

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Cohoes Middle School Library**

**Regular Meeting
August 10, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

[The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Principals & CSEA collective bargaining issues; to discuss matters that may lead to employment of a particular person and discuss the potential salary increase for specific personnel.]

MINUTES

I. The Meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by President, Mark Pascale.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Briggs
Mr. Daigneault
Mr. Smith
Mr. Nolin
Mrs. Rizzo
Mr. Pascale

Excused: Mrs. Hume

Also Present: Mr. Robert K. Libby, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of July 13, 2011 and July 27, 2011.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Nolin
Motion carried 6-0

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

V. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education accept the Minutes for the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 4/28/11, 4/29/11, 5/2/11, 5/9/11, 5/16/11, 5/18/11, 5/19/11, 5/20/11, 5/24/11, 5/25/11, 5/26/11, 6/1/11, 6/2/11, 6/6/11, 6/8/11, 6/9/11, 6/16/11, 6/20/11, 6/21/11 and 6/23/11, 4/15/11, 4/26/11, 5/6/11, 5/12/11, 5/17/11, 5/19/11, 5/26/11, 6/6/11, 6/9/11, 7/11/11.
- B. THAT the Board of Education **amend** Item VI(C)13 of the July 7, 2011 Reorganization agenda to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education establish the following prices for meals for the 2011-12 school year:

Food Services Pricing			
Breakfast Prices			
	Student Full Price	Reduced Price	Adult Price (sales tax to be added)
full breakfast	\$1.15	\$0.25	\$1.18
Lunch Prices			
full lunch	\$2.05	\$0.25	\$3.32

- C. THAT the Board of Education approve an agreement with Achievements, PLLC for Teacher for Visually Impaired (*TVI*) services for the Extended School Year (July and August 2011). The rate for sessions will be \$75 per 40-minute session and \$95 per 60-minute session.
- D. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with The ARC (Advocacy Resources Community) of Rensselaer County, 484 River Street, Troy, NY 12180 for provision of transition services at a flat rate of \$55,875.70 during the 2011-2012 School Year.
- E. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with the City School District of Albany for health and welfare services provided to nine students who reside in Cohoes attending non-public schools in the City of Albany during the 2010-11 academic year at the rate of \$635.24 per student.
- F. THAT the Board of Education approve the Ancillary Services Rental Agreement, between the Cohoes City School District and the Capital Region BOCES. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. BOCES shall pay an annual

classroom rental of \$12,000 per classroom for a total of \$48,000.

- G. THAT the Board of Education approve the Distance Learning Classroom Rental Agreement, between the Cohoes City School District and the Capital Region BOCES. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. BOCES shall pay an annual classroom rental of \$1,000 per classroom for a total of \$1,000.
- H. THAT the Board of Education approve the Summer School Special Education Classroom Rental Agreement, between the Cohoes City School District and the Capital Region BOCES. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. BOCES shall pay an annual classroom rental of \$2,300 per classroom for a total of \$9,200.
- I. THAT the Board of Education approve the preliminary contract for 2011-12 with the Capital Region BOCES in the amount of \$2,300,100.15.
- J. THAT the Board of Education approve the final contract for 2010-11 with the Capital Region BOCES in the amount of \$2,835,071.09
- K. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with The Center for Disability Services Inc. (Langan School), 314 South Manning Blvd. Albany, NY for 2011-2012 Extended School Year (July and August) services at an interim rate of \$3,211 per month, per student, pending final SED rate approval.
- L. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Four Winds Saratoga located at 30 Crescent Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 for 2011-12 at a rate of \$29 per hour for tutorial services provided to eligible students.
- M. THAT the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Food Service Consultation for the 2011-2012 Academic Year submitted by H.M.B. Consulting, 3 Douglas Lane, Voorheesville, NY 12186.
- N. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Mary Claire Holliday, 53 Westshore Drive, Valatie, NY 12184, for music therapy services during the Extended School Year (June 22 - August 31, 2011) at a rate of \$70.00 per session from June 22, 2011 through August 31, 2011 not to exceed 6 sessions.
- O. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Mary Alice McCraith, teacher of the visually impaired, 9 Deer Run, Rensselaer, NY 12144 for vision therapy services (2x wk for 30 min), at a rate of \$60.00 per session not to exceed 12 sessions during the Extended School Year (July 11- August 19, 2011).
- P. THAT the board of Education approve the Agreement between the Cohoes City

School District and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) for the 2010-11 school year.

