

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: April 1, 2009

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: David C. Borgstrom

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.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to amend the agenda under Personnel, to remove Non-instructional Appointment.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Craig turned the meeting over to Mrs. Michelle Hitchcock, Library Media Specialist, for a presentation entitled Internet, Research and the Library Media Center. Mrs. Hitchcock began with an overview of the main topics of the presentation. She talked about the Internet, Web Page Evaluation, Research Guides and Resources, Bibliographies, Source Aid, Online Databases, Turnitin, OPALS, and the Library Media Center Goals. Questions and discussion followed. Mrs. Craig thanked Mrs. Hitchcock for her informative presentation.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2009.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the following warrant: School Lunch Fund dated March 10, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. McPhail stated that the proposed budget is \$16,548,922., which represents a 1.92% increase, the revenue reflects an addition of \$695,872 in aid based upon stimulus funding in NYS budget, and a projected average increase on the tax levy of 1.2%. She also reviewed budget adjustments as of April 1st and some items that are included in the proposed budget.

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Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to adopt the proposed 2009/2010 Budget in the amount of \$16,548,922.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved approval of Budget Transfer Schedule #4 dated March 16, 2009.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of Change Order SC-2 at an decrease of \$3,270.16 and authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to sign.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan gave an update on the playground. She stated that the company will replace the surface as soon as we have 3 consecutive days of 65 degrees or warmer.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved an amendment to Policy 7240: Student Records: Access and Challenge, for second reading and adoption. (See attached.)

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved an amendment to Policy 7242: Student Directory Information, for second reading and adoption.

SUBJECT: STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The District shall publish an annual public notice informing parents or eligible students (i.e., a student eighteen (18) years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education) of the District's definition of directory information, the parent/eligible student's right to refuse the release of student directory information and indication of the time period for their response. (Directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.) Following such public notice and a reasonable response period, the District may release such information to an outside group without individual consent.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the District defines student directory information as the following: name; address; telephone listing; grade level; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; and, honors, degrees and awards received.

Directory information **does not** include:

- a) A student's social security number; or
- b) A student's identification (ID) number, except as provided below.

Directory information includes a student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

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The release of student directory information is not to be confused with the release of names, addresses and telephone listings of eligible students (i.e., a student seventeen (17) years of age or older or in the eleventh grade (or its equivalent) or higher) to Military Recruiters. In compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the National Defense Authorization Act, the School District shall notify parents that by law it routinely releases this information to Military Recruiters upon request subject to a parents'/eligible students' request not to disclose such information with written parental verification of such request.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
20 United States Code (USC) 1232(g)
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 99

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7242 – Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to delete Policy 7241: Release of Information to the Noncustodial Parent.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2008/2009 school year: Dona Syman – Teacher, Caitlin Kelly – CROP Peer Tutor, and Mackenzie LaValley – CROP Peer Tutor.

Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum meetings of March 25, 2009 and April 1, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: April 2, 3, 4 – Senior Play at 7:30 PM, April 6 – College Planning Night, Juniors and Parents at 7:00 PM, April 7 – Fifth Grade Parents' Night at 7:00 PM, April 7 – BOCES Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM, and April 10-17 – Spring Vacation.

Mrs. McPhail presented the list of Clark Scholarship winners for the class of 2009.

Mrs. McPhail stated that the unused snow days will be used on Monday, April 20, 2009 and Friday, May 22, 2009.

Ms. Gorman reported on the State audit of 3rd grade tests, State science exams, Art and Music Night, Kindergarten registration, and 3rd grade storytelling. Mr. Cring reported on State science exams, 7th grade math field test, 6th grade medieval expedition, middle school community meeting, athletics, and report cards and progress reports for grades 6-12.

Mrs. McPhail announced that the Ruggles Essay assembly is Monday, April 6th at 9:00 AM.

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 March 13, March 16, March 17, and March 24, 2009.

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Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved to approve the Annual Budget Hearing for May 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to approve the Budget Vote and Election date for May 19, 2009 from 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM in the Middle/High School Auditorium.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to appoint the Machine Custodian and Assistant Clerks/Inspectors for the 2009-2010 Budget Vote and School Board Election as follows:

John Cunero – Machine Custodian

Jo-Anne Weir - Assistant Clerk/Inspector
Bernice Bachanas - Assistant Clerk/Inspector
Velma Armstrong – Assistant Clerk/ Inspector
Barbara Skinner - Assistant Clerk/Inspector
Jean Finch – Assistant Clerk/Inspector
Nancy Morton – Assistant Clerk/Inspector (Alternate)
Maryann Dietz – Assistant Clerk/Inspector (Alternate)
Mary Jean Nicholson – Assistant Clerk/Inspector (Alternate)

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the Contract for Services between Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. Headstart and the Cooperstown School District for the 2008-2009 school year. (A copy of the contract is on file with the minutes of this meeting.)

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Under Public Comments, Jim Brophy commended the Board for their work on the budget. He also commented on the location of the Board meetings. Sue Bergene asked about the committee to study the location of the 6th grade. Bennett Sandler asked about the elimination of the administrative position.

Mrs. Craig announced that the Special Propositions and Board Members' Petitions are due on April 20, 2009, and the next regular Board meeting is April 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons and contract negotiations with the faculty association at 8:14 PM.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 10:35 PM.

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Motion carried.

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

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Clerk