

CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 15, 2010

The regular monthly 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 15, 2010.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: James DeGennaro, Stuart W. Elliott, Terrence M. Kane, Lynn M. Kaufman, President James W. Penwell, Vice President, Steven Randall, Eric Rifenbury and Maureen A. Roberts. Gerald G. Abbey, Jr. was absent.

Also present was Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, David P. Gill, Assistant Superintendent, Elizabeth I. Donahue, School Business Executive and Susan M. Cirba, District Clerk.

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Kane:

Open Meeting
6:36 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be convened to Open Session at 6:36 p.m.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>ABS</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Roberts, Seconded by Kane:

Executive Session
6:36 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual negotiations.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>ABS</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

L. Kaufman arrived @ 6:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Roberts, Seconded by DeGennaro:

Open Session
7:10 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Item 1, President, Mr. James W. Penwell, began the Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

Item 2, Mrs. Maureen Roberts, Board Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3, Board member, Gerald G. Abbey, Jr. was noted as absent.

Item 4, Recognition of Visitors: Mr. Michael Pandich, community member.

- Mr. Pandich questioned the presentation from last year's budget meeting stating 80% of budget was due to retiree benefits. Has the District investigated a Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees over 65?
 - Dr. Douglas stated that any retirees would have to be negotiated with the active teachers and extend it to retirees.
 - Mr. Penwell noted that based on the usage of policy premium remains the same unless the experience rating changes.
 - Mr. Pandich suggested the District look into it.
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Item 5, Motion by Elliott, Seconded by Rifenburg:

<u>Approval Minutes</u>

RESOLVED, that the **Minutes** of the meeting of **November 17, 2010** be received and placed on file.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenburg	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Item 6, Superintendent's Report –

<u>Item 6, Supt. Rpt.</u>

- Dr. Douglas commended all the faculty and students for outstanding holiday concerts.
 - He also stated the CV vs. CF basketball game had a full house and tremendous participation.
 - The Building Conditional Survey is being finalized and followed up with Ashley McGraw Architects.
 - CV will be moving forward and closing on the depot property acquisition from the US Department of Education by the end of the year.
 - Over the next 4 months, each building will be presenting to the Board of Education, starting tonight with the High School.
 - Dr. Douglas yielded the floor to the High School Executive Principal, Mr. Terry Heller, in order for him to highlight positive successes in the high school community.
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Item 9, Discussion Items

(A) Chenango Valley High School Presentation – Mr. Terry Heller

- Mr. Heller shared with the Board members his thoughts on what a tremendous place Chenango Valley is. He stated he does not want to dwell in the past regarding regents exam but as a very competitive person he will focus toward the future. There will be more faculty meetings along with department chair meetings, attention to ALS services, as well as a focus on assessments. CV has initiated new curriculum mapping and half days have been scheduled to assist our teachers.
- Mr. Heller is researching the implementation of STEM education. The acronym STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Corning Glass will come in over the next summer and teach teachers, and possibly some students on this initiative.

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- Mr. Heller feels the best part of Chenango Valley CSD is the students. Four students provided short presentations on Dr. Douglas' slogan of what the students feel is "What's RIGHT with Chenango Valley."
 - Dylan Ruffo spoke on behalf of the music department.
 - Jeremy Spittle spoke in Spanish stating the language program is unmatched.
 - Spencer Wallach spoke on the relationship developed between teachers/coaches and students.
 - Lauren Eggleston recited a lesson for English class that involved writing her own obituary.

Item 7, President's Report –

Item 7,
Pres. Rpt.

- Mr. James Penwell, along with Dr. Douglas, Mr. Gill and Ms. Gleason attended a meeting with the New York State Education Commissioner David Steiner and Board of Regent member, James R. Tallon, Jr., on December 6, 2010 at the Owego Treadway. Topics of discussion were curriculum, assessment and evaluations.
 - On December 8th, Mr. Penwell attended a President/Vice President round table meeting. Subjects discussed were funding mandates as related to tax caps, Regents testing and functional consolidation such as shared services and curriculum development.
 - Mr. Penwell will attend a Consolidation Committee meeting on January 20, 2011.

Item 8, Committee Reports-

Item 8,
Comm. Rpt.

- None to report.

Item 9, Discussion Items, Cont'd.

(B) Website Update Overview - Canceled as website was down.

Item 9,
Discussion

(C) Health Consortium Rate Discussion - Mrs. Beth Donahue

- Mrs. Donahue presented a chart comparing CV monthly rates for the last 3 years. There are different factors that drive the cost such as experience modifier and adjustments to the drug portion. Projected rates for next year are between 9% and 14%. Since 2001 there has been a steady claim growth with the modification rate climbing as well.

Motion by Rifenbury, Seconded by Randall:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 10(A)(1) –10(A)(10).**

Finances,
• Treas. Rpt.
• Indebt. Rpt.

10(A)(1) Approval of Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2010 be received and placed on file.

10(A)(2) Approval of Statement of Indebtedness, 2010-2011 Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Statement of Indebtedness as attached.

10(A)(3) Approval of Year-to-Date Budget Status Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Status Report as attached through November 30, 2010.

10(A)(4) Approval of Cafeteria Operation, Accrual Basis

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Cafeteria Operation, Accrual Basis, Report as attached through November 30, 2010.

10(A)(5) Approval of Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfer Reports as attached for November 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010.

10(A)(6) Increase in General Budget

RESOLVED, based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education does and hereby approves an increase of the General Fund budget in the amount of \$634.60, with the fund source consisting of Insurance Recoveries revenue (A980 – 2680), and a use of funds in the following budget code in the 2010-2011 school year as a result of damage caused by the May 2010 break-in:

\$ 634.60 16219006-400 (Maintenance of Plant/Operations/Contractual Expense)

10(A)(7) Public Information Service – Broome-Tioga BOCES

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve an increase in Chenango Valley's current Public Information Service from a .4 FTE to .6 FTE effective January 1, 2011.

10(A)(8) Fixed Asset Disposal

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the removal and disposal of a large upright piano that is beyond its useful life effective December 16, 2010.

10(A)(9) Fixed Asset Removal and Sale

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the removal and sale of 31 Harcourt 97 Phonics Practice Book for Signatures 1(P), ISBN 0-15-309025-1, to Follett Educational Services in the amount of \$13.02.

10(A)(10) Binghamton Depot Premises – Public Benefit Conveyance

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District has heretofore made application to the U.S. Secretary of Education for the public benefit conveyance to the District of a portion of the former Binghamton Depot premises in the Town of Fenton, NY in accordance with its resolution adopted June 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Education, has heretofore approved the District's application and is proposing to transfer said premises to the District pursuant to the attached revised final draft of a proposed Quitclaim Deed subject to certain exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions and restrictions being required by the Secretary of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District hereby agrees to accept the public benefit conveyance of said premises to the District; and

**Finances,
Cont'd.**

- Yr to Date Budget Rpt.
- Cafeteria Accur. Basis
- Budget Transfer
- Increase in Gen. Budget
- Public Info Service
- Fixed Asset Disposal
- Fixed Asset Removal & Sale

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Superintendent to execute the proposed deed of conveyance of said premises on behalf of the District and to otherwise carry out the delivery, acceptance and recordation of any and all agreements, deeds and other instruments pertaining to the District's acquisition of said premises.

**Finances,
Cont'd.**

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Kane:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 10(B)(1) and 10(B)(2).**

Prof. Pers.

- Add. Sub Teacher Roster
- LOA-C. Kroh

10(B)(1) Additions to Substitute Teacher Roster, 2010-11 School Year

RESOLVED, based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following additional Substitute Teachers for the 2010-11 school year and authorize their payment at the approved rates based upon the certification of the payroll by the Superintendent of Schools.

