

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Regular Meeting
August 2, 2017
6:00 p.m.

(The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into an executive session subject to Board approval.)

MINUTES

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President, Mr. McDonald.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Nolin (*excused for departure at approx. 6:40 p.m.*)
Mrs. Rizzo
Mrs. Frangie
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Giller
Mrs. Annely
Mr. McDonald

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Presentation by Parsons' Northern Rivers Family of Services - Fee-Based Clinic at the Cohoes Middle School
B. Dr. Spring provided the Board with a CDTA update.
Business and Operations
Stacy Mackey - Update on Year-End Audit by Stark & Basila

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 **amends**, waives the second reading and adopts the following policy:
9206 - Personnel

- B. THAT the Board of Education adopts the following policies:
 4770 – Student Grading, Honor Roll Achievement Recognition of Graduation Seniors, Graduation
 8410 – Student Transportation
 8505 – Charging Meals
- C. THAT the Board of Education establishes a Worker’s Compensation Reserve in the amount of \$448,500.
- D. THAT the Board of Education approves the following contractual increases in the May 2017 CPI (+1.8%). The contract increase shall be for the period from 09/01/2017 to 06/30/2018:
Star & Strand Transportation Inc.
 Contract E261172 – Trip: \$137.96, Aid: \$78.27 per day
 Contract E251278 – Annual Contract \$319,244
 Contract E251274 – Annual Contract \$372,958
- E. THAT the Board of Education establishes the following prices for meals for the 2017-2018 school year:

Food Services Pricing			
Breakfast Prices			
	Student Full Price	Reduced Price	Adult Price (sales tax to be added)
full breakfast	\$1.25	\$0.25	\$2.25
Lunch Prices			
full lunch	\$2.85	\$0.25	\$3.75

- F. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Achievements, PLLC at 623 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110 for the provision of related services to students as needed at contracted rates for 2017-18 school year.
- G. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Advanced Therapy at One Rapp Road, Albany, New York 12205 for the provision of related services to students as needed at contracted rates for the 2017-18 school year.
- H. THAT the Board of Education approves an Agreement between the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Child Development Center (Cohoes Community Center) at 22-40 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047 for the operation of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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- I. THAT the Board of Education approves an Agreement between the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Child Development Center (Cohoes Community Center) at 22-40 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047 for the operation of an Expanded Pre-Kindergarten for three-year old students from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- J. THAT the Board of Education approves an Agreement between the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Child Development Center (Cohoes Community Center) at 22-40 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047 for the operation of an Expanded Pre-Kindergarten for four-year old students from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 201
- K. THAT the Board of Education approves 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. BOCES shall pay an annual classroom rental of \$1,000 per classroom for a total of \$1,000.
- L. THAT the Board of Education approves the amended final contract for 2016-17 with the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$3,064,879.33
- M. THAT the Board of Education approves the preliminary contract with the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) for the 2017-18 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,309,409.45
- N. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with CDB Connections at 673 Turnpike, 673 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061 for provision of related services to students as needed at contracted rates for the 2017-18 school year.
- O. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Center for Disability Services, 314 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, NY 12208 for special education services during the 2017 Extended School Year at the rate of \$7,079 per 2 months/per student for tuition and the 2017-18 School Year at the rate of \$42,947 for 10 months/per student for tuition pending final NYSED rate setting.
- P. THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby approves the Agreement by and between the District and Linda Leventhal, pertaining to the use of the Hans Holzapfel Revocable Living Trust.
- Q. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Ketchum-Grande Memorial School/The Charlton School located in Burnt Hills, New York for special education services and psychiatric services during the 2017 Extended

School Year at the rate of \$7,986 for 2 months/per student for tuition and \$160 per session for psychiatric services and during the 2017-18 School Year at a rate of \$47,706 for 10 months/per student for tuition and \$160 per session for psychiatric services pending final NYSED rate setting.

