

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: March 4, 2009

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rosemary Craig, President, Susan L. Mulligan, Vice-President, David C. Borgstrom, Paula M. Greene, Mary B. Leonard, Theresa J. Russo, Anthony J. Scalici

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools
James A. Collison, Business Manager
Michael G. Cring, Middle School Principal/Director of PE,
Health and Athletics
Teresa L. Gorman, Elementary Principal

President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Penney Gentile spoke about the summer Drivers' Education Program and presented petitions to continue this program for the summer of 2009. Annmarie Bascio asked questions about the format for the budget work session. Mikal Sky-Shrewsbury asked questions about the budget.

Mrs. Craig turned the meeting over to Dr. Jennifer Bolton-Carls, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services, Otsego-Northern Catskills BOCES, for a presentation on the 2009-2010 BOCES Administrative Budget. Dr. Bolton-Carls distributed 2009-2010 Services Guides and 2009-2010 Administrative Budget packets. She began by explaining what BOCES is, the reason for the presentation, BOCES Aid, and the budget process. Dr. Bolton-Carls reviewed the administrative budget and three year comparison and the overview and summary of changes to the administrative budget, the summary of component charges, the district contract analysis and aid summary, the capital budget, the total budget increase/decrease for each component district, and the list of BOCES services that Cooperstown purchases. She then presented and explained the CTE Equipment Reserve. Questions and discussion followed. Mrs. Craig thanked Dr. Bolton-Carls for coming to the meeting and her presentation.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the following warrants: SN-56 dated January 29, 2009, School Lunch Fund dated February 10, 2009, WN-62 dated February 10, 2009, SN-64 dated February 10, 2009, and SN-68 dated February 24, 2009, for Board information.

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Mrs. McPhail presented the first draft of the 2009-2010 Budget. She stated that the proposed budget is \$16,033,614, which represents a 1.25% decrease, the revenue reflects a reduction in State Aid of 10.72%, and a projected average increase on the tax levy of 2.08%. Mrs. McPhail highlighted some items that are included in the proposed budget and items for Board consideration at the budget work session on March 11th.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Quarterly Extracurricular Report for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for the period January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009, as follows:

Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	38,210.20
CD's	421,571.33	
Prize	38,183.71	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	49,935.45
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	461,885.70
NBT	2,377,282.33	
JPM	223,115.37	
Citizens	148,013.09	
CD's	2,500,000.00	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	67,941.44
Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	1,391.83
Savings	1,051,546.22	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule – SN-63 dated February 26, 2009 totaling \$50,177.24 as follows:

Fiscal Advisors	487.50
CCS General Fund	2,500.00
Bagnall Electric, Inc	47,189.74

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the adjustment to the purchase price of the forty-eight (48) passenger bus at a cost of \$98,644.15 for the 2009/2010 school year, pending voter approval.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Cooperstown Central School participate in cooperative bidding for bread and bread products for the school year 2009-2010 with other school districts in the Southern Tier of New York State, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Doretta Hughson, Clerk of the Board of Education, GST BOCES, be designated to advertise, receive and open said bids and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Cooperstown Central School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan gave a report on the Operations, Grounds and Audit Committee meeting of March 4, 2009.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 7240: Student Records: Access and Challenge, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 7242: Student Directory Information, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of February 12, 2009.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Phyllis Newell, Elementary Teacher, effective August 12, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ms. Gail McShane, Library Media Specialist, effective July 1, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Greene. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Jane Hanson, School Nurse Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Greene. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Sharon Curry, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Judith Green, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mr. Paul Tobler, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for his many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Leonard. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Barbara Lopez, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, with deep regret and thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant the request for a leave of absence from Mrs. Donna Hribar, School Monitor and Bus Monitor, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for Wednesday, April 8, 2009, Thursday, April 9, 2009, Monday, April 20, 2009, and Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant the request for a leave of absence from Mrs. Kristin Potrikus, Teacher Aide, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for one-half (1/2) day on Friday, March 6, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici, to remove the 2008/2009 Coaching Assignments from the table.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following coaching positions for the 2008/2009 school year, contingent upon CPR, First Aid certification, and defibrillator training (AED):

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Varsity Baseball	Frank Miosek
JV Baseball	Samuel Ackerman *
Modified Baseball	Thomas Cannistra
Varsity Softball	David Bliss
JV Softball	Rachel Bliss/Harold Lippitt
Modified Softball	Joseph Pestar
Boys Varsity Track	Joseph Kennedy
Girls Varsity Track	Connie Herzig
Boys Modified Track	Wayne Weir
Girls Modified Track	Brenda Jaeger
Golf	David Peplinski
Tennis	David Bertram
Asst. Varsity Track (B & G)	Justin Hobbie
Asst. Modified Track (B & G)	Michael Leggett

*Contingent upon fingerprinting clearance

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following extracurricular positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

Lighting/Sound Designer (Senior Play)	Michael DeSimone
Set Design Construction (Senior Play)	Dennis Hascup

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Greene. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Mrs. Maureen Schwartzman as Volunteer Coordinator effective February 23, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year at an hourly rate of \$14.00.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2008/2009 school year: Joseph Kennedy – Teacher and Andrew Rock – Teacher and Teacher Aide.

Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of March 3, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: March 5th - Early Release Day – Teacher Staff Development, March 17th – High School Mid-Winter Concert at 7:30 PM, and March 18th – Concert Snow Date.

Mrs. McPhail presented the Statement of Intention Report dated September, 2008 to March, 2009, for Board information.

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Mr. Cring talked about the Sixth Grade Portfolio presentations, 7th grade presentations in April, 8th grade presentations in May, Middle School Community meeting, NYS Math tests, teachers attending Expeditionary Learning National Conference, and Athletics. Ms. Gorman talked about Odyssey of the Mind competition, Art/Music Night on March 26th, and NYS Math test.

Mrs. Craig presented the Quarterly VanHorne Scholarship Fund Investment Report dated January 31, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Craig presented the Quarterly Thayer Family Scholarship Fund Investment Report dated January 31, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Craig presented the Quarterly Elizabeth White Scholarship Fund Investment Report dated January 31, 2009, for Board information.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on January 30 and February 6, 2009 and the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on February 9 and February 24, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Craig presented the Tuition Student report dated March 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Craig presented the Upcoming BOCES Activities memo, for Board information.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to appoint Amy Kukenberger to the Committee on Special Education as a Member on Request.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Peg O'Dell commented on the Sixth Grade Portfolio presentations and the 6th grade move and PTO's willingness to hold an open discussion meeting. Ann Capozza asked about the Volunteer Coordinator position. Mikal Sky-Shrewsberry asked about the budget work session. Ann Capozza asked if there were any additional retirements. Gail Sacchi asked questions about the policies regarding the student records. Ann Capozza asked about the self-contained classroom. Peg O'Dell asked about elementary teacher assignments for next year. Gail Sacchi asked about the reductions in non-instructional staff.

Mrs. Craig announced the Budget Work Session on March 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 8:31 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 10:28 PM.

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Greene, immediately moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk