate
	Natalia De Amorim			\$670.75	Duplicate
	John Debes			\$5,476.29	Duplicate
	David Drake			\$3,140.51	Duplicate
	Steven Essig			\$4,116.03	Duplicate
	Gerald J. Freedner			\$423.42	Overpaid
	David Gammerman			\$2,602.95	Duplicate
	Alayne a. Glass			\$3,168.84	Duplicate
	Cornelia S. Lebens			\$7,264.88	Duplicate
	Barry Margolin			\$4,788.16	Duplicate
	Eva Pellegrini			\$65.94	Overpaid
	Larry Schwarzwalder			\$5,819.54	Duplicate
	Richard Tenwolde			\$5,435.93	Duplicate
	Anthony Thompson			\$4,589.63	Duplicate
	Charles Vieni			\$422.37	Overpaid
	Betsy Wyman			\$2,089.75	Duplicate
2008-09	Jatx, Inc.	\$3,312.80	\$2,192.08	\$1,120.72	Reassessment
	Joseph MacPherson	\$1,303.97	\$1,233.49	\$70.48	Reassessment
2007-08	Joseph MacPherson	\$1,012.52	\$996.24	\$16.28	Reassessment
		\$47,124.89	\$36,669.40	\$74,056.95	
		Total Refunds Due:		\$74,056.95	

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Michael Clark that the Board of Education accept **R. 47 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign a memorandum in support of the New York State Education Department's application for Race to the Top.

Motion Carried 5-1

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education accept **R.48 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the December 22, 2009 Board meeting, as written.

Motion Carried 6-0

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT-
NEW YORK STATE
EDUCATION-RACE TO THE
TOP

CONSENSUS AGENDA

December 22, 2009

That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the November 24, 2009 and December 8, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

ACCEPT BOARD MINUTES

That the Board of Education amend the work hours of Rebecca Hoff, public library aide, from 16 hours per MONTH, to approximately 30 hours per MONTH, effective December 23, 2009, at the same rate of pay.

AMENDMENTS-REBECCA
HOFF

That the Board of Education approve a .4 FTE unpaid leave for Elle Dietemann, 1.0 FTE French teacher, effective December 24, 2009 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

UNPAID LEAVE-ELLE
DIETEMANN

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Judith Wright, elementary education teacher covering a 3rd grade teacher leave replacement, effective January 6, 2010.

RESIGNATION- JUDITH
WRIGHT

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 Elizabeth (Betsy) Jones, whose NYS certification is pending in the area of French 7-12, to a part-time (.4 FTE) position, effective December 23, 2009 through June 30, 2010, on Bachelors, Step 1, at a pro-rated salary of \$40,217.00.

APPOINTMENT-ELIZABETH
JONES

That the Board of Education appoint Christopher Rundell as per diem substitute bus driver, effective December 17, 2009, at the hourly rate of \$15.35.

APPOINTMENT-CHRISTOPHER
RUNDELL

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes, effective December 23, 2009:

Lucy Pracher – TA, Gregg Eggleston, Teacher
Susan Losowski, Teacher Bonnie Patrick, Teacher, TA/aide
Benjamin Lanphear, Teacher

APPOINTMENTS-PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTES

That the Board of Education approve the following CHS Musical assistant appointments, with stipends to be paid from CHS Drama Club funds, based on hours worked and upon approval of the Drama Club Officers:

CHS MUSICAL ASSISTANT
APPOINTMENTS

Eddie Allen, Assistant to the Director
Jamie Baksa, Choreographer Helen Schneider, Costumer
Muriel Faxon, Choreographer Assistant (Volunteer)

That the Board of Education approve the following appointments and stipends for the 2009-2010 school year:

Theresa Conte, CHS Drama Club Advisor - \$803.00

Theresa Conte, Director for the CHS Musical - \$2,409.00

Lucas Christensen, Music Director for the CHS Musical - \$1404.00

Michael Graves, Technical Director for the CHS Musical - \$803.00

APPOINTMENTS-STIPENDS

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

Brownell Electric Corp., in the amount of \$10,605.56

Ferrari & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$68,390.00

BCI Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$6,375.00.

PAYMENT FOR CONTRACTORS ON CAPITAL PROJECT IMPROVEMENT

That the Board of Education approve the contract for clean cardboard and paper recycling services with GreenFiber, LLC, at no cost to the District.

CONTRACT APPROVAL AND PAPER RECYCLING- GREEN FIBER

That the Board of Education accept the donation from the Sidney and Beatrice Albert Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Chatham Public Library, to fund the collection of prize-winners and runners-up in book prize competitions, and increase the 2009-2010 budget by the same amount.

DONATION-SIDNEY AND BEATRICE ALBERT FOUNDATION

That the Board of Education approve the budget transfers dated December 9, 2009.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

CLAIMS AUDITORS 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 November, 2009.

ACCEPT COMPREHENSIVE STATUS AND REVENUE STATUS

The Finance Committee will meet on Jan. 6, 2010 at 8 am in the MED Conference Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has met to begin the draft of a charter.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Library Committee has met to discuss increasing patronage, technology use and formulating strong community ties at the Public Library.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee has not met.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee has met to discuss current and future projects. The committee will meet on January 15, 2010.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Liaison Committee has not met. The next scheduled meeting is January 5, 2010 at 3:15 pm.

LIASON COMMITTEE

The Columbia School Board Association met to discuss participation in the association. The next scheduled meeting is January 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Ichabod Crane school.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD
ASSOCIATION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock, to appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-temp for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 6-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock, to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person leading to the appointment, promotion or discipline of a particular person. **Motion Carried 6-0**
Time entered Executive Session 8:01 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock to return to Open Session. **Motion Carried 6-0**
Time returned to Open Session 8:54 pm

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education adjourn the December 22, 2009 Business meeting. **Motion Carried 6-0**
Time adjourned 8:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT



Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk



Cheryl A. Nuciforo
District Clerk Pro-Temp