

September 27, 2011

The Board of Education meeting was held in the MED Library and called to order at 6:33. Board members in attendance were John Wapner, President; James Toteno, Vice President; James Cartin; Michael Clark (6:34); Gail Day (6:34); James Marks; David O'Connor; Melony Spock and Catherine Fowler, Student Representative. Francis Iaconetti was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Others in attendance were Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent; Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Kristen Reno, MED Principal; John Thorsen, HS Principal; Annemarie Barkman, Interim MS Principal; Chuck Snyder, Business Administrator; Adam Charbonneau, Communications Specialists; several members of the CCSTA; staff and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance the following business was conducted.

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The Board of Education observed a moment of silence in memory of former teacher and principal, Richard A. Kraham.

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

**CCSTA Local Action Project (LAP)**-Members of the Chatham Central School Teachers' Association presented a power point on the Local Action Project they are participating in through NYSUT. It promotes community involvement by unit members and professional collaboration. The money raised through the activities will be used towards scholarships.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

**Academic Intervention & Response to Intervention**-Superintendent, Cheryl Nuciforo, gave an overview of the two programs, AIS and RTI. These are mandated programs to provide intervention to struggling students and identifying students with disabilities. The power point presentation compared the two and how the district is implementing them. Kristen Reno, Principal of the MED, explained how the elementary is achieving this for the academic success for each individual student. James Cartin commended the program but expressed the exit strategy goal once students reached their level for no more intervention could be raised. The Academic Intervention & Response to Intervention is a resolution on tonight's agenda.

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**Strategic Planning**-The Strategic Planning Committee met on September 19. The plan presented by the Superintendent provides an overview of the goals and strategies for school excellence. The Strategic Plan 2011-2015 is up for adoption on tonight's agenda. Board members David O'Connor and James Marks (members of the Strategic Planning Committee) complimented the Superintendent. They feel the goals are being executed and moving the district forward. Board member, Michael Clark also commented on how the strategic plan, district goals and programs being implemented are tied together and can see progress being made.

The Superintendent mentioned a picture that was in the Middle School has been put in the vault for safe keeping. The district will be investigating the picture and will decide where it should be placed appropriately.

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Policy Committee**-Michael Clark reported they are developing policies for the Public Library. Public Library policies will be separate from the District policies and will be in a separate section of the District's Policy Handbook.

**Facilities Committee**-Facilities Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. Construction is winding down. Board member James Toteno once again praised the custodial staff on their hard work in preparation for the beginning of school. The Pike management team was very complimentary on their efforts.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Catherine Fowler reported on Wednesday, October 5th the Student Government Elections will be held. On October 12th will be the Powder Puff flag football fundraiser. Shakespeare and Co. will be performing MacBeth and auditions are under way.

The Community Service Club on October 2 will be going to Middleburgh to help with the cleanup from hurricane Irene. The bus will leave from the HS at 2:00. John Thorsen mentioned the Community Service Club is a new club and the Phase I proposal will be presented to the Board in an upcoming Board meeting.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### OLD BUSINESS

**Ghent Community Day**-The Board will have a booth at Ghent Community Day manned from 10:30 – 3:00.

**District Efficiency Study**-Interviews for the facilities study occurred. Each consultant interviewed had different

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ideas of how to go about the study. The Superintendent showed a power point presentation of other ways to achieve efficiency and cuts costs while preserving programs. These included updating the enrollment projection, a transportation study in more depth, apply for grant for a functional consolidation study with another district and participating in BOCES regarding shared services. Discussion among Board members to move forward.

#### NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Policies-First reading of the Chatham Public Library Book Disposal Policy #LIB 6901 and Chatham Public Library Internet/Computer Use Policy LIB #4528. Discussion among Board members regarding the Internet/Computer Use policy.

AIS Intervention Plan at MED-no further discussion among Board members.

#### INSTRUCTION

Motion by James Marks, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 32 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the September 1 and 19, 2011 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and the September 9, 2011 recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

**Motion Carried 8-0**

ACCEPTED-RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by James Marks that the Board of Education approve **R. 33 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the District and Board of Education Goals for 2011-2012.

**Motion Carried 8-0**

ADOPTED-DISTRICT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by James Marks, seconded by Gail Day that the Board of Education approve **R. 34 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the Strategic Plan 2011-2015, as presented.

