COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Business Meeting
November 4, 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 Building Level Plans
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 October 21, 2026 Business Meeting.

B. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amend item VII (H) of the August 5, 2026 agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 31 Day Emergency Student Transportation Contract to Durham School Services to transport ESY Summer Students; Wildwood Schools Only effective July 13, 2026 to ~~August 21, 2026~~ **August 12, 2026** and authorizes the State Education Department documentation.

C. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 31 Day Emergency Student Transportation Contract to Durham School Services to transport ESY Summer Students; Wildwood Schools Only effective August 13, 2026 through August 31, 2026 and authorizes the State Education Department documentation.

D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Cohoes City School District and Turner Construction Company , located at 1 Computer Drive South Albany, New York 12205 for Construction Management services for the 2025 Capital Improvement Project in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

E. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the contract dated July 29, 2026 by and between the Cohoes City School District and Crossroads Center for Children, 395 Becker Drive, Schenectady, New York for special education services from September 9, 2026 through June 25, 2027 at a rate of $52,178.00 (rates are subject to finalization by NYSED) and in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

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:

Bruno, Anna
Corrigan, Patrick
Gallant, Patricia
Pigliavento, Colleen
Prevratil, Frank
Valenti, Sheri
Van Royen, Joanna

Effective: November 5, 2026

B. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mary Durkin from her position as a Speech Teacher (AL).

Effective: November 23, 2026

C. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education **rescind** its action on item VIII (D) of the October 21, 2026 Meeting agenda:

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

Aaron Madej
Position……..…..……Long-Term Special Education Teacher (CHS)
Tenure Area……..……Special Education
Effective Date……..…….October 26, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Salary ……..……..…..Step 1 of the current CTA contract

D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amend item VII (G) of the October 25, 2023 Agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Stacey Hanley to a four - year probationary term in the tenure area of Special Education, effective November 6, 2023 and expiring on ~~**November 5, 2027**~~ **November 23, 2026**. Ms. Hanley holds Professional Certifications in the areas of Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Stacey Hanley
Position..... 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher (AL)
Certification..... Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6)
Tenure Area..... Special Education
Effective Date..... November 6, 2023
Tenure Date ..... ~~**November 5, 2027**~~ **November 23, 2026**
Salary ..... Step 10 of the current CTA contract

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

Ms. Stacey Hanley (Abram Lansing Elementary School) – Special Education
Effective: November 23, 2026

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a salary increase due to additional teaching assignments for the following individuals for the 2026-2027 school year:

Bonnie-Jo Bellville – 0.125 FTE as per CTA contract – ENL (VS)
Katrina Keith – 0.125 FTE as per CTA contract – ENL (VS)
Effective: September 28, 2026 through ~~**October 30, 2026**~~ **December 31, 2026**
Emily Durkee – 0.2 FTE as per CTA contract – Special Education (CHS)
Margaret Brownell – 0.2 FTE as per CTA contract – Special Education (CHS)
Denise Assalian – 0.2 FTE as per CTA contract – Special Education (CHS)
Effective: September 25, 2026 through December 31, 2026

G. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amend item VIII (Q) of the April 15, 2026 Agenda to read as follows:

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

Emily Durkee
Position……...Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher (CHS)
Tenure Area……Special Education
Effective Date……May 4, 2026 through ~~**June 30, 2027**~~ **September 14, 2026**
Salary ……..……..Step 1 of the current CTA contract

H. 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 of the current CTA contract

I. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoint the following teacher as Teacher Leader to the subject area listed for the 2026-2027 school year:

Cohoes High School
John Ketchoyian– Special Education
Effective: October 26, 2026

J. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individual to the 2026-2027 Future-Ready Pathways Extended Learning Program (grant funded):

Teachers
Denise Assalian - Substitute

K. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as MTSS Building Coordinators with a stipend of **$4,800** (pro rated) for the 2026- 2027 school year (grant funded) :

Christina Kellar - Van Schaick Grade School
Holly Scensny - Abram Lansing Elementary School
Kimberly Rooney - Harmony Hill School
Katherine Rumsey - Cohoes Middle School
Marilyn Barton - Cohoes High School

Effective: October 26, 2026

L. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below for the 2026-2027 school year, as per the CTA contract. Position is contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Volleyball - Modified	Hannah Mazzeo	1.0

M. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below for the 2026-2027 school year, as per the CTA contract. Position is contingent upon acceptable program enrollment:

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY	NAME	FTE
Basketball - Boys Varsity	Jeffery Huneau	1.0
Basketball - Boys Unpaid Assistant	Michael Marcil	0
Basketball - Boys Unpaid Assistant	Brian Murley	0
Basketball - Boys JV	Nicholas Izzo	1.0
Basketball - Boys Modified	Joseph Landers	1.0
Basketball - Girls Varsity	Morgan Blizinski	1.0

Basketball - Girls Modified	Molly Stewart	1.0
Indoor Track - Boys Varsity	Kerry Winters	1.0
Indoor Track - Girls Varsity	Jennifer VanHorne	1.0
Indoor Track - Varsity Assistant	Michaela Troy	1.0
Bowling - Varsity	Pamela Bertrand	1.0
Bowling - Unpaid Assistant	William Lajeunesse	0
Bowling - Unified	Ashley Hoffmann	1.0
Cheerleading - Varsity (Winter)	Hanna Wilson	1.0
Chealeading - JV	Tatianna Rivera-Truesell	1.0

NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

N. 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.

Anna Hicks
Effective: November 5, 2026

O. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Blake Edgington from his position as a Campus Safety Monitor (VS).

Effective: October 28, 2026

P. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Erica Coleman to the position of Senior Typist (10 Month), subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission; such appointment is a probationary appointment, jurisdictional classification in NYHELPS.

Erica Coleman
Position.....1.0 FTE 10 Month Senior Typist (CHS)
Effective Date.....October 26, 2026
Probation period.....April 25, 2027
Salary..... per CSEA contract

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

Bridget Howansky
Position.....1.0 FTE Special Education 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- n/a
- Budget Transfers – additional; year end- June 2026
- Budget Status Report – n/a
- Revenue Status Report – n/a
- Bank Reconciliation Report – n/a
- Internal Claims Audit Report – n/a

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

First 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

November 18, 2026- Cohoes Middle School Library at 6 PM
December 16, 2026- Cohoes Middle School Library at 6 PM

XVI. ADJOURNMENT