

# CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Special Meeting of the Board of Education December 10, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District, Broome County, New York, was held in the Chenango Valley Middle School Cafeteria, 221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, New York, Town of Fenton, on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Gerald G. Abbey, Jr. (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Jack Cashman, Gerard M. Cooney, Jr., James DeGennaro, Stuart W. Elliott (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Lynn M. Kaufman, James W. Penwell, President, Steven Randall and Everett Vail, Vice President.

Also present were Allen D. Buyck, District Superintendent of Broome-Tioga BOCES, Susan M. Cirba, District Clerk and residents from the community.

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Motion by Cashman, Seconded by DeGennaro:

Open Meeting  
6:02 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the special meeting be convened to Open Session at 6:02 p.m. with Mr. Kurt Mohny leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>
Cashman	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</u>	Vail	<u>YES</u>
Cooney	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

G. Abbey  
S. Elliott  
arrived @  
6:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Mr. Allen D. Buyck, District Superintendent at Broome-Tioga BOCES, explained to the Board of Education and community residents the services BT BOCES is prepared to provide in the District's search for a new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Buyck provided a timeline for the selection process, shared a sample brochure, and opened the floor to questions and answers from residents.

New Supt. Discussion  
A. Buyck

District resident, Mr. Dana Benjamin, inquired as to the terms of the contract for the incoming Superintendent and questioned what types of performance requirements would be in place. Mr. Penwell, Board President, indicated the Board of Education would be working with the District's attorney, Mr. Carl A. Kieper, on the contract language.

Chenango Valley Teachers' Association President and High School Science Teacher, Mr. Thomas Snyder, questioned whether the candidates for the position of Superintendent would be interested in investigating a consolidation study with Chenango Forks Central School District. Mr. Penwell noted that this topic had not yet been addressed with the Board and would need to be before further comment could be made. Mr. Allen D. Buyck, BOCES District Superintendent, added that there may be the possibility of functional services consolidation and that this, too, would be further investigated.

Mr. Stuart Elliott, Board of Education member, inquired about offering a three-year contract to the new Superintendent and wondered what would happen if the new person really isn't a good fit for the school district. Mr. Buyck remarked that there is typically contract language that is included which is tailored to this type of circumstance.

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District resident, Mrs. Judy Snyder, commented that the timeline for the Superintendent Search seemed to be an aggressive one. Mr. Buyck responded that while it may seem aggressive, it is certainly achievable.

New Supt.  
Discussion  
(cont'd)  
A. Buyck

Mr. Thomas Snyder, CVTA President and HS Science Teacher, again questioned the 'good fit' of the incoming Superintendent. Mr. Penwell commented that if the Board felt there were no candidates for the position, the Board would then revisit its options. Mr. Penwell further stated that the possibility of Mr. Carmen A. Ciullo, current Superintendent of Schools, staying on as Superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year may not be likely as Mr. Ciullo may already be committed to other opportunities, such as that of Interim Superintendent in another school district.

Mr. Thomas Snyder went on to say that if the Board would be willing to consider having Mr. Ciullo stay on for another year, then why not simply have Mr. Ciullo stay on with the District through the 2009-2010 school year and not continue searching for his replacement? Mr. Penwell responded that the Board of Education must consider the best options for the school district.

District resident, Mr. Kurt Mohny, suggested the Board of Education interview at least one candidate from outside the state of New York to possibly bring new ideas to the District.

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Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Cooney:

Meeting  
Adjourn  
6:42 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>
Cashman	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Vail	<u>YES</u>
Cooney	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

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Susan M. Cirba, District Clerk