**Motion Carried 8-0**

ADOPTED-STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2015

Motion by James Toteno, seconded James Marks that the Board of Education approve **R. 35 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the Academic Intervention Plan for the MED Elementary School, as presented.

**Motion Carried 8-0**

ADOPTED-ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PLAN FOR MED

#### FINANCE

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education approve **R. 36 BE IT**

APPROVED-AGREEMENT WITH FRANK DESORBO, DBA FINANCIAL,

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**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Frank DeSorbo, dba FOM Services (Financial, Organizational and Management Services), for payroll and financial services, at the rate of \$400.00 per day, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. Discussion among Board members to approve resolution to state not to exceed 80 days. **Motion Carried 8-0**

ORGANIZATIONAL AND  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Motion David O'Connor, seconded Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 37 BE IT**  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Wildwood School for one student for the 2011-2012 summer extension program, at the rate approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the NYS Division of the Budget, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. **Motion Carried 8-0**

APPROVED-AGREEMENT WITH  
WILDWOOD SCHOOL SUMMER  
EXTENSION PROGRAM 2011-2012  
SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 38 BE IT**  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with St. Catherine's Day Treatment School for one student for the 2011-2012 school year, at the rate approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the NYS Division of the Budget, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. **Motion Carried 8-0**

APPROVED-AGREEMENT WITH ST.  
CATHERINE'S DAY TREATMENT  
SCHOOL FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL  
YEAR

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education approve **R. 39 BE IT**  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Wildwood School for one student for the 2011-2012 school year, at the rate approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the NYS Division of the Budget, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. **Motion Carried 8-0**

APPROVED-AGREEMENT WITH  
WILDWOOD SCHOOL FOR THE 2011-  
2012 SCHOOL YEAR

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Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 40 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following 2011-2012 property assessment changes.

APPROVED-2011-2012 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CHANGES

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**2011-12 Assessment Changes**

Owner	Town	Original Assessment	Original Tax	New Assessment	New Tax	Tax \$ Reduction
Martin, Thomas	Kinderhook	\$ 188,950.00	\$ 1,641.04	\$ 188,950.00	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,254.52
Camphill Ghent	Ghent	\$ 33,900.00	\$ 419.14	\$ 33,900.00	\$ -	\$ 419.14
Camphill Ghent	Ghent	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 274.48	\$ 22,200.00	\$ -	\$ 274.48
Borsh, Barbara	Kinderhook	\$ 433,988.00	\$ 4,894.86	\$ 433,988.00	\$ 2,013.43	\$ 2,881.43
Hagan, Laurence	Canaan	\$ 307,700.00	\$ 3,034.05	\$ 307,700.00	\$ 1,379.24	\$ 1,654.81
Greenfield, Byron & Ingrid	Canaan	\$ 880,200.00	\$ 7,922.94	\$ 880,200.00	\$ 6,751.44	\$ 1,171.50
Beverly, Logan	Kinderhook	\$ 185,600.00	\$ 1,596.55	\$ 185,600.00	\$ 364.28	\$ 1,232.27
Debuono, Barbara	New Lebanon	\$ 713,400.00	\$ 8,320.14	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 7,727.79	\$ 592.35
Plowden, Celeste	Canaan	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 3,417.88	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 2,687.54	\$ 730.34
		\$ 3,055,938.00	\$ 31,521.08	\$ 2,952,538.00	\$ 21,310.24	\$ 10,210.84

( No Cash Payments Due At This Time)

**Total Tax \$ Reduction: \$ 10,210.84**

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Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education approve **R. 41 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education expend from its Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund, the following amounts in payment of court ordered school property tax refunds:

APPROVED-EXPEND TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE FUND

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**2010-11 Refunds Due**

Owner	Town	Original Assessment	Original Tax	New Assessment	New Tax	Tax \$ Refund Due
Third Garden Park Limited	Chatham	\$ 615,800.00	\$ 9,003.42	\$ 615,800.00	\$ 8,632.76	\$ 370.66
Stelling, Peter	Canaan	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 1,676.33	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 1,043.05	\$ 633.28
		\$ 750,800.00	\$ 10,679.75	\$ 699,800.00	\$ 9,675.81	\$ 1,003.94
<b>Total Refunds Due:</b>						<b>\$ 1,003.94</b>

**2009-10 Refunds Due**

Owner	Town	Original Assessment	Original Tax	New Assessment	New Tax	Tax \$ Refund Due
Talmdage, Joyce	Canaan	\$ 305,300.00	\$ 3,981.86	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 2,543.28	\$ 1,438.58
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<b>Total Refunds Due:</b>						<b>\$ 1,438.58</b>

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by James Marks that the Board of Education approve **R. 42 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education increase the 2011-2012 General Fund Operating Budget by no more than \$30,000 to cover the anticipated expenditures for Real Property Tax Refunds.

