

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York**

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**Business Meeting
January 20, 2021
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 6:01 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Giller
Mr. Pascale
Mr. Jackson
Mrs. Dion
Mrs. Carey
Mr. Annely
Mr. Nolin

Also Present: Ms. Peggy O’Shea, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

II. DISTRICT REPORTS

Instructional Update by Ms. O’Shea
Budget Update by Mrs. Mackey

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Removed a duplicate item in Section VI.

IV. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 6, 2021.

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 11/6/20, 11/10/20, 11/13/20, 11/16/20, 11/17/20, 11/19/20, 11/23/20, 12/7/20, 12/8/20, 12/10/20, 12/11/20, 12/15/20, 12/16/20, 12/18/20 and 12/21/20.

- C. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Vanderheyden, in Wynantskill, New York for special education services during the 2020/21 SY for the period December 16, 2020 – June 25, 2021 at a rate of \$44,321 per student and during the ESY period July – August 2021 at a rate of \$7,387. These rates are subject to change based on NYSED finalized rates.

- D. THAT the Board of Education establishes Tuesday, May 18, 2021 as School Board Election and Budget Vote Day with polling hours from 12 Noon – 9 PM at Abram Lansing, Harmony Hill and Van Schaick Elementary Schools.

- E. THAT the Board of Education designates April 12 – April 15, 2021 and April 19 – 22, 2021 as Voter Registration Days at the following locations during normal school hours: Abram Lansing, Harmony Hill and Van Schaick Elementary Schools.

- F. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2021 Board of Voter Registration at no additional compensation: Jacqueline DeChiaro, Carla Rogers, Cliff Bird and Michelle Perry.

- G. THAT the Board of Education approves **change order CO-02-001** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-010-010 Referendum 2019, for Boiler Replacement at Harmony Hill Elementary School.

<i>Contractor</i>	T. McElligott Inc. 589 River Street Troy, NY 12180
Original Contract	\$363,400.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$0.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$363,400.00
CHANGE ORDER CO-02-001	(\$9,934.00)
New Contract Sum	\$353,466.00

- H. THAT the Board of Education approves **change order CO-1** on NYS Education Department Project #01-05-00-01-0-001-022 Referendum 2019, for Roof Replacement at Cohoes Middle School.

<i>Contractor</i>	S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc. 2706 New Scotland Road Voorheesville, NY 12186
Original Contract	\$371,900.00
Previous Change Order(s) Sum	\$0.00
Contract sum prior to this change order	\$371,900.00
CHANGE ORDER CO-1	(\$2,740.00)
New Contract Sum	\$369,160.00

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Kelly Burtnick from her position of Elementary Teacher.
Effective: June 30, 2021
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Richetta Hansen from her position of Elementary Teacher.
Effective: June 30, 2021
- C. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Judith Kubik from her position of Science Teacher.
Effective: June 30, 2021
- D. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Evelyn Smith from her position of Social Worker.
Effective: June 30, 2021
- E. THAT the Board of Education approves the following school psychology practicum students from the College of Saint Rose for placement within the district for a minimum of 240 hours during the spring semester 2021 from 1/11/21 - 5/5/21:

THE COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE

Kristyn Kreutziger with Laura Gerhard at HHS
Caitlin Murphy with Sara Student at CMS

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Shannon Millet 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. Willett 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.

Shannon Willett

Position.....Part-Time Teacher Aide
Effective Date..... January 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021
Salary..... \$12.50 per hour
Reason Open position

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

- A. I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:
 1. Warrants – December 2020
 2. Budget Transfer – December 2020
 3. Budget Status Report – December 2020
 4. Bank Reconciliation Report – December 2020
 5. Extracurricular Activity Report – November 2020
 6. Internal Claims Audit Report – N/A

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the January 20, 2021 Agenda:

VI (A-H); VII (A-F) and IX (A)

Moved by: Mrs. Carey
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 7-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education is aware of a donation of six (6) iPads from DonorsChoose to Abram Lansing Elementary School valued at \$330 each.
- B. THAT the Board of Education is aware of the following donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Cohoes Waterford Elks to be used for various student activities.

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

The Board continued to work on Policies 0000 Mission Statement and Vision & 0200 Commitments and Beliefs. They will appear on the February 10, 2021 agenda for a first reading.

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- February 10, 2021**, Live Streamed at 6:00 p.m.
- February 24, 2021**, Live Streamed at 6:00 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Annely
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 7-0

District Clerk