COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Business Meeting
November 18, 2026
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. EX OFFICIO STUDENT REPORT

III. DISTRICT REPORTS
Superintendent's Update – Ms. O'Shea
Elementary Drama Club Presentation
Secondary Building Level Plans – Cohoes High School
Business Update- Stacy Mackey

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. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education adopts the minutes of the November 4, 2026 Business Meeting.

B. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts the minutes for the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for the following dates:

9/14/26, 9/17/26, 10/5/26, 10/6/26, 10/8/26, 10/13/26, 10/15/26, 10/16/26, 10/19/26, 10/20/26, 10/21/26, 10/22/26, 10/23/26, 10/26/26, 10/27/26, 10/29/26, 11/2/26, 11/3/26, 11/5/26

C. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 31 Day Emergency Student Transportation Contract (EM1) to Star and Strand to transport ESY Summer Students; Out of State Only effective July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026 and authorizes the State Education Department documentation.

D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 31 Day Emergency Student Transportation Contract (EM2) to Star and Strand to transport ESY Summer Students; Out of State Only effective August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 and authorizes the State Education Department documentation.

E. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the Student Transportation Contract to Durham School Services to transport Regular & Special Education Students; effective September 11, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and authorizes the State Education Department documentation.

F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the individual student contract dated October 27, 2026 between the Cohoes City School District and Vanderheyden, located at P.O. Box 219 Wynantskill, New York 12198 for educational services in the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $62,523

per student (rates are subject to finalization by NYSED) in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

G. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education adopts the following revised policies upon second reading effective immediately as presented:

5100 Student Attendance
5151 Students in Temporary Housing
1050 Annual District Election and Budget Vote

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby abolishes the following Board of Education policies, effective immediately, the contents of which have been incorporated, as applicable, into the above referenced policies:

2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTIONAL

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

Arace, Landon
Dispinzeri Pedrotti, Claudia
Dobbs, Keith
Holman, Nicole
Larkin-Gorman, Elisabeth
Nowack, Beckie
Senecal, Tyler
Shapiro, Molly

Effective: November 19, 2026

B. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education grant tenure to the following individual in the subject area listed:

Ms. Ashley Hoffmann (Cohoes High School) – Social Studies
Effective: December 15, 2026
Mr. Joshua Lewandowski (Cohoes High School) – Social Studies
Effective: January 15, 2027

C. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amend item VIII (N) of the October 7, 2026 Agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher:

Megan Leylegian
Position…….Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher (AL)
Effective Date……..…October 6, 2026 through ~~**December 22, 2026**~~ **January 14, 2027**
Salary……..…..……..Step 1 of the current CTA contract

D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amend item VIII (H) of the November 4, 2026 Agenda

to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoints Emily Durkee to a four - year probationary term in the tenure area of Special Education, effective September 15, 2026, and expiring on September 14, 2030. Ms. Durkee holds Initial Certification in the areas of Students With Disabilities - Grades 7-12 Generalist and Social Studies 7-12.

Emily Durkee
Position.....1.0 FTE Special Education (CHS)
Certification.....Students With Disabilities - Grades 7-12 Generalist
Tenure Area.....Special Education
Effective Date .....September 15, 2026
Tenure Date..... …….....September 14, 2030
Salary ..... Step ~~2~~ **1** of the current CTA contract

E. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual as a Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant:

Blake Cribbs
Position…….Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant (CHS)
Effective Date……...Novbember 19, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Salary……..As per the current CTA contract,
.....Teacher Assistant Salary Schedule with BA/BS

F. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individual to the Building Leadership Team listed below for the 2026-2027 school year:

Cohoes High School:
Kaitlyn Kidder
Effective: October 27, 2026

NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

G. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individual to the Cleaner Substitute list, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission, such appointments are temporary appointments.

Paul VanDuren, Jr.
Effective: November 16, 2026

H. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby appoints Jaycie Daniele to the position of full time Teacher Aide, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission, such appointment is a probationary appointment.

Jaycie Daniele
Position.....1.0 FTE Teacher Aide (AL)
Effective Date.....November 5, 2026
Probation period.....May 4, 2027

Salary.....entry level per current CSEA contract

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:
- Warrants- October 2026
- Budget Transfers – n/a
- Budget Status Report – n/a
- Revenue Status Report – n/a
- Bank Reconciliation Report – n/a
- Internal Claims Audit Report – October 2026

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading: Policy Revisions and Consolidations
The following policies are presented for first reading as part of a consolidation and reorganization of Board Policy. Certain policies are proposed for abolishment, with their substantive provisions incorporated into revised or existing policies.

- Proposed Revisions
5100 Student Attendance
5151 Students in Temporary Housing

- Proposed Revisions to existing policies to incorporate content from abolished policies:
1050 Annual District Election and Budget Vote

- Proposed abolishment of the following policy; whose content has been incorporated to the above:
2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

December 16, 2026- Cohoes Middle School Library at 6 PM

XVI. ADJOURNMENT