

**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Catskill, New York

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

August 18, 2010

CHS Library

7:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** K. Allen, M. Bulich, K. Haas, A. Jones, M. Leibowitz, M. Leipman, J. Osswald, T. Powell, C. Van Loan

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** K. Farrell, K. Lewis, M. McCoy

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 pm by Board President Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Call to Order

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent's Report

Terry Damon addressed the board with a construction update. Mr. Damon stated that all work being done in student occupied areas is being done as fast as possible. Work in student areas is being put ahead of work in non-student areas to maximize the work load for the last two weeks before the students come back from summer break.

Construction Update

Mr. Damon detailed the new student drop-off at the secondary campus for the upcoming school year. Bus and student drop off/pick up will in separate locations. All bus traffic will enter into the CHS loop and all student drop-off/pick up will be in the CMS loop and the new idling area in front of middle school on the school side of west main.

Mr. Damon also addressed the work progress on the fitness center. Hoping to have the fitness center open by the beginning of school. The fitness center at the latest would be ready by the middle of September if certain materials were not available to be installed before the student come back on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Lennon town councilman addressed the board concerning the Catskill ski program. Mr. Lennon was looking for a commitment from the BOE on a contract agreement between the town village and school district. The program has been going on since 1961 and the 3 municipalities would like to keep the program running.

Catskill Ski Program

**A MOTION (Allen/Leipman) to amend the change order to state credit of 600 owner provided pavers. VOTE: Aye 9 Nay 0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Report

Consent Agenda

**The Superintendent and the Board of Education President recommends the following items for consent agenda, according to Board Policy: (E.1.a.-E.2.a.)**

Personnel

**A MOTION (Haas, Leibowitz) To accept the following the consent agenda: VOTE: Aye: 9 Nay 0 motions carried.**

Instructional Appointments

**E.1. Appointments**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Thomas Quinn, as Teacher Mentor 2010-2011 school year and be paid a stipend of \$500. Thomas Quinn
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Patricia Visconti, as Teacher Mentor 2010-2011 school year and be paid a stipend of \$500. Patricia Visconti
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Kathy Leaman, as Teacher Mentor 2010-2011 school year and be paid a stipend of \$500. Kathy Leaman
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Lisa Borgen, as Teacher Mentor 2010-2011 school year and be paid a stipend of \$500. Lisa Borgen
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment adjustment of Bridgett Goffredo from a 6.5 hour a day to a 7 hour a day Teacher Aide due to reassignment for the 2010-2011 school year. Bridgett Goffredo

Personnel Non-Instructional

**E.2. Resignations**

Resignations

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Andrew Overbaugh as a Teacher Aide in Catskill Middle School, effective August 12, 2010, for personal reasons. Andrew Overbaugh

End of Consent Agenda

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A MOTION (Bulich/Leibowitz) to accept Addendum to contract with Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C. Vote: Aye 9 Nay 0 motion carried.**

- F.2. Approval of 2010-2011 Addendum to contract  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Catskill Central School District hereby approves a Addendum to contract Agreement with Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C. for the 2010-2011 school year. A copy of which shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting:

Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C.

**(G) BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Bulich) To accept to following CPSE and CSE recommendations: Vote: Aye 9 Nay 0 motion carried**

- G.1. Acceptance of Additional Recommendation of the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-School Special Education for Classification and

Placement of Children with Disabilities

The Committees on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education have submitted additional recommendations for the classification and placement of children with disabilities in 2010-2011.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 03/11/2010 student # 31001895, 05/20/2010 student #31001787, 08/05/2010 student # 31001806, 08/10/2010: students #'s 000101133, 31001858, 31001832, 31001892, 3633, 08/13/2010: student #'s 31001900, 31001896, 31001897, 31001889, 31001854 be approved.

CSE/CPSE  
Committee  
Recommendations

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Bulich) To accept the following Recommendation Vote:  
Aye 7 Nay 1 (Leipman) Abstain (Van Loan) motion carried**

G.2. Approval of Change Orders

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change orders associated with each of the approved projects pursuant to the recommendation and prior approval of the Owner's Representative and the Superintendent in accordance with the District's Change Order Commitment Approval and Authorization Process.

Change Order No.	Description	Change Order Amount	Previous	Revised	Change Orders
			Contract Amount	Contract Amount	
<b>A. Sr.-Jr. High School Renovation Project - (Project 005-014)</b>					
<b>1. Bast Hatfield, Inc.-General Contractor</b>					
3	Credit for use of 600 owner provided "24x24" concrete pavers in the courtyards as directed by the architect per the district's request	(\$4,722.30)	\$1,296,112.65	\$1,291,390.35	
<b>TOTAL Sr.-Jr. HS Renovation Project (005-014):</b>		<b>(\$4,722.30)</b>			
<b>Total Change Orders Approved for All Contractors included in this Resolution:</b>		<b>(\$4,722.30)</b>			

See the attached Change Order Summary Report for construction contractors on each of the above listed Projects.

