

CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 17, 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, February 17, 2010.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Gerald G. Abbey, Jr., Gerard M. Cooney, Jr., James DeGennaro, Stuart W. Elliott, Lynn M. Kaufman, James W. Penwell, President, (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Steven Randall, Maureen A. Roberts and Everett Vail, Vice President.

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

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Randall:

Open Meeting
6:35 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be convened to Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

Executive Session
6:35 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual negotiations and issues of personnel.

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

J Penwell arrived
@ 6:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Vail:

Open Session
7:10 p.m.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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Item #1, President, Mr. James W. Penwell, opened the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Item #2, Mrs. Susan M. Cirba, District Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3, All Board Members were noted as present.

Item #4, Mr. David Molesky, district resident, asked a variety of questions, both of a historical and current nature. The Board of Education listened to Mr. Molesky comments and replied to current issues. Mr. Molesky did ask if staff members are drug tested. Dr. Thomas Douglas then invited Mr. Molesky to schedule a meeting to continue any questions he may still have.

Item # 5, Motion by Randall, Seconded by Vail:

Approval
Minutes

RESOLVED, that the **Minutes** of the meeting of **January 20, 2010** and **February 8, 2010** be received and placed on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6, Superintendent's Report –

Item #6,
Supt. Rpt

- Dr. Thomas J. Douglas congratulated three students who signed letters of intent to play college level sports. They are:
 - Maxwell Straneva, Syracuse University, Cross Country
 - Cameron Fedish, Le Moyne College, Lacrosse
 - Devin Ferry, New York Institute of Technology, Lacrosse
- Dr. Douglas congratulated 8th grader, Amer Dzaferovic, who became a USA citizen
- A reader submitted a letter to Press & Sun-Bulletin recognizing Town of Dickinson Supervisor, Michael Marinaccio for participating in the District government classes
- Abbey Elliott was awarded a 2009 student community service award, sponsored by Senator Libous, BOCES and WBNG-TV
- Director of Guidance, Mr. Charles Purce, assisted Binghamton University Admission's Office getting Chenango Valley's students' transcripts sent directly to the college
- Mrs. Gail Bagg and Mr. Aaron Wasson, employees in Technology, attended a Smart Board workshop and won a set of 24 student response systems (clickers)

Item #7, President's Report –

Item #7,
Pres. Rpt.

- Mr. James Penwell stated the Joint Dinner meeting at the Terra Cotta Room on Thursday, January 21, 2010 was well attended by Chenango Valley. There were interesting points noted when approached by the media.
 - Find out when information is due
 - Respond at later date
 - Answer the question specifically
- First meeting with Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES will be February 22, 2010.
- Mr. Penwell asked to set up a webinar on March 10, 2010, "Communicating the Hard Truth on This Year's School Budgets" sponsored by NYSSBA.

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Item #8, Committee Reports, Mr. Gerald G. Abbey, Jr. attended the Health Consortium meeting on February 5, 2010. The insurance plan was called Regionwide II Coverage and beginning April 1, 2010 will change to Classic Blue Coverage. Please refer to Mr. Abbey's handout for additional information including new rates. Mr. Abbey is asking the Board of Education and Superintendent to look at ways to cut costs in health care areas and suggested reestablishing a Health Insurance Committee.

Item #8,
Comm. Rpt.

There will be a tentative Legislative breakfast on Friday, March 12, 2010 for anyone interested in attending.

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas gave the first State of the School Address. The presentation is available for public review on the District's website.

Item #9

<http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=1>

Questions / Thoughts brought up by Mr. Penwell:

- Cost escalating more than taxpayer income
- Economics not very bright
- Recovery modest
- How do we address funding this mechanism

Replies by Dr. Douglas:

- Have a long range plan
- Consolidate job duties, possibly restructure administrators
- Pace things out
- Spend money to save money
- Is large class size worth the savings?

Motion by DeGennaro, 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)(8).**

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

RESOLVED, that the **Report of the Treasurer** for the month ending **January 31, 2010** be received and placed on file.

10(A)(2) Approval of Statement of Indebtedness, 2009-2010 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 **December 31, 2009.**

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 **January 31, 2010.**

10(A)(5) Approval of Budget Transfer Report – 1/1/10 – 1/31/10

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **Budget Transfer Report** as attached through **January 31, 2010.**

Item #10

Finances
• Treas. Rpt.
• Indebt. Rpt.
• Yr to Date Budget Rpt.
• Café Oper.
• Budget Trans Rpt.

10(A)(6) Application for Refund & Credit of Property Taxes, 2008-2009

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education having received an Order of the Supreme Court of Broome County on Stipulation of Counsel to approve an Application for Refund and Credit of Property Taxes for the year 2008-2009 for Tax Map Numbers 113.10-1-1 and 113.10-1-2 hereby approves the Application and Tax Refund of \$9,542.13 to United Refining Company. Reason for refund: Request for assessment reduction. The tax refund of \$9,542.13 will be paid from 19649099-400, Refund of Real Property Taxes.

Item #10,

Cont'd.

Finances

- Refund & Credit Prop Taxes
- OSC Audit 08-09
- Donation Spanish Club

10(A)(7) Acceptance of Office of the State Comptroller's Audit, 2008-2009

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Report of The Office of the State Comptroller for the 2008-2009 school year.

10(A)(8) Donation from Chenango Valley Spanish Club

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept a gift in the amount of \$859.00 from the Chenango Valley Spanish Club for use in the purchase of transportation for the Spanish Fast Forward class and the Spanish 4 class trip to New York City on March 16, 2010, and does hereby appropriate \$859.00 into the General Fund for 2009-2010 to budget code 21100418-400, Instructional-High School-Languages-contractual. Source of funds-Gifts & Donations, A980-2705.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Roberts, Seconded by Randall:

Prof. Pers.

- Subs Additions

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

10(B)(1) Additions – Substitute Teacher Roster, 2009-2010 School Year

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following **additional Substitute Teachers** for the 2009-2010 school year and authorizes payment of salaries at the approved rates based upon the certification of the payroll by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. Danielle Ames	Ms. Nicole Kurty
Mr. Joseph Babcock	Ms. Theresa Outman (Nurse, Sub.)
Mr. Noah Balles	Ms. Ashley Sczesny
Ms. Jillian Dischinger	Mr. Paul Stanton
Ms. Lisa Hlebica	Ms. Jenna Vavos
Mr. Patrick Kelley	Ms. Danel Walburger
Ms. Korin Kirk	Ms. Melissa Wasko

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Vail:

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)(4).**

CS. Pers.

- Substitutes
- Dismissal
- Appts
- Resignations

10(C)(1) Additions to Substitute Teacher Aide Roster, 2009-10 School Year

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following additions to the Substitute Teacher Aide Roster, 2009-2010 school year.

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Employment
Dischinger, Jillian	Teacher Aide, Substitute	02/18/10
Kurty, Nicole	Teacher Aide, Substitute	02/18/10
Vovos, Jenna	Teacher Aide, Substitute	02/18/10

10(C)(2) Dismissal

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Civil Service dismissal of Brittany Symons, Teacher Aide, Part-Time, effective February 5, 2010.

10(C)(3) Appointments

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve and ratify the emergency conditional Civil Service appointments of:

Employee Name	Position	Location	Effective Date of Appt.
Cornwall, Joseph	Bus Monitor, P/T	Bus	02/18/10
Hatton, Cynthia	Bus Monitor, P/T	Bus	02/18/10
Nickerson, Sally	Sr. Typist	Maintenance/Bus Garage	02/22/10
Ritter, Meri-K	Food Svc. Helper, P/T, Sub.	All	02/22/10
Wahl, Christina	Bus Monitor, P/T	Bus	02/18/10

10(C)(4) Resignations

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the Civil Service resignations of:

Employee Name	Position Held	Effective Date of Resignation
Edwards, Nicholas	Teacher Aide, P/T	02/12/10
Gates, Marlene	Food Svc. Helper, P/T	02/08/10
Helms, Sandra	Food Svc. Helper, P/T, Sub.	01/20/10

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Cooney:

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).**

**Emergency
Conditional
Appts.**

10(D)(1) Emergency Conditional Appts. – Professional & Civil Service

**Emergency
Conditional
Appts.,
Cont'd**

Personnel

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve and ratify the following **emergency conditional appointments**:

<u>Staff Member Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Outman, Theresa	Substitute School Nurse	02/18/10
Ritter, Meri-K	Food Service Helper, P/T, Sub	02/18/10
Saeger, Eric	Volunteer Coach	02/18/10
Spencer, Kellen	Volunteer Coach	02/18/10
Vavalle, Kelly	Substitute Teacher	01/21/10
Zinner, Rosemary J.	Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide	01/21/10

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these are emergency conditional appointments pending fingerprinting and criminal records clearance, and

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Roberts, Seconded by Abbey:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 10(E)(1) – 10(E)(5)**.

**Corres.
for Action**
• Pre Spec Ed & Spec Ed
• Use Facilities
3/21/10

10(E)(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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education confirms the recommended placements.

10(E)(2) Use of School District Facilities on Sunday, March 21, 2010

RESOLVED, based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that permission is hereby granted to Mr. James Evans for the use of the high school and middle school gymnasiums on Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of a charity alumni basketball tournament, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will be reimbursed according to the Use of Facilities Policy by Mr. Evans.

10(E)(3) Second Reading – Investment Policy

WHEREAS the Policy Committee of the Board has reviewed the following policy: Investment Policy, and

WHEREAS the Committee recommends the following be updated: Investment Policy, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the following Board policy is adopted as reviewed this 17th day of February 2010: Investment Policy. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption of review.

Corres. for Action, Cont'd.
• Invest Policy
• Procurement Policy
• School Calendar 10-11

10(E)(4) Second Reading – Procurement Policy

WHEREAS the Policy Committee of the Board has reviewed the following policy: Procurement Policy, and

WHEREAS the Committee recommends the following be updated: Procurement Policy, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the following Board policy is adopted as reviewed this 17th day of February 2010: Procurement Policy. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption of review.

10(E)(5) School Calendar Adoption – 2010-2011 School Year

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopt the attached 2010-2011 School Calendar as the official school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

Abbey	<u>YES</u> , except <u>NO-E(2)</u>	Elliott	<u>YES</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Cooney	<u>YES</u>	Kaufman	<u>YES</u>	Vail	<u>YES</u>
DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>	Penwell	<u>YES</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Vail, Seconded by DeGennaro:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. for the purpose and issues of personnel.

Exec Session
9:19 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Cooney:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Open Session at 11:14 p.m.

Open Session
11:14 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

<u>Meeting</u> <u>Adjourned</u> 11:15 p.m.
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RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Susan M. Cirba, School District Clerk