

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Live Streamed per Governor’s Executive Order 202.91**

**Business Meeting
February 10, 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 5:30 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mrs. Giller

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

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Dion
Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 5:30 PM

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

Excused: Mrs. Giller

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

DISCUSSION

MOTION: To adjourn Executive Session and re-enter Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Jackson
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 6-0

ROLL CALL

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

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Also Present: Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Interim Superintendent of Schools
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II. DISTRICT REPORTS

- Updates: Athletics & COVID-19 by Ms. O'Shea
- Budget Presentations by Elementary School Principals – Mr. Bird, Mrs. DeChiaro and Mr. Perry
- Budget Updates - State Aid & Preliminary Tax Cap by Mrs. Mackey

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

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 20, 2021.
- B. THAT the Board of Education grants permission to the Capital Region BOCES to dispose of obsolete/damaged textbooks that the district is required to provide to non-public schools as follows:

Cohoes Books January 2021

Title	ISBN13	Publisher	Pub Year	Quantity
All Together Gold Ed	9780328239719	Scott Foresman	2008	1
Business & Personal Law	9780078743696	Glencoe	2008	1
Envision Math Gr 4 Common Core Scott Foresman 2012	9780328672622	Prentice Hall	2012	3
NY Science Gr 6 SE	9780076663323	McGraw Hill		4
Scott Foreman Science Gr 1	9780328100019	Scott Foresman	2006	1
Scott Foreman Science Gr 4	9780328100040	Scott Foresman	2006	3
Scott Foresman Science Gr 2	9780328455805	Scott Foresman	2010	1
Street Law - A Course in Practical	9780078799839	Glencoe	2009	1
United States History Survey Ed -	9780133189599	Prentice Hall		1
World Studies Medieval Times To Today Prentice Hall 2008	9780132516594	Prentice Hall	2007	1

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Aja Kerr

Effective: January 25, 2021

Evers, Mary

Effective: January 29, 2021

Casale, Samantha

Fountain, Kayla

Gallagher, Eileen

Gregory, Michael

Honsinger, Mollie

Effective: February 11, 2021

MacPhee, Adrianna

Morris Smith, Akilah

Owens, Cassie

Pompey, Kanika

Testa, Michael

- B. THAT the Board of Education grants tenure to the following individual in the subject area listed:

Ms. Eleftheria Miller (Cohoes High School) – Guidance Counselor

Effective: March 15, 2021

- C. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Elaine Briceland from her position of Special Education Teacher.

Effective: June 30, 2021

- D. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Lisa Ethier from her position of Elementary Teacher.

Effective: June 30, 2021

E. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Kimberly Fitzpatrick from her position of Elementary Teacher.
Effective: June 30, 2021

F. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Laura Schwarz from her position of Elementary Teacher.
Effective: June 30, 2021

G. THAT the Board of Education approve a salary increase due to additional teaching assignments for the following individual for the 2020-2021 school year:

Carrie Briggs – 0.05 FTE as per CTA contract – Music (1.05 FTE total) HH
Effective: February 2, 2021 through June 30, 2021

H. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints the following individual to the Long-Term Substitute Teacher list on an emergency conditional basis.

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

Allison Gallaher

Position..... Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Tenure Area..... Elementary
Effective Date..... February 24, 2021 through June 30, 2021
Salary..... Step 1 of the current CTA contract
Reason..... Replaces Katharine Bouchard

I. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Basketball, Boys Head - UNPAID	Jeff Huneau	0.0
Basketball, Boys Assistant – UNPAID	Brian Murley	0.0
Basketball, Boys Assistant – UNPAID	Mike Marcil	0.0
Basketball, Boys Assistant – UNPAID	Bill LeBeau	0.0
Basketball, Boys Assistant – UNPAID	Nick Izzo	0.0

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Basketball, Girls Head – UNPAID	Morgan Blizinski	0.0
Basketball, Girls Assistant – UNPAID	Bill Smith	0.0
Basketball, Girls Assistant – UNPAID	Kerry Bottenfield	0.0
Basketball, Girls Assistant – UNPAID	Bailei Tetrault	0.0
Competitive Cheer, Head – UNPAID	Michelle Welch	0.0

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

J. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Paula Ahearn from her position of Cleaner.
Effective: February 5, 2021

K. 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 on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointments are a temporary appointment.

Paula Ahearn
Effective: February 11, 2021

L. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Kaylee Francois 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. Francois 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.

Kaylee Francois
Position..... 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide (CHS)
Effective Date..... February 11, 2021
Probation period August 10, 2021
Salary..... Entry level per current CSEA contract
Reason Replaces Andrew Hewitt

ADDENDUM

- M. THAT the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Cohoes City School District and the Cohoes Teachers' Association dated February 10, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provisions therein.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the February 10, 2021 Agenda:

VI (A-B) and VII (A-M)

Moved by: Mrs. Carey
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Annely
Motion carried 6-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

First Reading

0000 Mission Statement & Vision
0200 Commitments & Beliefs

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Annely
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 6-0