

CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 21, 2009

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, January 21, 2009.

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

Also present was Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, Celia Bucek, District Business Coordinator from BT-BOCES Central Business Office, Carl A. Kieper, School Attorney from Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, Susan M. Cirba, District Clerk, members of the administrative team and students from the district's Government classes.

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Abbey:

Open Meeting
6:36 p.m.

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

Motion by Cooney, Seconded by DeGennaro:

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 personnel and contractual issues.

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.

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Cooney:

Open Session
6:59 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Open Session at 6:59 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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President, Mr. James W. Penwell, opened the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. with Mrs. Barbara S. Kane and Mrs. Jo Anne W. Klenovic, former Board of Education members, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge
7:05 p.m.

Discussion Item #1, Chenango Forks/Chenango Valley Consolidation Study, Mr. Robert Kingsley, President of King Enterprises and community resident, discussed the concept of Chenango Valley considering a Consolidation Study with Chenango Forks Central School District. Mr. Kingsley feels the timing is good for ultimately a county wide consolidation. Mrs. Barbara Kane spoke as a former Board of Education member who sat on a committee for shared services with Chenango Forks. She suggested to Mr. Kingsley that he approach New York State and request financial aid to continue a consolidation study. Mr. Kingsley will share this information with the Chenango Forks Superintendent and Board of Education in the near future.

Disc Item 1
CV/CF
Consolidation
Study

Discussion Item #2, "Port Dickinson Elementary Report," Mr. James Pritchard, Elementary School Principal, along with Mrs. Mary Beth Hammond, Director of Early Childhood and Literacy Programs, shared their goals and initiatives for the 2008-2009 school year at Port Dickinson Elementary School as well as budget recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Pritchard announced a change in the number of classes at the primary level. Mrs. Hammond presented information regarding the literacy program and grants that affect the programs at Port Dickinson.

Disc Item 2
Port
Dickinson
Report

Discussion Item #3, "Special Education Department Report," Mrs. Elizabeth DiCosimo, Director of Special Education, presented an overview of her department. Mrs. DiCosimo spoke of the department's mission, philosophy, goals and programs. She also listed the amounts of grants that are federally funded.

Disc Item 3
Special Ed
Report

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Cooney:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 2a – 2g.**

2a) Approval of Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED, that the **Report of the Treasurer** for the month ending **December 31, 2008** be received and placed on file.

2b) Approval of Budget Status Reports

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **Budget Status Reports** as attached for **December 2008/January 2009.**

2c) Approval of Revenue Status Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **Revenue Status Report** as attached for the period **December 2008/January 2009.**

Finances

- Treasurer Rpt.
- Budget Status Rpt.
- Revenue Status Rpt.
- 2008 Risk Assessment
- 2008-09 Budget
- Transfer of Funds

2d) 2008 Annual Risk Assessment

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **2008 Annual Risk Assessment** as prepared by Cwynar & Co., CPAs, PLLC.

2e) Increase in 2008-09 School Budget

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education **accept a gift** in the amount of \$972.00 to be placed in the General Fund from the Mary O'Brien Fund.

2f) Transfer of Funds in 2008-09 School Budget

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education appropriate **\$972.00** from the General Fund for 2008-09 to Budget Code 28559046-450-25, Athletics – District – Supplies – Mary O'Brien Fund; source of funds – Gifts & Donations, A980-2705.

2g) Property Tax Refund

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received a recommendation from the Broome County Real Property Tax Service to approve an Application for Refund and Credit of Property Taxes for the Year 2008 for TAX MAP #129.37-2-40, hereby approves the Application and Tax Refund of \$876.64. The reason for this refund was that the Basic STAR was not applied correctly. The tax refund of \$876.64 will be paid from A980-1001/Real Property Taxes.

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.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Cashman:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 10:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel contract.

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.

Motion by Cashman, Seconded by Randall:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Open Session at 10:43 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.

Finances, Cont'd.

- 2008 Risk Assessment
- 2008-09 Budget
- Transfer of Funds
- Property Tax Refund

Executive Session

10:04 p.m.

Open Session

10:43 p.m.

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Under Discussion Item #3, "**President, Superintendent and Committee Reports:** Mr. Carmen Ciullo announced Mr. Benjamin Maslona from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. suggested moving forward to establish a financial schedule as interest rates are at 4% for the \$3.5 million deficit bond. The initial debt service payment will begin in April 2010.

