

# COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education  
Cohoes, New York**

**Live Streamed per Governor's Executive Order 202.107**

**Business Meeting  
June 16, 2021  
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
  
- II. DISTRICT REPORTS  
Recognition – Retirees  
Recognition – Tenured
  
- 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 June 2, 2021.
  
  - B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following dates: 3/19/21, 3/26/21, 3/29/21, 3/30/21, 4/1/21, 4/13/21, 4/15/21, 4/16/21, 4/23/21, 4/26/21, 4/27/21, 5/4/21, 5/10/21, 5/13/21, 5/14/21, 5/19/21, 5/21/21, 5/26/21, 5/27/21, 6/2/21, 6/3/21, 6/4/21, 6/7/21, 6/8/21 and 6/9/21.
  
  - C. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with North Greenbush Common School District, 48 Greenbush Road, Troy, New York to provide health and welfare services to students residing in the Cohoes City School District and attending school within the North Greenbush Common School District during the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$224.46 per student.
  
  - D. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cohoes City School District and Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth dated June 9, 2021 in order to establish a partnership designed to help reduce youth truancy and improve student behavior.

- E. THAT the Board of Education funds the Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$200,000.
- F. THAT the Board of Education approves to replenish the Retirement Contribution Reserve as follows:

TRS Sub-Fund	\$330,000
ERS	\$270,000

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

Cammarene, Alexandra	Ng, Cody
Delwiche, Holly	Sherwin, Mark
Ellis, Tonya	Short, Daniel
Montica, Taylor	

Effective: June 17, 2021

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby reinstates Jessica Hoffman from the seniority/recall list, pursuant to Education Law §3013, to a position in the Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2021.
- C. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VIII (D) of the July 31, 2019 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Jessica Hoffman to a four-year conditional term in the tenure area of Special Education effective September 1, 2019 and expiring on ~~August 31, 2023~~ **June 2, 2024** on an emergency conditional basis. Ms. Hoffman holds professional certification in the areas of Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 and Childhood Education Grades 1-6.

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

Jessica Hoffman

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, 2023~~ **June 2, 2024**  
Salary ..... Step 5 of the current CTA Contract  
Reason.....Replaces Kristen Aiken

D. THAT the Board of Education grant tenure to the following individuals in the subject areas listed:

Mr. John Dundon (Cohoes Middle School) – English  
Mr. John Ketchoyian (Cohoes High School) – Special Education  
Ms. Francesca Capecelatro (Abram Lansing Elementary School) – Elementary  
Ms. Katie Dobbins (Abram Lansing Elementary School) - Elementary  
Effective: August 31, 2021

E. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2021 Extended School Year Summer Program, July 6, 2021 – August 13, 2021:

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Chris Fess  
Morgan Blizinski  
Marisa Villasenor  
Annette Selig  
Andrew Quinn  
Jacqueline Adams

OT

Moira Coons

SPEECH

Karin Sencer (4 days/week)  
Korrine McGough (1 day/week)

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Kristen Carter  
Lynn Hunter  
Kathy Mossey

F. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2021 Extended School Year Summer Program, July 6, 2021 - August 13, 2021:

NURSES

Ileane O’Connell: 1:1 LPN  
Samatha McCullough- 7/7 - 7/16  
Patricia Scott- 7/19-7/30  
Danielle Ross- 8/2-8/12

- G. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2021 Extended School Year Summer Program, July 6, 2021 - August 13, 2021:

TEACHER AIDE

Felicity Dessingue  
Brittney Brunick  
Ronette Miorin  
Melissa Lowden  
Sue Kruhl  
Kathy Lorman  
Candi O'Brien  
Chris Bastain  
Sherry Thornton and Sherry Stanley (splitting position)  
Sarah Austin (1:1)

- H. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as 2021 Extended School Year Substitutes per the CTA contract:

TEACHER/TA

Katrina Keith  
Bob Keith  
Brianna Houle  
Lindsay Fontaine  
Emily Gioia  
Kristin Callaghan  
Lydia Cappadonia  
Amanda Barrett

TA

Jim Fredericks

- I. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following as Substitute Nurses (as necessary) during the 2021 Extended School Year:

Sandra Kipp  
Shelby Farley  
Lisa LeBlanc  
Samatha McCullough  
Patricia Scott  
Cheryl Barber  
Danielle Ross

- J. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following as 2021 Extended School Year Teacher Aide Substitutes per the CSEA contract:

Melody Morris-Barrett  
Kristie MacGregor  
Sherry Stanley (last three weeks)  
Sherry Thornton (first three weeks)

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

- K. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VII (D) of the May 19, 2021 Minutes to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby **provisionally** appoints Robert Booker to the **probationary** position of Custodian 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.

Robert Booker

Position ..... 1.0 FTE Custodian (~~Provisional~~ **Permanent** appt.) (CHS)  
Effective Date ..... May 24, 2021  
**Probationary Period** ..... **November 23, 2021**  
Salary ..... per CSEA contract  
Reason..... Replaces Jeffrey Rosekrans

- L. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kaylee Francois from her position as Teacher Aide.

Effective: June 25, 2021

- M. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Ileane O’Connell to the probationary position of Full-Time LPN 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. O’Connell 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.

Ileane O’Connell

Position ..... LPN (VS)  
Effective Date ..... June 11, 2021  
Probation Period..... February 10, 2022  
Salary ..... Entry level per current CSEA contract  
Reason..... Replaces Karen Ward

- N. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints Jeffrey Malulon to the probationary position of 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

temporary appointment.

Jeffrey Malulon

Position ..... 1.0 FTE Cleaner (AL)  
Effective Date ..... June 14, 2021  
Probationary Period ..... December 13, 2021  
Salary ..... per CSEA contract  
Reason..... Replaces Keith Blais

- O. 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.

Joshua Giller

Nicolas Ernst

Effective: June 17, 2021

Sean M. VanSleet

Effective: July 1, 2021

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 – N/A
- Budget Transfer – May 2021
- Budget Status Report – May 2021
- Bank Reconciliation Report – May 2021
- Extracurricular Activity Report – May 2021
- Internal Claims Audit Report – N/A

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

**First Reading**

0100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**July 7, 2021** – Reorganization & Business Meeting, CHS Cafeteria & Livestreamed  
at 6 PM

XV. ADJOURNMENT