- Q. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center, Neil Hellman School, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208, for special education services during the 2011-2012 Extended School Year at \$5,765 per student, per session. Rate subject to change per NYSED finalized rates.
- R. THAT the Board of Education approve an Agreement with Rensselaer City School District located at 25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144 to fulfill the internal audit function as set forth by Education Law, section 2116-b for the 2011-12 school year.
- S. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Corrine Whalen, 417 4th Avenue, Troy, New York 12182 for speech services (3x /wk for 30 min) during the Extended School Year (July 11 - August 19, 2011) at a rate of \$60.00 per session, not to exceed 6 sessions.
- T. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract with Wildwood School, 2995B Curry Road Extension, Schenectady, NY 12303, for 2011-2012 Extended School Year services at a rate of \$7,181.00 per student, per session pending final SED rate approval.
- U. THAT the Board of Education approve **change order 9-013** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-006-018, Referendum 2008, for general construction at Cohoes High School.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Eastern Building & Restoration Inc. 2 Commerce Drive Albany, NY 12206</i>
Original Contract	\$10,742,423.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$57,125.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$10,799,548.00
CHANGE ORDER 9-013	\$34,165.00
New Contract Sum	\$10,833,713.00

- V. THAT the Board of Education approve **change order 9-014** on NYS Education

Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-006-018, Referendum 2008, for general construction at Cohoes High School.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Eastern Building & Restoration Inc. 2 Commerce Drive Albany, NY 12206</i>
Original Contract	\$10,742,423.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$91,290.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$10,833,713.00
CHANGE ORDER 9-014	\$19,372.00
New Contract Sum	\$10,853,085.00

- W. THAT the Board of Education approve **change order 9-015** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-006-018, Referendum 2008, for general construction at Cohoes High School.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Eastern Building & Restoration Inc. 2 Commerce Drive Albany, NY 12206</i>
Original Contract	\$10,742,423.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$110,662.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$10,853,085.00
CHANGE ORDER 9-015	\$18,731.00
New Contract Sum	\$10,871,816.00

- X. THAT the Board of Education approve **change order 11-001** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-010-008, Referendum 2008, for general construction at Cohoes Harmony Hill Elementary School.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Burniche Piping, Inc. 95 Hudson River Road Waterford, NY 12188</i>
Original Contract	\$417,000.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$0.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$417,000.00
CHANGE ORDER 11-001	\$13,983.00
New Contract Sum	\$430,983.00

- Y. THAT the Board of Education approve **change order 17-001** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-006-018, Referendum 2008, for general construction at Cohoes High School.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Kubrickey Construction Corp. 269 Ballard Road Wilton, NY 12831</i>
Original Contract	\$378,925.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$0.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$378,925.00
CHANGE ORDER 17-001	\$8,132.00
New Contract Sum	\$387,057.00

ADDENDUM

- Z. THAT the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Chapter 657 of the Laws of New York State for the year 2005, amended Section 457 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law by extending the sunset clause for five years, and earlier amendments changed the definitions to allow the maximum purchase price and household income limits to fluctuate with respect to the First-Time Home Buyer's property tax exemption;

WHEREAS, Chapter 657 of the Laws of New York State for the year 2011, amended Section 457 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law by extending the sunset

clause for five years, through the year 2016, and earlier amendments changed the definitions to allow the maximum purchase price and household income limits to fluctuate with respect to the First-Time Home Buyer's property tax exemption;

WHEREAS, the Cohoes City School District would like to act to amend the purchase price, household income & sunset clause as set forth in the Board Resolution of 9/17/2003 to reflect exemptions for First-time Home Buyers until 2016;

WHEREAS, the maximum purchase price is described as follows:

Any newly constructed primary residential real property within the purchase price limits defined by the State of New York Mortgage Agency low interest rate mortgage program in the non-target, one family new category for Albany County and in an effect on the contract date for the purchase and sale of such property, shall be eligible for the exemption allowed pursuant to this article.

WHEREAS, the maximum household income is described as follows:

A First-Time Home Buyer shall not qualify for the exemption authorized pursuant to this article if the household income exceeds income limits defined by the State of New York mortgage agency low interest rate mortgage program in the non-target, one and two person_household category for Albany County and in effect on the contract date for the purchase and sale of such property.

WHEREAS, the sunset clause is described as follows:

No exemption shall be allowed pursuant to this article for any newly constructed primary residential property purchased by a First-Time Home Buyer on or after December 31, 2016, unless such purchase is pursuant to a binding written contract entered into prior to December 31, 2016; provided, however, that any First-Time Home Buyer who is allowed an exemption pursuant to this article prior to such date shall continue to be allowed further exemptions pursuant to the proceeding Board of Education Resolution of 9/17/2003.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Teacher and Tutor list:

Cortney Barnes
Heather Berlin
Angelo Boniello

Brittnay Birchill
Jennifer Byrnes
Margaret Collins

Nicole Fambo
Margaret Farrell
Alexandria Fish

Brenda Gorman
David Grapka
Jacquelin Hotaling
Elizabeth LeRoy

Michael Long
Kelly Ryan
Bryn Sheppard

Chelsea Suprenant
Michael Toich
Jason Wright

Effective: August 18, 2011

- B. THAT the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as 2011 Summer School Substitutes per the CTA contract:

**Indicates CTA member who should be called first*

Name	Name
*Kiera Hovey	*Sue Rocco
*Michael Stott	

- C. THAT the Board of Education **amend** item VIII (C) of the June 15, 2011 agenda to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education eliminate the following instructional positions:

1.4 FTE Technology Teachers
1.0 FTE Business Teacher
1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher
1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher
1.0 FTE Assistant Principal
0.6 FTE Director of Career Development and K-12 counseling services
0.4 FTE FACS Teacher
1.5 FTE School Media Specialists
3.6 FTE Teacher Assistants
~~0.2 FTE Mathematics Teacher~~
~~0.2 FTE Science Teacher~~
0.2 FTE English Teacher
0.2 FTE Social Studies Teacher
0.2 FTE Music Teacher

2011 Summer Learning Academy (20 days)

- I. THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as proctors and/or scorers for the August 2011 regent exams:

Jackie Adams	Kim Angus
Denise Assalian	Carrie Briggs
Tom Brahler	Kayla Butler
Patricia Caputo	Andrea Van Decar
Sue Dion	John Flannigan
Christina Hoffman	Heather Jensen
TJ Keegan	Mike Kloczko
Deb Marek	Robert Santarcangelo
Margaret Smith	Mike Stuart
Lisa Volland	Ruth Ward
Gabrielle White	John Gelatt

- J. THAT the Board approve the following student teacher placements from The College of Saint Rose at **Abram Lansing Elementary School**:

SESSION 1: September 6, 2011 to October 21, 2011

Nichole Hazilla (Murray)
Jennifer Crucetti (Lowden)

SESSION 2: October 24, 2011 to December 9, 2011

Mary Kathleen Almeida (Brooks)
Brooke DeSantis (Pepper)
Kimberly Iaia (Huneau)
Diana DeFelice (Lowden)
Jennifer Crucetti (Coluccio)
Noelle Lak (Hansen)
Carissa Crandall (Skidmore)
Annan Montgomery (Lowden)

- K. THAT the Board approve the following student internship from The Sage Colleges at **Abram Lansing Elementary School**:

January 30, 2012 - May 31, 2012

Alyse Roe with Christina Scott

- L. THAT the Board approve the following counseling intern placement from The College of Saint Rose at **Cohoes Middle School**:

September 7, 2011 - December 22, 2011:

Amanda Poirier with Laurie Monast

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- M. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby reinstates Dina Dupuis from the seniority/recall list, pursuant to Civil Service Law, to a position of Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2011.
- N. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby reinstates Stacy Smith from the seniority/recall list, pursuant to Civil Service Law, to a position of Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2011.
- O. THAT the Board of Education appoint the following employees to work the 2011 Summer Meal Programs per CSEA contract:

Karen MacPherson, Cook
Betty Jacques, Cook
Leslie O'Brien, Food Service Helper

ADDENDUM

- P. THAT the Board of Education accept the resignation of Scott Stiassney from his position of Security Guard.
Effective: August 19, 2011.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

- A. I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:
1. Warrants-Fund J-6/1-6/30/11; Fund J - 7/1-7/15/11; Fund A - 6/27-6/30/11; Fund A - 6/27-6/30/11; Fund A - 7/1-7/15/11; Fund C - 6/27-6/30/11; Fund C - 6/27-6/30/11; Fund C - 7/1-7/15/11; Fund F - 6/27-6/30/11; Fund F - 7/1-7/15/11; Fund A - 7/16-7/31/11; Fund J - 7/22-7/31/11; Fund C - 7/15-7/31/11
 2. Budget Transfer - July 2011
 3. Budget Status Reports - Available on 8-8-11
 4. Bank Reconciliation Report – Not Available
 5. Extracurricular Activity Report – Not Available

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopt the following resolutions of the August 10, 2011 Agenda:

VII (A-Z); VIII (A-P) and X (A)

Moved by: Mr. Daigneault
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo
Motion carried 6-0

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

September 7, 2011, Workshop, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

September 21, 2011, Regular Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss Principals & CSEA collective bargaining issues; to discuss matters that may lead to employment of a particular person and discuss the potential salary increase for specific personnel.

Moved by: Mr. Daigneault
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Nolin
Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 9:07 p.m.

Present: Mr. Briggs
Mr. Daigneault
Mr. Smith
Mr. Nolin
Mrs. Rizzo
Mr. Pascale

Excused: Mrs. Hume

Also Present: Mr. Robert K. Libby, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

DISCUSSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Smith
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Daigneault
Motion carried 6-0

District Clerk