- R. THAT the Board approves a contract with Oak Hill School at 39 Charlton Road, Scotia, NY 12302 for special education services during the 2017 Extended School Year at the rate of \$4,686 for 6 weeks/per student for tuition and during the 2017-18 School Year at a rate of \$28,114 for 10 months/per student for tuition pending final NYSED rate setting.
- S. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with St. Colman's School at 11 Haswell Road, Watervliet, NY 12189 for special education services during the 2017 Extended School Year at the rate of \$5,501 for 6 weeks/per student for tuition and during the 2017-18 School Year at a rate of \$33,005 for 10 months/per student for tuition pending final NYSED rate setting.
- T. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Vanderheyden, P.O. Box 219, Wynantskill, NY 12198 for special education services during the 2017 Extended School Year at the rate of \$6,367 for 6 weeks/per student for tuition pending final NYSED rate setting.
- U. THAT the Board of Education awards the food service bid dated June 3, 2017 to Whitson's Culinary Group in the amount of \$844,563.61 for the period July 31, 2017 – June 30, 2018.
- V. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Wildwood School at 2995 Curry Road Extension, Schenectady, NY 12303 for special education services during the 2017 Extended School Year at the rate of \$8,329 for 6 weeks/per student for tuition and the 2017-18 School Year at the rate of \$49,698 for 10 months/per student for tuition, pending final NYSED rate setting.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL
INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VIII (E) (for Catherine Lowerre only) of the June 7, 2017 Minutes to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoints the following teachers as per the CTA contract to the 2017 Secondary Summer School program effective July 10 - August 15, 2017 contingent upon enrollment:

Algebra I	Catherine Lowerre
Algebra II	Catherine Lowerre
Geometry	TBD Catherine Lowerre

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Courtney Mentzer from her position as Special Education Teacher (AL).
Effective: August 31, 2017
- C. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Amanda Jessica Logan from her position as Special Education Teacher (HH).
Effective: August 31, 2017
- D. THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby approves the Addendum to the Employment Agreement of Dr. Jennifer Spring, dated February 4, 2015, in accordance with the Addendum dated July 1, 2017, and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.
- E. Aaron Boudreau
Position0.8 FTE Physical Education
Tenure Area..... Physical Education
Effective DateSeptember 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
Salary Step 2 of the current CTA contract
Reason..... Reappointment
- F. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the Building Leadership Teams listed below for the 2017-18 school year:

Van Schaick Grade School

Carrie Bennett
Bonnie-Jo Bellville
Katrina Keith
Pam Krupski
Rachel Marer
Anna Muscatello

Cohoes High School

Jacqueline DeChiaro
Caryn Dollard
Thomas Kostrzebski
Linda Nadeau-Skroupa
Kelly Majuri
Rachel Polaski
Amanda Powers
Colleen Reilly
Laura Tarlo
Bryan Wood

Cohoes Middle School

Carrie Briggs
Patricia Caputo

Colleen Duff
Elaine Flatow
Lindsay Fontaine
Deanna Kelly
Kelly Tessier
Dan Martinelli

Harmony Hill Elementary School

Pam Bertrand
MaryBeth Cepiel
Brett Daley
Jenn Ducharme
Kim Rooney
Mary Rumsey
Mark Perry

Abram Lansing School

Jennifer Crucetti
Christina Kellar
Melissa Lowden
Susan Lynch
Jackie Skidmore
Cliff Bird

G. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following teachers as 2017 Secondary Summer School Substitutes per the CTA contract:

***Indicates CTA member who should be called first**

*Kerry Bottenfield

*Keith Fischer

H. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following teacher as per the CTA contract to the 2017 Secondary Summer School program effective July 10 - August 15, 2017 contingent upon enrollment:

APEX Physical Education (1 session/week)

Phil Tommasino

I. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as proctors and/or scorers for the August 2017 regent exams:

Jackie Adams

Drake Galarneau

Brian Smith

Meg Brownell

John Gelatt

Lisa Volland

Michelle Cipriano

Mike Kloczko

Gabrielle White

Amy Fink

Rachel Polaski

Keith Fischer

Matt Flannery

Rob Santarcangelo

Colleen Reilly

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

J. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mary Rumsey as 10-month Senior Typist at Harmony Hill Elementary School.