Disc Item 3
Pres. Sup't. &
Comm. Rpts

Mr. Jack Cashman, Transportation Chairperson, passed out a memo from Ronald Finch, Interim School Business Executive regarding the cost difference between full busing and busing from the state minimum distances. One of the concerns Mr. Finch had is transportation aid for pupils who reside within 1.5 miles of the school are transported at the district's expense. The loss of aid would be considerable.

Mr. James Penwell, President, announced that thirteen candidates have applied for the position of Superintendent of School according to Mr. Allen Buyck, BT-BOCES Superintendent. A meeting will be scheduled on February 12, 2008 for Mr. Buyck to present his suggestions. A Budget / Oversight Committee meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2009 to begin the school budget process for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion by Cashman, Seconded by Abbey:

Approval
Minutes

RESOLVED, that the **Minutes** of the meetings of **December 10, 2008** and **December 17, 2008** be received and placed on file.

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.

Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

Prof. Personnel
▪ Tenure Appt.
▪ Addition Coaching Roster 2008-09.

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve Specimen **Resolution 3a and 3b.**

3a) Tenure Appointment

RESOLVED, that effective January 22, 2009, **Elizabeth Hubenthal**, Social Worker, is hereby appointed to **tenure**.

3b) Appointments – Additions to 2008-2009 Athletic Coaching Rosters

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the attached **coaching assignments** for the 2008-09 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coaching Rosters be approved at the appropriate salaries to be contained in the negotiated Agreement between the Chenango Valley Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for the 2008-09 school year.

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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>

<u>Prof. Personnel, Cont'd.</u>
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MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by DeGennaro:

<u>Civil Service Personnel</u> ▪ Resignation
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RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Carmen A. Ciullo, Supt. of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolution 4.**

4) Resignation

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the Civil Service resignation of:

<u>Employee Name</u>		<u>Position Held</u>		<u>Effective Date of Resig.</u>	
Leslie, Teresa		Typist		01/02/09	
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.

Motion by Cashman, Seconded by Vail:

<u>Emergency Conditional Appts.</u>
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RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolution 5.**

5) Emergency Conditional Appts. – Professional & Civil Service Personnel

Since we have not received clearance from the State Education Department regarding fingerprinting and criminal record checks on all of our new employees, Mr. Carl Kieper, School Attorney, has advised us to reappoint these staff members under the **Emergency Conditional Appointment** clause. Included in this category are the following staff members:

<u>Staff Member Name</u>		<u>Position</u>		<u>Effective Date</u>	
DiLuzio, Ann		Teacher Aide, P/T PT		12/18/08	
Kirkland, Janelle		Food Svc, Helper, PT & Cleaner PT		11/20/08	
Pepples, Shawn		Cleaner		10/16/08	
Thorick, Timothy		Teacher Aide, P/T		10/16/08	
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.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Elliott:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Carmen A. Ciullo, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 6a – 6e.**

Corres. For Action,

- Spec. Ed Placements
- 2008-09 Pre/Spec Ed. Parent Appts.
- Use of Facilities
- Adopt New Policy
- Policy Review

6a) 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.

6b) 2008-09 Preschool/Special Education Committee Additional Parent Appts.

RESOLVED, that the additional parent members as attached serve on the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2008-09 school year.

6c) Use of School District Facilities

RESOLVED, that permission is hereby granted for the use of the high school gymnasium on Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of use by the **Valley Wrestling Club.**

6d) Adoption of Reviewed Policies

WHEREAS the Policy Committee of the Board has reviewed the following policies: **Clean Air Act/Smoking** and **School Building Naming Policies**, and

WHEREAS the Committee recommends the following be updated: **Clean Air Act/Smoking** and **School Building Naming Policies**, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, The following Board policies are adopted as reviewed this 21st day of January 2009: **Clean Air Act/Smoking** and **School Building Naming Policies**. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption of review.

6e) Adoption of Revised Policy

WHEREAS the Policy Committee of the Board has reviewed the following policy: **Code of Ethics**, and

WHEREAS the Committee recommends the following be revised and updated: **Code of Ethics**, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the following Board policies are adopted as revised this 21st day of January, 2009: **Code of Ethics**. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption of revisions.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	DeGennaro	<u>YES</u>	Randall	<u>YES</u>
Cashman	<u>YES</u> [6b) Abstain]	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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Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Elliott:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 11:27 p.m.
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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.

Susan M. Cirba, School District Clerk