

CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 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, January 20, 2010.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Gerald G. Abbey, Jr., Gerard M. Cooney, Jr., James DeGennaro, Lynn M. Kaufman (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), James W. Penwell, President, Steven Randall, Maureen A. Roberts and Everett Vail, Vice President (arrived at 6:38 p.m.). Absent was Stuart W. Elliott.

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

Motion by DeGennaro, Seconded by Randall:

Open Meeting
6:33 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be convened to Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Cooney, Seconded by Abbey:

Executive Session
6:33 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contractual negotiations and the employment of a particular employee.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

I. Kaufman arrived @ 6:34 p.m. & E Vail arrived @ 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Vail:

Open Session
7:14 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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.

Pledge
7:14 p.m.

Item #1, President, Mr. James W. Penwell, opened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Item #2, Mr. James Pritchard, Elementary Principal, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3, Mr. Stuart W. Elliott was noted as absent.

Item #4, Mrs. Vicki Hartz, Port Crane community resident and District employee was recognized by Mr. Penwell. Mrs. Hartz expressed concern that the District office had purchased a wide screen television and if it had purchased a TV, was the money budgeted? Dr. Douglas stated that the budget had a line item for supply purchases. Since the District office had no resource to view important breaking news reports, a television was approved and purchased. Dr. Douglas stated it was important for him to stay informed.

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

Approval
Minutes

RESOLVED, that the **Minutes** of the meeting of **December 16, 2009** be received and placed on file.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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 reported that Governor Paterson has announced a delay in state aid. Hopefully the release of funds will be soon. Based on the budget numbers, Chenango Valley will receive approximately \$530,000 less but this is not as severe as other Districts based on wealth and population.
- Dr. Douglas congratulated Daniel Norrie who qualified for the state level Geography Bee Spelling contest at Chenango Bridge.
- “Kudos” are in order for Middle School teacher, Cherie Lange, for getting up early in the morning on a day off to volunteer with WBNG’s efforts for Haitian relief.
- Commendations are in order for the Senior High Student Council for initiating and coordinating a fund raising drive for the Haitian Relief Aid.
- A thank you goes out to High School teacher, Garry Scutt, who has created along with his classes and mass produced “Chenango Valley Admirable Qualities” poster that states ten qualities in hopes that students will support and strive to live by. These posters are displayed throughout the High School.
- In general, things are progressing with little snow problems as winter continues.

Item #7, President's Report –

Item #7,
Pres. Rpt.

- Mr. James Penwell reminded Board members who will be attending the Joint Dinner meeting at the Terra Cotta Room in downtown Binghamton on Thursday, January 21, 2010.
- Mr. Penwell stated the New York State School Boards Association has its state legislative meeting on March 14 through 15, 2010 in Albany, NY, to anyone interested in going. It's a good time to meet our government representative with thoughts or concerns.
- Mr. Penwell reported that the Office of State Comptroller's report was placed on the District's web site for public review on January 4, 2010.

- Mr. Penwell noted that Mr. Michael Breed, High School Science teacher, and Mr. Eric Attleson, High School Assistant Principal, are pursuing a grant to receive funding for solar energy panels. They are researching companies in the area for quotes. The solar panels will be placed on the school's roof and will be an excellent educational opportunity for Chenango Valley students.

**Item #7,
Cont'd.
Pres. Rpt.**

Item #8, Committee Reports, Mr. Gerald G. Abbey, Jr. reported that the legislative committee will meet on February 4, 2010 and the Health Consortium will meet on February 5, 2010.

**Item #8,
Comm. Rpt.**

Item #10(A), Academic Assessment Presentation - Mrs. Mary F. Waskie, Assistant Superintendent, spoke regarding the District's different test results. Mrs. Waskie noted that when people look at the same data often they come up with different conclusions. Mrs. Waskie compared results from ELA, Math, Mastery scores, Math B regents, English regents, US History and Chemistry. She also noted that money has been taken away for curriculum work and listed some ideas to correct the situation. Placing a Literacy coach at the high school level to work with teachers was suggested. Mrs. Waskie also noted the financial implications, goals for improvement and summary. Lastly, she thanked the Board of Education for their ongoing support and time spent on improving test scores.

