



**Date:** April 27, 2015

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Business & Finance Falls, Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and the medical record of a particular employee.

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

#### **President's Comments**

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group. President Apker also announced that Board Member Sharpe has been selected by the CNY School Board Association to receive the *Board Member of Achievement Award*. Congratulations Mrs. Sharpe!
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 14, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes     | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No      | 0 |                |
| Abstain | 1 | (Sweeney)      |

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 20, 2015- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

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| Yes     | 7 | Motion Carried     |
| No      | 0 |                    |
| Abstain | 2 | (Dwyer, Weatherby) |

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
  - Representatives from TACNY were on hand to present Caitlin Mack with the Outstanding Teacher Award for all the work she has done incorporating technology use with students.

- It was noted that the League of Woman Voters will be hosting a “Meet the Candidates” event on May 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Bonne Auditorium at the Intermediate School. There are five candidates running for three Board seats.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

**Character Education Presentation-Puzzle Solvers**

- A video created by staff and students at the Intermediate School highlighting Autism and what it means to have Autism was shown. Following the video, Mrs. Mahunik along with one of her students presented Puzzle Solvers, an organization that promotes Autism Awareness. Puzzle Solvers recently donated five ipads to the High School Life Skills Class. Mrs. Mahunik’s student noted her favorite activities to do on her new ipad.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Special Education: (Board Notes Item C)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**2015-16 Board Meeting Dates**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the 2015-16 Board Meeting Dates: (Board Notes Item D)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Change Orders for Capital Projects**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Resolution for Superintendent Approval of Change Orders for Capital Projects: (Board Notes Item E)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Ice Hockey Program Agreement**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Ice Hockey Program Agreement between the Cortland CSD and the District for the 2015-16 School Year: (Board Notes Item F)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Acceptance of Donation**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Board accept the donation of a Dell Computer from Brightworks Computer in Ithaca as a result of Amanda Dembowski receiving the “Apple for the Teacher” award: (Board Notes Item G)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Election Inspectors/Clerks**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors for the May 19, 2015 budget vote/election: (Board Notes Item H)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Disposal of Surplus Items**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Items for Disposal/Surplus as noted by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item I)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Policy for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: (Board Notes Item J)

- Policy 7414-Hazing of Students
- Policy 7416-Dignity for All Students

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Personnel**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved as amended:

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Instructional:**

1. Approve the change in title for **Michael Falls** from Director of Business & Finance to Director of Business, Finance and Facilities III effective April 28, 2015.
2. Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **Eleanor Avery** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective June 30, 2015.
3. Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **Jeannette (Jae) Harris** from her position of Teacher effective January 29, 2016.
4. Approve the following **Co-Curricular** appointment for the 2014-15 school year:  
**Lauren Flood**-Assistant Director for the Junior High School Musical
5. Approve the following as **Volunteer(s)** for the 2014-15 school year:  
*Athletic*  
Roger Sager-Modified Softball  
  
*High School*  
Kathryn Fuller  
Louisa Brown  
Michelle Chernago
6. Approve the following as **Practicum Students:**  
*Intermediate*  
Taylar Williams with Matt Hartl  
  
*High School*  
Cody Redfield with Melanie George
7. Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:  

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| <b><u>Name</u></b>      | <b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b> |
| <b>Katelyn Buchanan</b> | Bioengineering                          |

**Non-Instructional:**

1. Accept the letter of resignation from **Scott Cavellier** from his position of Director of Facilities III effective April 27, 2015.
2. Approve the **Creation** of the following Civil Service Position:  
Assistant Director of Facilities III.
3. Approve the appointment of **Scott Cavellier** to the position of Assistant Director of Facilities III effective April 28, 2015.
4. Approve the appointment of **Carl Campbell** to the position of Bus Driver effective April 28, 2015.

5. Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

**William McCutcheon**-Bus Driver

**Carl Campbell**-Cleaner

### **Informational Items**

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **Updated Curriculum Procedural Manual**-The final version of the updated Curriculum Procedural Manual was provided.
- **CNYSBA Annual Meeting**-The next CNYSBA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at The Lodge at Welch Allyn from 6-9 PM.

### **Community Voices**

- There were no community voices.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-Mr. Morenus noted the Budget & Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting where they watched a presentation from a community member on a Smart Energy System. The group also reviewed and discussed RFP's from Auctioneers and Real Estate Agents.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee recently met and have reviewed two policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

### **District Committee Reports**

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Director Llewellyn updated the group on the Instructional Leadership meeting held on April 22, 2014.
- *Facilities*-No report.

### **Board Member Activities**

- Mr. Morenus attended the High School CTE Internal Review as well as several JV lacrosse games.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a CNYSBA Director's meeting, a BOCES Board of Education meeting as well as assisted in hosting Assemblyman Finch on his recent visit to the High School.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### *April*

27-Board of Education

27-Music Dept. Demo Concert

#### *May*

1-IN 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

1-JH Class Night

2-Jr./Sr. Prom

4-Special Board of Education

4-National Honor Society Induction

6-EL 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Play

8-9-HS Shakespearean Play

12-Board of Education

12-JH Concert

14-HS Instrumental Concert

19-School Budget Vote

20-Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Test

20-HS Vocal Concert

21-Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Test

22-No School

25-Memorial Day-No School

25-Marching Band @ Memorial Day Parade

26-Board of Education

27-IN-4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Band  
28-Music Booster Award Ceremony  
29-EL Kindergarten Visitation/Screening

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Dwyer, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |