

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York**

Live Streamed per Governor's Executive Order 202.101

**Business Meeting
April 21, 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 6:04 p.m. by Board Vice President, Mrs. Giller.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mr. Nolin

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

II. DISTRICT REPORTS

Budget & Operations Update

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 April 14, 2021.
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following dates: 1/21/21, 3/1/21, 3/8/21, 3/9/21, 3/11/21, 3/15/21, 3/16/21, 3/17/21, 3/18/21, 3/22/21, 3/23/21, 3/24/21, 3/25/21, 3/26/21, 3/29/21 and 4/13/21.
- C. THAT the Board of Education adopts the FY2021/22 Budget in the amount of \$43,636,917.

- D. THAT the Board of Education adopts the FY2021/22 Property Tax Report Card.
- E. THAT the Board of Education adopts the 2021/2022 School Calendar.
- F. THAT the Board of Education approves \$5,722 to be expended from the Cafeteria Fund Balance to cover the purchase of a cargo van for the Food Services Program.
- G. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT 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 \$12,199,555 during the school year 2021-22 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

- H. THAT the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby casts its vote for the following candidate(s) to fill two (2) vacant seats for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties:

- 1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Brian Backus (Home District: Niskayuna Central SD) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
- 2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Lynne Lenhardt (Home District: Bethlehem Central SD) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

- A. 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 per the CTA contract for the 2020-21 school year unless otherwise noted:

ADDENDA

E. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual to the Substitute Teacher and Tutor list:

Joanne Baldasare

Effective: April 21, 2021

F. Brian Wallingford

Position..... 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide (HH)

Effective Date..... April 22, 2021

Probation Period.....October 21, 2021

Salary..... Entry level per current CSEA contract

ReasonReplaces Stacy Riccardi

G. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Keith Blais to the position of Full-Time Cleaner 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 Mr. Blais 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.

Keith Blais..... 1.0 FTE Cleaner (AL)

Effective Date..... April 26, 2021

Probation Period.....October 25, 2021

Salary..... Entry level per current CSEA contract

ReasonReplaces Melanie Dozois

H. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VII (E) of the November 4, 2020 Minutes to read as follows:

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:

Gina Martini
Position..... Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Tenure Area.....Elementary
Effective Date.....September 3, 2020 through ~~April 1, 2020~~ **June 30, 2021**
Salary.....Step 1 of the current CTA contract
Reason Replaces Joann Walters

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:
- Warrants – March 2021
 - Budget Transfer – March 2021
 - Budget Status Report – March 2021
 - Bank Reconciliation Report – March 2021
 - Extracurricular Activity Report – N/A
 - Internal Claims Audit Report – January, February & March 2021

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the April 21, 2021 Agenda:

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

Moved by: Mr. Pascale
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
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

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

May 5, 2021, Public Budget Hearing & Meeting, Live Streamed at 6PM
May 18, 2021, Annual Budget Vote & Election, at all 3 elementary schools, 12PM– 9PM
May 19, 2021, Board of Education Meeting, Live Streamed at 6PM

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 6:50 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. Annely
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:00 PM

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

Excused: Mr. Nolin

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

DISCUSSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Dion
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Annely
Motion carried 6-0

District Clerk