Item #10

Item # 11(A) Action Items / Finances

**Item #11
Finances**

Motion by Randall, Seconded by Cooney:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 11(A)(1) – 11(A)(6).**

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

RESOLVED, that the **Report of the Treasurer** for the month ending **December 31, 2009** be received and placed on file.

11(A)(2) Approval of Statement of Indebtedness, 2009-2010 Report

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

11(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.**

11(A)(4) Approval of Budget Transfer Report – 12/1/09-12/31/09

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **Budget Transfer Report** as attached through **December 31, 2009.**

11(A)(5) Approval of Cafeteria Operation, Accrual Basis

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the **Cafeteria Operation, Accrual Basis, Report** as attached through **December 31, 2009.**

11(A)(6) Approval of Internal Audit Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Internal Audit Report for the Payroll Cycle, dated December 12, 2009 as prepared by Cwynar & Company, CPAs, PLLC.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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>

<p>Item #11, Cont'd. Finances</p>

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 11(B)(1), (2), (2a), (4) & (5).**

<p>Prof. Pers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subs Additions ▪ Retirement M. Guley ▪ Family Med Lv ▪ LTS ▪ Coaches – Non paid

11(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. Kristina Ferguson
- Ms. Tracy Macharyas
- Ms. Meaghan Murphy
- Ms. Katherine Spader
- Ms. Kelly Vavalle
- Ms. Christine Williams
- Ms. Rosemary Zinner

11(B)(2) Family Medical Leave Act

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the maternity leave under the Family Medical Leave Act for **Nancy Hart**, Special Education Teacher at Port Dickinson Elementary School, , effective January 25, 2010 through April 6, 2010.

11(B)(2a) Long-Term Substitute

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Ms. Lisa VanEpps** to serve as Long-Term Substitute for Mrs. Nancy Hart at Port Dickinson Elementary School from January 25, 2010 through April 6, 2010.

11(B)(4) Athletic Coaching Positions – Non-Paid, 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 recommendations for non-paid (volunteer) Assistant Coaches for the 2009-10 school year.

- Ms. Alanna Cooney – Varsity Girls Track and Field
- Mr. Eric Saeger – Junior Varsity Baseball
- Mr. Kellen Spencer – Varsity Boys Lacrosse
- Mr. Larry Hendrickson – Varsity Softball
- Mr. Terrence Kane – Varsity Softball
- Mr. Todd Plourde – Varsity Boys Lacrosse
- Mr. Jeffrey Franey – Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse
- Mr. Aaron Waymire – Modified Girls Softball
- Mr. Patrick Lake – Varsity Baseball

11(B)(5) Contractual Agreement Between the Chenango Valley Administrators' Association and Chenango Valley Central School District

Prof. Pers.
Cont'd.

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve and fund for a period of two (2) years (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012) the Contractual Agreement between the Chenango Valley Administrators' Association and Chenango Valley Central School District.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</u>	Roberts	<u>YES</u>
Cooney	<u>YES (Abstain B4)</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 Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

Prof. Pers.
• CV-NISA

11(B)(3) Recognition of Chenango Valley Non-Instructional Supervisors' Association

PRESENT (P) / ABSENT (A):

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

WHEREAS, Civil Service Law §204(1) authorizes public employers to recognize employee organizations for the purpose of negotiating collectively in the determination of and administration of grievances arising under the terms and conditions of employment of their public employers and to negotiate and enter into written agreements with such employee organizations in determining such terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Chenango Valley Non-Instructional Supervisors' Association (CV-NISA) is a public employee organization within the meaning of Article 14 of the Civil Services Law; and

WHEREAS, Chenango Valley Non-Instructional Supervisors' Association has proposed a negotiating unit composed of the positions of School Lunch Manager, Director of Facilities and Operations, and Transportation Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the CV-NISA has sought voluntary recognition from the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District with respect to the proposed negotiating unit; and

WHEREAS, the CV-NISA has submitted a no strike affirmation in accordance with the requirements of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to approve by a majority vote the granting of voluntary recognition, and to post a notice of recognition pursuant to Section 201.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Public Employment Relations Board.

Upon the motion of ABBEY, seconded by RANDALL, the Board adopts the following resolution:

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Whether voluntary and exclusive recognition should be granted to the Chenango Valley Non-Instructional Supervisors' Association (CV-NISA) for a negotiating unit composed of regularly appointed full time and part time employees in the positions of School Lunch Manager, Director of Facilities and Operations, and Transportation Supervisor, exclusive of managerial and confidential employees, temporary, substitute and casual employees, employees represented by the Chenango Valley Administrators' Association, Chenango Valley Teachers' Association and non-instructional employees, represented by Support Staff Association, and all other employees, with all of the terms and conditions of employment to be negotiated between the District and the CV-NISA.

<p><u>Prof. Pers.</u> <u>Cont'd.</u> • CV- NISA</p>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District hereby recognizes the Chenango Valley Non-Instructional Supervisors' Association ("CV-NISA"), as the exclusive representative of the District's regularly appointed full time and part-time employees in the positions of School Lunch Manager, Director of Facilities and Operations, and Transportation Supervisor, exclusive of managerial and confidential employees, temporary, substitute and casual employees, other employees represented by the Chenango Valley Administrators' Association, Chenango Valley Central School District Teachers' Association and the Chenango Valley Support Staff Association, and all other employees within the District, with all the terms and conditions of employment to be negotiated by the CV-NISA and the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will publish notice of recognition in accordance with Section 201.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Public Employment Relations Board.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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 Cooney:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolutions 11(C)(1) – 11(C)(6).**

<p><u>CS. Pers.</u> • Resignation • LOA • Appts.</p>
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11(C)(1) Resignations

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Resignation
Cannon, Stephen	School Bus Driver, P/T	01/04/10
Gates, Shanin	School Bus Monitor, P/T	01/20/10
Kleitz, Richard	Food Service Helper, P/T, Sub.	01/14/10

11(C)(2) Unpaid Leave of Absence

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence for:

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Retirement
Rodriguez, Miguel	School Bus Driver, P/T	11/02/09 - TBA

11(C)(3) Appointments

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

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Appointment
Gates, Shanin	School Bus Driver, P/T, Sub.	01/21/10
Moody, Cindy	Sr. Typist (Middle School)	02/22/10
Rossi, Derrick	Food Service Helper, P/T, Sub.	01/21/10

CS. Pers.

- Subs
Teacher
Aide
- Rescind.
Retirement
- Retirement

11(C)(4) Addition 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 addition to the Substitute Teacher Aide Roster, 2009-2010 school year.

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Employment
Zinner, Rosemary J.	Teacher Aide, Substitute	01/21/10

11(C)(5) Rescindment of Retirement

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the rescindment of retirement for **Mrs. Ellen Sage** (February 26, 2010) as approved by the Board of Education at the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 16, 2009.

11(C)(6) Retirement

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

Employee Name	Position	Effective Date of Retirement
Sage, Ellen	Clerk	06/30/10

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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 Abbey, Seconded by Randall:

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve **Specimen Resolution 11(D)(1)**.

**Emergency
Conditional
Appts.**

11(D)(1) Emergency Conditional Appts. – Professional & Civil Service 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>
Ivan, Jacqueline	Substitute Teacher Aide	12/17/09
Morrell, Elaine	Teacher Aide, P/T	11/19/09
Vavalle, Kelly	Substitute Teacher	01/21/10
VanWie, Brianna	Substitute Teacher	09/01/09
Zinner, Rosemary J.	Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide	01/21/10

Emergency
Conditional
Appts., Cont'd.

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>ABS</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 Cooney, Seconded by Abbey:

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for Action

RESOLVED, that based upon a recommendation by Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve Specimen Resolutions 11(E)(1) – 11(E)(4).

11(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.

11(E)(2) First Reading – Investment Policy

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education review and accept the attached draft Investment Policy for Chenango Valley Central School District.

11(E)(3) First Reading – Procurement Policy

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education review and accept the attached draft Procurement Policy for Chenango Valley Central School District.

11(E)(4) Race to the Top (RTTT) Funds

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, the Board of Education should join in support of Dr. David Steiner, the Commissioner of Education for New York State, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for the State’s “Race to the Top” funds. This recommendation and action is premised on federal approval being awarded, full funding of all initiatives, and a final review and approval of the initiatives and/or programs by the Chenango Valley Board of Education which are within the full scope of the New York State Education Department requirements regarding this program, and do not violate any current collective bargaining agreements and/or do not cause an added tax impact to the District.

Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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 Cooney:

RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

<p><u>Meeting</u> <u>Adjourned</u> 9:56 p.m.</p>
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Abbey	<u>YES</u>	Elliott	<u>ABS</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