

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Business Meeting
January 9, 2019
5:00 PM**

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

AGENDA

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Evacuation Procedure for Emergency
 - C. Roll Call
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of December 12, 2018

- II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Christian Gunn & elementary students from the play, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, to be performed on January 18 & 19 at 7 PM and January 20 at 2 PM in the high school auditorium

- III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Curriculum and Instruction
 - B. Business and Operations – Stacy Mackey - Budget Timeline

- 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 VI (B) (2) of the July 2, 2018 Reorganization Minutes to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education designates the following dates for the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year at the Cohoes Middle School at 6:00 PM in the Cohoes Middle School Library:

August 1 & 29, 2018
September 12 & 26, 2018
October 10 & 24, 2018
November 7 & 28, 2018
December 12, 2018
January 9 & 23, 2019

February 6 & 27, 2019
March 6 & 20, 2019
April 3 & 17, 2019
~~May 1 & 15, 2019~~ **May 8 & 22, 2019**
June 5 & 19, 2019

- B. THAT the Board of Education adopts the following policy:
0110 – Sexual Harassment
- C. THAT the Board of Education approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission on Economic Opportunity, Inc. - Capital District Foster Grandparent Program and the Cohoes City School District as a volunteer station in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined therein.
- D. THAT the Board of Education approves the 2018/19 Cooperative Agreement with Hudson Valley College aimed at providing high school students with access to higher education in accordance to the terms and conditions outlined therein.
- E. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Hudson Valley Community College to use their facilities for Cohoes High School’s Graduation on June 29, 2019 and Rehearsal on June 28, 2019 at a cost of \$2,747.50
- F. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with the Waterford Union Free School District for placement of a student in the Cohoes School District in order to receive special educational services in accordance to the terms and conditions listed therein for the period of December 10, 2018 through December 21, 2018.
- G. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$306.08 from Cohoes Middle School parents for eighth-grade students to attend a play at the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany on December 13, 2018.
- H. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2018/19 budget in the amount of \$306.08 to cover transportation costs for Cohoes Middle School students to the Capital Repertory Theater on December 13, 2018.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Kadle, Austin	Poleto, Deborah
Lenox, Madeleine	Ringler, Lily
Mules, Olivia	Serapilio, Wendy
Neal, Lucinda	

Effective: January 10, 2019

- B. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (H) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Cindy Dodge in the area of Pre-K Teacher

for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (AL)
Certification..... Literacy (Birth – Grade 6)
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- C. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (G) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Laura Kaplan in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (AL)
Certification..... Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- D. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (E) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Elissa Keruskie in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 3-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (VS)
Certification.....Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- E. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (F) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Alyssa Petraznik in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (AL)
Certification.....Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$28,895.30~~ \$29,720.88
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- F. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (J) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Ashley Vaccaro in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from Ms. Vaccaro regarding criminal convictions(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of

Education. Employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that she is fully cleared for employment.

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (HH)
Certification..... Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- G. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (K) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Kira Merrills in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (VS)
Certification..... Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, & Grades 1-6
Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- H. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (I) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Gabriella LaPrade in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 4-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (AL)
 Certification.....Pre-K (in process)
 Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
 Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
 Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- I. THAT the Board of Education **amends** item VIII (D) of the November 7, 2018 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Kimberly Ollier in the area of Pre-K Teacher for the term of 10/22/18 - 6/30/19.

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

Position..... 1.0 FTE 3-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher (AL)
 Certification..... Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6
 Effective Date..... October 22, 2018
 Salary..... ~~\$27,023.15~~ \$27,795.24
 Reason Temporary Position (Grant Funded)

- J. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alexander Rosa from his position as 0.3 FTE Music Teacher (VS)
Effective: December 21, 2018

- K. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Cathy Ann Boudreau from her position of Speech Teacher (VS).
Effective: June 30, 2019

- L. THAT the Board of Education creates the following (grant-funded) position for the 2018/2019 School Year:

1.0 FTE 3-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher @ HHS

- M. THAT the Board of Education approves a salary increase due to additional teaching assignment for the following individual for the 2018-2019 school year:

Christian Gunn – 0.05 FTE as per CTA contract – Music at ALS (1.05 FTE total)
Effective: January 3, 2019 through June 30, 2019

- N. THAT the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between

the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Teachers' Association, dated December 18, 2018 for the purpose of correcting errors in the contract language after it had been printed and distributed. Corrections include Article IV, Section K and Appendix C.

- O. THAT the Board of Education approves the following student teacher/intern/resident mentee placements from the following school:

THE SAGE COLLEGES

January 14, 2019 - March 9, 2019

Ariannah Logan with Megan Cherubino at Harmony Hill School

Cassidy Roth with Sharon Laughlin at Harmony Hill School

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- P. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of John Craner from his position of Cleaner (AL).

Effective: January 31, 2019

- Q. THAT the Board of Education creates the following (grant-funded) positions for the 2018/2019 School Year:

1.0 FTE 3-Year-Old Pre-K Teacher Aide @ HHS

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- R. 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.

Aja Kerr

Effective: January 3, 2019

- S. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Cleaner Substitute list, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission, such appointments are a temporary appointment.

Benedetto Patrignani IV

Effective: December 20, 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

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

THAT the Board of Education is advised of a donation in the amount of \$10 from David Kinney, a Cohoes resident, to be used for education at Cohoes High School.

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading

0110 – Sexual Harassment

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

January 23, 2019, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT