

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: April 22, 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.

Mrs. Oliver commented on the middle school presentation of March 18, 2009, ELOB, and parent's fear of retaliation if they speak out about their child's education. Noreen Polus commented about her experiences meeting with teachers with no retaliation. She also asked about internet safety.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the following warrants: WN-72 dated March 25, 2009, SN-73 dated March 30, 2009, School Lunch Fund dated April 7, 2009, SN-76 dated March 30, 2009, WN-77 dated April 7, 2009 and WN-78 dated April 7, 2009, for Board information.

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

Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	25,284.22
CD's	421,571.00	
Prize	38,467.83	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	54,853.65
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	1,793,308.72
NBT	2,679,536.07	
JPM	2,233,347.59	
Citizens	148,195.22	
CD's	500,000.00	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	77,611.23

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Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	12,554.42
Savings	952,371.31	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Cafeteria Financial Report for the period January 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the Budget Status Report dated March 31, 2009, for Board information. Questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to authorize Mr. Collison to send a tax refund to Jack Vineyard and Linda Graves in the amount of \$387.48, to reflect an error in the star exemption.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

RESOLVED, Mrs. Mulligan moves and Mr. Scalici seconds the motion to approve the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

RESOLVED, Mrs. Mulligan moves and Dr. Borgstrom seconds the motion to elect the following three (3) candidates to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education:

Dean Utter  
James Lewis  
Susan Eichler

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

RESOLVED, Mrs. Mulligan moves and Dr. Borgstrom seconds the motion, upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, that the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES establish a career and technical education (CTE) equipment reserve fund, in accordance with the requirements of Education Law, Section 1950(4)(ee), as added by Chapter 530 of the Laws of 1985, and the requirement of Section 170.3(k) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan gave a report on the Operations, Grounds and Audit Committee meeting of April 22, 2009.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of April 2, 2009.

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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 amend the retirement date for Mrs. Phyllis Newell, Elementary Teacher, from August 12, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

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 grant a three-day unpaid leave of absence to Mrs. Michele Townsend, Special Education Teacher, for Thursday, May 7, 2009 through Monday, May 11, 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 appoint Ms. Jenna Bartow to the tenure position of Teacher in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2009, who holds an initial New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

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 appoint Mrs. Kristin Butler to the tenure position of Teacher in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2009, who holds a permanent New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Pre-K, K, Grades 1-6.

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 appoint Mr. Erik Hanson to the position of Teacher in the Elementary tenure area for the third year of a three-year probationary period, to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on September 1, 2010, who holds an initial New York State Certificate permitting him to teach subjects in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

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 appoint Ms. Andrea Wissick to the position of Teacher in the Special Education tenure area for the second year of a three-year probationary period, to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on September 1, 2010, who holds an initial New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Students with Disabilities (B-Grade 2) and (1-6).

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 appoint Mrs. Barbara Cannon to the tenure position of Teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2009, who holds a permanent New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Special Education.

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 Mr. Justin Hobbie to the tenure position of Teacher in the Physical Education tenure area effective September 1, 2009, who holds a permanent New York State Certificate permitting him, to teach subjects in Physical Education.

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 appoint Mrs. Kristin Pullyblank to the position of Teacher in the Science tenure area for the third year of a three-year probationary period, to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on September 1, 2010, who holds an initial New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Biology 7-12.

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 appoint Mr. Nicholas Marcantonio to the position of Teacher in the Mathematics tenure area for the third year of a three-year probationary period, to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on September 1, 2010, who holds a professional New York State Certificate permitting him to teach subjects in Math 7-12.

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, does hereby accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cooperstown Central School District Faculty Association and the Superintendent of Schools of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education regarding Athletic Coordinator, dated April 16, 2009 and authorization for the Superintendent to sign said agreement.

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 abolish the Business Manager position effective June 30, 2009.

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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 abolish the High School Principal position effective June 30, 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 abolish the Middle School Principal/Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics position effective June 30, 2009.

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 abolish the School Nurse Teacher position effective June 30, 2009.

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 abolish a Bus Driver position effective June 30, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby abolish a .5 FTE Teacher Aide position effective June 30, 2009.

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 create a full-time, twelve (12) month School Business Administrator/Building Administrator, Miscellaneous Professional Staff position, effective July 1, 2009.

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 create a full-time, twelve (12) month Secondary Principal, Miscellaneous Professional Staff position, effective July 1, 2009.

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 create a part-time, ten (10) month with summer per diem days as needed, Athletic Coordinator, Faculty Association position, effective July 1, 2009.

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 create a full-time (7 ½ hours per day), ten (10) month School Nurse, Miscellaneous Support Staff position, effective July 1, 2009.

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 reduce one (1) full-time English Teacher position to a part-time (.6 FTE) position, effective September 1, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby reduce one (1) full-time Music Teacher position to a part-time (.6 FTE) position, effective September 1, 2009.

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 increase the certified long-term teacher substitute rate for consecutive days of two weeks or more from \$85 per day to \$100 per day effective April 21, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitute for the 2008/2009 school year: Nancy Fisher – CROP Peer Tutor.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the following Elementary textbook:

Handwriting, Zaner-Bloser, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum meeting of April 7, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: May 1<sup>st</sup> – Junior Ballroom Dance Cotillion and May 5<sup>th</sup> – Eighth Grade Parents' Night.

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Mrs. McPhail gave an update on Kid Garden.

Mrs. McPhail presented news from State Senator Seward regarding Senate Republicans Propose Mandate Relief in State Budget.

Mrs. McPhail stated that the Board of Regents has appointed Carole Huxley as the Interim Commissioner of Education effective July 1, 2009.

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 26 and April 7, 2009 and the recommendations of the Preschool Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on April 8, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to accept the donation of 2 targets and 5 dozen arrows from Sportsmen Helping Others Through Sharing (SHOTS), Inc. to the physical education department for archery and instructed Mrs. McPhail to write a letter of appreciation.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Craig gave a report on the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Annual Meeting of April 7, 2009. Mrs. McPhail gave an update on the use of the Cyr Center.

Under Public Comments, Noreen Polus commented on the teaching of cursive writing. Mikal Sky-Shrewsberry asked about the weighted grading and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents' night. Noreen Polus asked about Honor Society, weighted grading and the principal position that was created.

Mrs. Craig announced that the Annual Budget Hearing is May 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons and benefits for administrative and confidential employees at 8:15 PM.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 10:26 PM.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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Clerk