Campbell, Lauren	Kalem, Kimberly
Coleman, Adrienne	Krahwinkel, Anthony
Constantino, Robert	Precopio, Suzanne
Juarez, Ruben	

10(B)(2) Leave of Absence

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Ms. Crystal Kroh, Teacher Assistant, from January 11, 2011 through and including February 22, 2011.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Rifenbury:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 10(C)(1) - 10(C)(3).**

Civil Service

- LOA-Revision for JA. Galusha

10(C)(1) Leave of Absence - Revision

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amend the unpaid leave of absence approved at the November 17, 2010 Board Meeting for Mrs. Jo-Ann Galusha, Sr. Typist, from November 18, 2010 through and including December 15, 2010, as follows:

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RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Mrs. Jo-Ann Galusha, Sr. Typist, from November 15, 2010 through and including January 19, 2011.

Civil Service, Cont'd.

- LOA- Revision for JA. Galusha
- Appt. Asst. Cook
- Resign. - S. Jamieson

10(C)(2) Appointment

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve and ratify the Civil Service appointment of Ms. Tina Hendrickson to the position of Assistant Cook, Full-Time, effective December 16, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Salary Schedule No. 1 as heretofore adopted be amended to reflect this appointment and payment of salary be authorized bi-weekly upon certification of the payroll by the Superintendent of Schools.

10(C)(3) Resignation

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Civil Service resignation of Mr. Scott Jamieson, School Bus Driver, Part-Time, effective December 15, 2010.

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Roberts:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolution 10(D)(1) - 10(D)(3).**

Corres. for Action

- Preschool Spec. Ed & Spec. Ed Placements
- Standard Work Day & Reporting

10(D)(1) Preschool Special Education and Special Education Placements

WHEREAS the Board of Education has reviewed the recommendations of the **Committees on Preschool Special Education and Special Education** pertaining to the students as referred in the attached Exhibit A, and

10(D)(2) Standard Work Day and Reporting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chenango Valley Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for the appointed official noted and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by this official to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Soc. Sec. # (Last 4 digits)	Reg. #	Standard Work Day (hrs/day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates in Employer's time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
District Clerk	Susan M. Cirba	6895	39682182	7	7/1/10-6/30/11	N	1.5

10(D)(3) Approval of French Exchange, 2011-2012 School Year

RESOLVED, that based on a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a French exchange, with the selection of a maximum of 25 students to participate from Chenango Valley, hosting students from la Borde Basse, Castres, France in October 2011 with Chenango Valley students traveling to France in April 2012.

**Corres.
for Action,
Cont'd.**

- Approval French Exchange

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Item 11, Board Forum

- Dr. Douglas reiterated his concern going into the budget season. CV should consider a census that would allow us to project, develop and track growth rate. New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) offers a census that will better track the birth rate with data technology. The cost is per student resident with possible BOCES aid and a turnaround time of sixty to ninety days.
- Mr. Penwell indicated he is in full support stating this is an essential tool with predicting families moving in and out of the district.
 - o He would like to schedule a mid-year evaluation for the BOE sometime in January.
 - o Energy performance is a concern as CV will host next year's summer school so there will be no down time. This will be an issue of discussion during the 5 year planning stage at the Building Conditional Survey meeting.
- Magnets will be distributed to families with the new school phone numbers. There are extra magnets in the offices for anyone interested.
- No news has come from the Broome County Sheriff's Department regarding the district's School Resource Officer. Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Stoner, from Maine-Endwell will try to secure sharing this service through BOCES if possible.
- RFP's (Request for Proposals) regarding a Construction Manager will be sent out this month. The Construction Manager will work in conjunction with architects on any upcoming capital project. Any new project will involve developing a committee consisting of community, administrative and outreach members forming this group.
- Going forward with paperless technology, the question was asked whether the board is willing to move forward to a paperless meeting. The medium to be utilized would be either a mini laptop or an electronic reader (ie, iPad). The cost is comparable. It should save hours in the overall cost of labor and material preparing for board meetings. The board agreed to the use of an electronic reader.

Motion by Kane, Seconded by DeGennaro:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Meeting
Adjourned
8:53 p.m.**

Abbey	<u>ABS</u>	Kane	<u>YES</u>	Rifenbury	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Susan M. Cirba

Susan M. Cirba, School District Clerk