**A MOTION (Bulich/Allen) to accept the following two recommendations  
Award of Transportation Bids for Out of District Runs. VOTE: Aye 9 Nay 0  
motion carried**

Transportation  
Service Bids

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby award the following bids which was opened on August 18, 2010, following advertisement pursuant to General Municipal Law:

Claverack Run To: Cocksackie Transport  
Rate of \$117.00 per day, per bus  
Rate of \$50.00 per day, per aide

**Non-Award of Transportation Bids for Out of District Runs**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby does not award the following bid which was opened on August 18, 2010, following advertisement pursuant to General Municipal Law, as it is determined the District will not need to provide such transportation service:

Red Mill Elementary Run To: Q-Roo Transport  
Rate of \$200.00 per day, per bus  
Rate of \$45.00 per day, per aide

Administration  
Building Bids

**A MOTION (Leipman/Bulich) to approve the following resolution:  
VOTE: Aye 9 Nay 0 Motion Carried**

Award of Windows and Doors Bid – Administration Buildings

Executive Session

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby award the following bid which was opened on July 29, 2010, following advertisement pursuant to General Municipal Law, to Lowes, Inc in the amount of \$28,336.00

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Leipman) To go into executive session Vote: Aye 9 Nay 0  
Motion Carried at 9:15**

There was a consensus to return to public session at 10:10

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Bulich) to accept the following recommendation Vote: Yes  
8 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Haas) Motion Carried**

Susan Varsames

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to enter into a contract with Susan Varsames, an Independent Contractor, to provide consulting services for the Special Education, 8:1:3 Autism classroom, during the 2010-2011 school year, at the rate of \$200 per hour for on-site services, and \$160 per hour for off-site assistance via Skype or other appropriate electronic method.

**A MOTION (Allen/Osswald) to accept the following recommendation Vote: Yes 8**

Dawn Valk

**Nay 0 Absent 1 (Haas) Motion Carried**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the three-year probationary appointment of Dawn Valk as a Special Education teacher at Catskill Middle School, in the tenure area of Special Education, effective September 7, 2010 through September 7, 2013, and paid an annual salary of \$42,250, step 1D of the current CTA Bargaining Agreement.

Business Office  
Recommendations

**A MOTION (Leibowitz/Bulich) to approve the resolution to confirm tax rolls and authorize tax levy. Vote: Aye 8 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Haas) Motion Carried.**

Tax Warrant

F.1. Tax Warrant Resolutions

A. Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2010-2011 school year a sum not to exceed \$36,699,599 for the School District and \$478,935.88 for the Catskill Public Library;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the described tax roll.

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2010 and end November 3, 2010 giving the tax warrant an effective period of days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> month free period September 1, 2010 to October 4, 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> month interest of 2 percent added October 5, 2010 to November 3, 2010.

**A MOTION (Osswald/Allen) To accept the tax warrant for the 2010-2011 school year. Vote: Aye 8, Nay 0 Absent 1- (Haas). Motion Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

To the collector of Catskill Central School District, Town(s) of Catskill, Athens, and Cairo and Villages of Catskill and Athens, County of Greene in New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2010 in accordance with Sections 1322 and 1338 of the Real Property Tax Law.

2. To give notice that tax collection will end on **November 3, 2010**.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$ 16,514,665.56 (\$16,035,733-school district and \$478,932.56 for the library) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law less the amount of \$1,632,126 to be received as STAR reimbursement from New York State.
4. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest and penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period, designated as on or before October 4, 2010.
5. To collect, after the expiration of the one month period, the residue of the sums not paid, together with the fees prescribed in Section 2130 of the Education Law and Section 1328 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and, if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Member	Vote
<u>K. M. G. H.</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>J. M. S.</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>C. V. D.</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>M. P. Z.</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>M. D. H.</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Member	Vote
<u>M. S. S.</u>	<u>(Yes)</u>
<u>J. S. S.</u>	<u>(yes)</u>
<u>T. S. S.</u>	<u>Yes</u>

**A MOTION (Leipman/Bulich) To adjourn meeting at 10:18 Vote: Aye 8 Nay 0  
Absent 1 (Haas) Motion carried**

Adjournment

Matthew McCoy  
Matthew McCoy, District Clerk