Effective: August 13, 2017

K. Mary Rumsey

Position 1.0 FTE Secretary to the Superintendent/
..... Assistant Superintendent for Education Services

Effective Date August 14, 2017

Probation period.....N/A

Salary\$37,700

Reason.....Replaces Megan Bennett

L. THAT the Board of Education authorizes days not to exceed twenty-five (25) at the per diem rate (per CSEA contract) for Mary Rumsey to provide summer work for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Effective: July 12, 2017

M. THAT the Board of Education authorizes 26.25 hours at the per diem rate (per CSEA contract) for Janice Marsett to provide summer work at Cohoes Middle School.

Effective: July 1, 2017

N. THAT the Board of Education authorizes days not to exceed five (5) at the per diem rate (per CSEA contract) for Susan Monson to provide summer work at Harmony Hill Elementary School.

Effective: August 2, 2017

O. THAT the Board of Education creates the following positions:
0.5 FTE Temporary Athletic Director

P. THAT the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Athletic Director Benefit Policy and appoints Brian Beaury as the 0.5 FTE Temporary Athletic Director for the period of August 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Q. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby appoints Lori Hickey to the position of Full-Time Teacher Aide subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointment is a probationary appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from Ms. Hickey regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. Her continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District’s receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that she is fully cleared for employment.

Lori Hickey

Position 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide (CHS)
Effective Date September 1, 2017
Probation Period..... February 28, 2018
SalaryEntry level per current CSEA contract
Reason..... Replaces Pamela Robson

R. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Soccer – Girls Modified	Keith Fischer	1.0
Soccer – Boys Varsity VOLUNTEER	Arnold Mendoza	0.0
Football – Modified Head	Nicholas Foglia	1.0

ADDENDA

S. Sarah Adkins
 Position 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher
 Certification Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)
 and (Birth – Grade 1)
 Tenure Area.....Special Education
 Effective Date September 1, 2017
 Tenure Date..... August 31, 2021
 Salary..... Step 1 of the current CTA Contract
 Reason..... Replacing Jessica Logan

T. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following teacher as per the CTA contract to the 2017 Secondary School Regents Review Classes contingent upon enrollment.

Effective July 31 - August 15, 2017
 Geometry - Corey Toles

U. THAT the Board of Education appoints Jamie Harris as Central Treasurer (Clubs & Activities) for the 2017-18 school year.

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
 2. Budget Transfer
 3. Budget Status Reports
 4. Bank Reconciliation Report
 5. Extracurricular Activity Report
 6. Internal Claims Audit Report

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education removes Item **VIII (R)** from the August 2, 2017 consent agenda for a separate vote.

Moved by: Mrs. Giller
 All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Frangie
 Motion carried 6-0

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education removes Item **VIII (R)** from the August 2, 2017 agenda for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Soccer – Girls Modified	Keith Fischer	1.0
Soccer – Boys Varsity VOLUNTEER	Arnold Mendoza	0.0
Football – Modified Head	Nicholas Foglia	1.0

Moved by: Mrs. Giller
Voted “Aye – Mrs. Frangie
Mrs.Giller
Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mrs.Frangie
Motion failed 3-3

Voted “Nay”- Mrs. Rizzo
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Annely

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the August 2, 2017 Agenda:

VII (A-V) and VIII (A-U)

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Pascale
Motion carried 6-0

VIII. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

IX. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

X. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XI. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading

4770 – Student Grading, Honor Roll Achievement Recognition of Graduation Seniors,
Graduation

8410 – Student Transportation

8505 – Charging Meals

XII. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

August 30, 2017, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Giller
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Rizzo
Motion carried 6-0

District Clerk