

# COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Business Meeting  
October 10, 2018  
6:00 PM**

(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 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. McDonald  
Mrs. Frangie  
Mrs. Giller  
Mrs. Annely  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Pascale

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, 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 Meeting of September 26, 2018.

Moved by: Mrs. Frangie  
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller  
Motion carried 6-0

## II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presentation by the Cohoes Middle School students: Carli O'Hara – Founder, Carissa Shanahan – Vice President and Ava Hotaling – Secretary/Social Media Coordinator of *Real Kids Wear Pink* of the Capital Region. On August 27, they were presented proclamations from the NYS Legislature and Governor's office declaring October 26, 2018 as *Real Kids Wear Pink Day*. Carli O'Hara started the fundraising campaign after her grandmother was diagnosed and survived Stage 4 breast cancer. To date, they have raised over \$6,000 exceeding their goal.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Curriculum and Instruction by Dan Martinelli, CMS Principal  
Mr. Martinelli provided a presentation titled “CMS by the Numbers.” Some of the presentation’s highlights included: Chronic absenteeism, discipline, test results and strategies employed. Questions were asked by the Board and Mr. Martinelli responded.
- B. Business and Operations by Stacy Mackey, SBO  
Mrs. Mackey provided the Board with an update of today’s Audit Committee Meeting held at 4 p.m. in the CMS Library. Board members present were Mr. Nolin and Mr. McDonald. District staff present were Dr. Spring, Mrs. Mackey and Mrs. Cirincione. Topics discussed included: review of financial statements, annual risk assessment and claims audit reports; changes in GASB75; refunding held in escrow to be paid in 18/19 & temporary increase in liability as a result; management letter item – fund balance in excess of 4% w/\$1 million transfer to capital reserve fund to be recommended on the 10/24 agenda as funds to cover CMS roof and HHS boiler expenses that will require voter approval in May 2019.

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** Item VII (C) of the September 12, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Saint Catherine’s for Children R&E May School, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, New York for special education services during the ESY period July 27, 2018 – August 31, 2018 at a rate of \$2,489 per student **per month** ~~for a two-month period~~. This rate is subject to change based on NYSED finalized rates.

- B. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Advanced Therapy at One Rapp Road, Albany, New York for the provision of related services to students as needed at contracted rates for July 2018 – June 2019.
- C. THAT the Board of Education approves the Independent Auditor’s Report dated June 30, 2018 as prepared by the firm of Stark & Basila, Certified Public Accountants, and the Correction Action Plan thereto as prepared by the School Business Official.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

Cunniffe, Hannah	Rogers, Rachel
Fawcett, Sarah-Jane	Si, Mu
Gaffney, Jessica	Terry, Amanda
Palmiotto, Lacy	

Effective: October 11, 2018

- B. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VIII (II) of the August 29, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Korrine McGough to a four-year conditional term in the tenure area of Speech effective ~~September 24~~ **October 1**, 2018 and expiring on ~~September 23~~ **September 30**, 2022 on an emergency conditional basis. Ms. McGough holds Initial Certification in the area of Speech and Language Disabilities.

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

Korrine McGough

Position.....	1.0 FTE Speech Teacher
Certification.....	Speech and Language Disabilities
Tenure Area.....	Speech
Effective Date.....	<del>September 24</del> <b>October 1</b> , 2018
Tenure Date.....	<del>September 23</del> <b>September 30</b> , 2022
Salary.....	Step 3 of the current CTA Contract
Reason.....	Replaces Aerica Fredricks

- C. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Future-Ready Pathways Mentoring Facilitators for the 2018-19 school year (grant-funded):

Amanda Powers (0.5) – Class of 2021

Donna Honsinger (0.5) – Class of 2021

Effective: October 11, 2018

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

- D. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alexandra Meehan from her position as Nurse, R.N. (CHS).

Effective: October 12, 2018

- E. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Morgan Farley from her position as Part-Time Teacher Aide (HHS).

Effective: Immediately

- F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Brian Wallingford to the position of Part-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 temporary appointment.

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

Brian Wallingford

Position.....Part-Time Teacher Aide (HHS)

Effective Date.....October 9, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Salary.....\$11.25 per hour

Reason..... Replaces Morgan Farley

- G. Melanie Dozois

Position..... 1.0 FTE Cleaner (AL)

Effective Date..... October 15, 2018

Probation Period.....April 14, 2019

Salary..... Per current CSEA Contract (Cleaner)

Reason..... BOE Newly Created

- H. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Teacher Aide Substitute list subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointments are a temporary appointment.

Isabelle DeChiaro

Effective: October 11, 2018

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

**BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the October 10, 2018 Agenda:

**VII (A-C) and VIII (A-H)**

Moved by: Mrs. Annely  
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Frangie  
Motion carried 6-0

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

Conference Report – Sandra Snyder – 09/25/18

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**October 24, 2018**, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining with the Cohoes Principals' Association.

Moved by: Mrs. Giller  
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Annely  
Motion carried 6-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:00 PM**

Present: Mr. McDonald  
Mrs. Frangie  
Mrs. Giller  
Mrs. Annely  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Pascale

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

**DISCUSSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. McDonald  
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Annely  
Motion carried 6-0

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District Clerk