APPROVED-INCREASE IN GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**CONSENSUS AGENDA**

APPROVED- CONSENSUS AGENDA

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Melony Spock that the Board of Education approve **R. 43 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the September 27, 2011 Board meeting, as written.

**Motion Carried 8-0**

That the Board of Education amend the workday of

AMENDED-CHERYL BRILL

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Cheryl Brill, Bus Attendant, from 4 hours/day to 3.5 hours/day, effective September 14, 2011, at the same 2011-2012 rate of pay.

WORKDAY

That the Board of Education approve the request of Jill Chittenden, mathematics teacher, for a parental leave of absence, effective on or about January 3, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

APPROVED-PARENTAL LEAVE, JILL CHITTENDEN

That the Board of Education approve the request of Laurie Foster, physical education teacher, for a short-term parental leave, effective on or about November 22, 2011 through on or about January 3, 2012.

APPROVED-PARENTAL LEAVE, LAURIE FOSTER

That the Board of Education approve the request of Mary Moore, part-time food service helper, for a 4-6 week medical leave of absence starting September 21, 2011.

APPROVED-MEDICAL LEAVE, MARY MOORE

That the Board of Education appoint the following M.E.D. Club Advisors for the 2011-2012 school year, at the stipend designated in the Teachers' Contract (2009-10 pay rates) as follows:

APPOINTED – MED CLUB ADVISORS

Abigail Brownell	MED Music Director
Kristen Clark	MED Musical Assistant Director
Linda Colwell	MED Winter Intramurals, \$923
John Roloson	MED Spring Intramurals, \$923

That the Board of Education appoint the following CMS Club Advisors for the 2011-2012 school year, at the stipend designated in the Teachers' Contract (2009-10 pay rates) as follows:

APPOINTED –CMS CLUB ADVISORS

Eddie Allen	CMS Musical Director, \$2,409
Michael Graves	CMS Musical Producer, \$923
Michael Graves	CMS Musical Technical Director, \$803
Lucas Christensen	CMS Musical Music Director, \$1,404
Margaret Thorsen, Roberta Keller shared (\$702 each)	CMS Student Government, \$1,404
Jean Waggoner \$1,003	CMS Orchestra Director,
Samantha McShane	CMS Chorus Director, \$1,003
Patricia Smith, Mark Connelly	
Marie Baeckmann, Joshua Noble \$923shared (\$230.75 each)	CMS Fall Intramurals,
Patricia Smith, Mark Connelly, Marie Baeckmann, Joshua Noble \$923shared (\$230.75 each)	CMS Winter Intramurals,
Marie Baeckmann, Joshua Noble, Patricia Smith, Mark Connelly	CMS Spring Intramurals, \$923shared (\$230.75 each)
Lucas Christensen	CMS Educ. Communications Director, \$803
Lucas Christensen	CMS Drama Club (5/6), \$803
Michael Graves	CMS Drama Club (7/8), \$803
Kristine Mackowski, Jaimee Boehme	
Patricia Smith	CMS Book Club (5/6), \$803 shared (\$267.66 each)
Michele Debye-Saxinger	CMS Book Club (7/8), \$803
Sara Murray	CMS Computer Club, \$803

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Jeffrey Selby, Joshua Noble CMS Chess Club, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Jessica Decker, Tracey Fuller CMS Natl Jr. Honor Soc., \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Jason Kahn CMS Outdoor Club, \$803  
John Gould CMS History Club, \$803  
Nancy Barth, Mary West CMS Ski Club, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Lucas Christensen CMS Band Director, \$803  
Michael Graves CMS Band Director, \$803  
Kathleen Nichol CMS Technology Club, 803  
Nancy Barth, Christine Fahey CMS Art Club, \$803shared (\$401.50 each)  
Cecilia Hetterich, Mary West CMS Walking Club, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Nicole Wrigley CMS Talent Show, \$803  
Pamela Verenazi CMS Talent Show Prep, \$803  
Jason Kahn CMS Environmental Club, \$803  
Teresa Zema CMS Garden Club, \$803  
Cecilia Hetterich CMS School Newspaper, \$704  
Keara Lombardi CMS SADD, \$704  
Jennifer Eckler, Jodi Gray CMS Yearbook, \$1,003 shared (\$501.50 each)

That the Board of Education appoint the following High School Club Advisors for the 2011-2012 school year, at the stipend designated in the Teachers' Contract (2009-10 pay rates) as follows:

Stephanie Campbell Freshman Class Advisor, \$704  
Mark Pearson, Justin Forrest Sophomore Class Advisors, \$1,404 shared (\$702 each)  
Ashley Gerace, Tracy Kelly Junior Class Advisors, \$2,007 shared (\$1,003.50 each)  
Wendy Diskin, Chelsea Wells Senior Class Advisors, \$2,007 shared (\$1,003.50 each)  
Stephanie Campbell CHS Student Government, \$1,404  
Stephanie Campbell, Mark Pearson Model Congress, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Tracy Kelly, Amanda Carroil CHS SADD, \$704 shared (\$352.00 each)  
Samantha McShane CHS Yearbook, \$2,409  
Stephen Silverman CHS Educ. Communications Director, \$803  
Mark Pearson, Sandra Fischer CHS Ecology Club, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Jill Chittenden, Patricia Songayllo CHS Natl. Honor Society, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Scott Steltz, John Brantley CHS Winter Intramurals, \$923shared (\$461.50 each)  
Scott Steltz, John Brantley CHS Spring Intramurals, \$923 shared (\$461.50 each)  
Judith Matthews, Lynne O'Connell Shakespeare Advisors, \$1,404 shared (\$702 each)  
Mark Giordano CHS Band Director, \$2,007  
Jean Waggoner CHS Orchestra Director, \$1,404  
Samantha McShane CHS Chorus Director, \$1,404  
Dawn Marie Blasl CHS Spanish Club, \$803  
Dawn Marie Blasl CHS School Newspaper, \$803  
Paul Vachirapapun CHS Film Club, \$803  
Michael Kullman CHS Outdoor Club, \$803  
Michael Kullman, Ashley Gerace CHS Ski Club, \$803 shared (\$401.50 each)  
Samantha McShane Music Honor Society, \$803  
Judith Harrigan Art Honor Society, \$803

#### APPOINTED-CHS CLUB ADVISORS

That the Board of Education appoint Timothy

APPOINTED-BOYS' MODIFIED

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McEachern as boys' modified (7/8) soccer coach, effective September 7, 2011, at the 2009-10 contractual stipend of \$1,517.00.

SOCCER COACH, TIMOTHY  
MCEACHERN

That the Board of Education appoint the following per diem substitutes, effective 9-28-11:

APPOINTED-PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

Amanda McCagg, Food Service Helper  
Molly Lemoine, teacher & home tutor  
Geordana Poulten, teacher

That the Board of Education accept the donation from the Friends of the Chatham Public Library in the amount of \$750 to help pay for the 2011 summer reading program, and increase the 2011-12 budget by the same amount.

ACCEPTED-DONATION FROM  
FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

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New APPR regulations and what the Boards' role and responsibilities will be.

Questar III Superintendent, James Baldwin will be visiting a Board meeting in January. The Board should think about what topics should be discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPOINTED -CHERYL NUCIFORO,  
DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Michael Clark, seconded by Gail Day to appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-temp for the remainder of the meeting.

**Motion Carried 8-0**



Deborah Pottenburgh, District Clerk

Motion by James Toteno, seconded by Gail Day to enter executive session. Time: 8:36

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno to return to Open Session. Time: 9:54

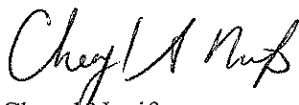
OPEN SESSION

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno to adjourn meeting. Time: 9:55

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion Carried 8-0**



Cheryl Nuciforo  
District Clerk Pro-temp