

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Business Meeting
April 17, 2019
6:00 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 April 3, 2019

- II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Profile of a Graduate Update by Dr. Spring, Superintendent

- III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Curriculum and Instruction
District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) by Ms. O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
 - B. Business and Operations
Financial Update by Mrs. Mackey, School Business Official

- 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 accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 2/4/19, 2/5/19/ 2/14/19, 2/15/19, 2/25/19, 2/27/19, 2/28/19, 3/1/19, 3/4/19, 3/5/19, 3/6/19, 3/7/19, 3/8/19, 3/11/19, 3/12/19, 3/13/19, 3/14/19, 3/15/19, 3/20/19, 3/21/19, 3/29/19, 4/1/19 and 4/8/19.

 - B. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VII (C) of the April 3, 2019 Minutes to read as follows:

~~Columbus Day—October 7, 2019~~ **Columbus Day – October 14, 2019**

 - C. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with the Center for Discovery, PO Box 840, Benmoshe Road, Harris, New York for as-needed special education services at the tuition rate of \$14,482 per student for the 2019 Extended School Year and \$86,890 tuition per student for the 2019-20 School Year pending final NYSED rate setting.

D. THAT the Board of Education approves the Loan Extension Agreement for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 between the Cohoes City School District and the NYS Museum for the purpose of exhibition of the bust of Chester A. Arthur.

E. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$11,909,690 during the school year 2019-20 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

F. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

The persons identified below have been nominated to serve on the BOCES Board of Education. Each component school district Board of Education may cast one vote each for up to four (4) individual candidates, but there is no statutory requirement that they cast one (1) vote per vacancy. Only one vote may be cast for any one candidate.

The following positions will be voted upon on April 17, 2019

Four (4) positions for the term of three years

VOTE FOR FOUR

Mr. Kevin Kutzscher

158 Beechwood Road, Sharon Springs, NY 13459

Home District: Sharon Springs Central School District

Mrs. Heather Soroka

904 23rd Street, Watervliet, NY 12189

Home District: Watervliet City School District

Mrs. Rose Surman

115 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Home District: Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District

Mr. Matthew Tedeschi

3575 State Route 85

Westerlo, NY 12193

Home District: Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District

G. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$470.72 from the Harmony Hill School PTA for transportation of fourth-grade students to the NYS Museum on June 18, 2019.

- H. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2018/19 budget in the amount of \$470.72 to cover transportation costs for Harmony Hill Elementary School fourth-grade students to the NYS Museum on June 18, 2019.
- I. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,056.68 from the Harmony Hill School PTA for transportation of students to Proctors Theatre on April 5, 2019.
- J. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2018/19 budget in the amount of \$1,056.68 to cover transportation costs for Harmony Hill Elementary School students to Proctors Theatre on April 5, 2019.
- K. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$235.36 from the Harmony Hill School PTA for transportation of students to visit Lozman’s Orthodontics on April 10, 2019.
- L. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2018/19 budget in the amount of \$235.36 to cover transportation costs for Harmony Hill Elementary School students to Lozman’s Orthodontics on April 10, 2019.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Adesanya, Oyekunbi	Jones, Hannah
Bryant, Corey	Ostrowski, Joanne
Friedman, Elaine	

Effective: April 18, 2019

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Julie Giordano from her position as 0.5 FTE Special Education/0.5 FTE Elementary Teacher. (VS)

Effective: April 10, 2019

- C. Amanda Barrett
 Position.....1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher
 Certification..... Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6)
 Tenure Area.....Special Education
 Effective Date..... September 1, 2019
 Tenure Date August 31, 2022
 Salary..... Step 2 of the current CTA Contract
 ReasonReplaces Raeann Mokey

- D. THAT the Board of Education be notified of the following CTA unit members whose work assignment requires in-district travel between buildings to be compensated in the amount of \$250 for the 2018-19 school year per the CTA contract.

Erin Abbott	TJ Keegan	Jennifer Sangiacomo
Jennifer Ballard	Lauren Merola	Karin Sencer
Aaron Boudreau	Alicia Ozols	Phil Tommassino
Carrie Briggs	Natalie Partyka	Kay Weiss
Christian Gunn	Valerie Peretin	
Katya Kats	McKenna Robinson	

- E. THAT the Board of Education be notified of the following CTA unit members whose work assignment requires in-district travel between buildings to be compensated in the amount of \$300 for the 2018-2019 school year per the CTA contract.

Kristie Calderon Rebecca Leach Evelyn Smith
 Elaine Flatow Rachel Marcil

- F. THAT the Board of Education approves that the following employees whose work assignment requires in-district travel between buildings to be compensated in the amount indicated below for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Kelly Atkinson \$500 Daniel Honsinger \$500
 Moira Coons \$500 Daniel Hytko \$800

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- G. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Aprille Overocker from her position as Part-Time Teacher Aide (HH).

Effective: March 29, 2019

- H. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Quinasia Johnson 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 Ms. Johnson 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.

Quinasia Johnson

Position..... Part-Time Teacher Aide (HH)
Effective Date..... April 10, 2019 through June 30, 2019
Salary..... \$11.25 per hour
Reason Replaces Aprille Overocker

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

William Hayes

Effective: April 4, 2019

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 – March 2019
 2. Budget Transfers – March 2019
 3. Budget Status Reports – March 2019
 4. Bank Reconciliation Report – March 2019
 5. Extracurricular Activity Report – March 2019
 6. Internal Claims Audit Report – January and February 2019

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education is aware of a \$1,000 donation from Cohoes Waterford Elks to be used for PSAT exam fees.
- B. THAT the Board of Education is aware of a \$1,100 donation from Cohoes Savings Foundation to be used for Global Youth Service Day.
- C. THAT the Board of Education is aware of a \$40 donation from Elizabeth Miller in the memory of Brian Kennedy to be used for athletics.

- D. THAT the Board of Education be aware of the unpaid leaves of absence taken by the following employees:

Employee Name	Dates	Amount of Time
Karen Barr	12/3/18-12/7/18	5 days
Elaine Briceland	1/22/19	1 day
Lisa Burgess	2/7/19 (1/2 day), 3/4/19 (1/2 day), 3/20/19, 3/22/19 (1/2 day), 3/26/19	3.5 days
Kimberly Cestaro	10/5/18	1 day
Kayla Cole	3/5/19 (1/2 day)	0.5 days
Joshua Delude	2/8/19 (1/2 day) – 3/29/19	34.5 days
Stacy Grudecki	3/19/19 (1/2 day), 3/25/19-3/29/19	5.5
Colleen McDonald	11/29/18-12/17/18, 12/18/18 (1/2 day), 12//19/18 – 12/21/18, 2/11/19, 2/25/19, 2/26/19, 3/7/19	20.5 days
Candi O’Brien	3/13/19	1 day
Carolyn Santoro	2/15/19	1 day

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

May 8, 2019, Public Budget Hearing & Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6 p.m.
May 21 2019, Annual Budget Vote & Election, at all 3 elementary schools, 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.
May 22, 2019, Board of Education Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT