

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Catskill, New York

Regular Meeting

Board of Education Minutes

February 24, 2016

CHS Library

7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Fiske, T. Darling, A. Jones, C. Kirch, S. Kubicek, K. Lyles, R. Osswald, J. Nearey, J. Shah

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: A. Barkman, P. McDougall

(A) CALL TO ORDER; DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY EXITS; ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A.1 The meeting is called to order by Board President Jones at 7:04pm, emergency exits designated, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and roll call taken.

Call to Order

(B) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Matters made exempt by federal or state law – FERPA.

Executive Session

A MOTION (Kubicek/Lyles) to go into Executive Session at 7:05pm.

Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.

(C) RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

A MOTION (Fiske/Shah) to return to Public Session at 7:16pm.

Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.

(D) VISITOR RECOGNITION ON AGENDA ITEMS – N/A

Visitor Recognition
on Agenda items

(E) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Annemarie Barkman gave presentation on budget progress*

Superintendent's
Report

(F) BOARD REPORT

The Interim Superintendent and the Board of Education President recommend the following items for consent agenda, according to Board Policy: G-H21

Board Report

A MOTION (Kubicek/Fiske) to approve the recommendation as stated above.

Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.

(G) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Education hereby approves the 1/20/16 and 2/10/16 Board of Education meeting minutes.

Approval of Minutes

(H) PERSONNEL- INSTRUCTIONAL/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

H.1 Resignations

Resignations

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H.1.a Resignation of Desirea Carr, Teaching Assistant

The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Desirea Carr**, as a Teaching Assistant, 7.0 hrs/day, assigned to CES Special Education, effective February 26, 2016, for personal reasons.

Desirea Carr

H.1.b Resignation of Dan Leaman, Monitor

The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Dan Leaman**, Monitor, 5.75 hrs/day, assigned to CMS gymnasium, effective February 12, 2016, for personal reasons.

Dan Leaman

H.1.c Resignation of Jennifer Barrows, Monitor

The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Jennifer Barrows**, Monitor, 5.5 hrs/day, assigned to CHS fitness center, effective February 19, 2016, for personal reasons.

Jennifer Barrows

H.2 Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence

H.2.a FMLA Leave of Absence, Katlin Story, Teacher

The Board of Education hereby approves an FMLA leave of absence for **Katlin Story**, Teacher, effective May 10, 2016 to June 24, 2016.

Katlin Story

H.2.b FMLA Leave of Absence, Amanda Kovac, Teacher

The Board of Education hereby approves an FMLA leave of absence for **Amanda Kovac**, Teacher, effective May 11, 2016 to June 22, 2016.

Amanda Kovac

H.2.c FMLA Leave of Absence, Christie Slater, Teaching Assistant

The Board of Education hereby approves an FMLA leave of absence for **Christie Slater**, Teaching Assistant, effective April 3, 2016 to June 24, 2016.

Christie Slater

H.3 Appointments

Appointments

H.3.a Appointment of Extra-Curricular Scoreboard Operators for 2015-2016

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following scoreboard/game clock operators for the 2015-2016 school year and be paid the stipend amount as stated below.

Kayla Gessner

	Kayla Gessner	Scoreboard Operator-Girls Basketball	\$30.00/game
	Alexis Davies	Shot Clock-Girls Basketball	\$10.00/game
	Megan Davies	Scoreboard Operator-Wrestling	\$50.00/night

Alexis Davies

Megan Davies

H.3.b Appointments of Extra-Curricular Coaches 2015-2016

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Coaches for the 2015-2016 school year and be paid the stipend amount as stated below.

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ADVISOR	ACTIVITY	STIPEND
	Spring	
Sam Perez	Boys Var Baseball Asst. Coach	504

Sam Perez

H.3.c Appointments of Extra-Curricular Advisors 2015-2016

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Advisors for the 2015-2016 school year and be paid the stipend amount as stated below.

ADVISOR	ACTIVITY	STIPEND
Advisors - High School		
Marcus McGregor	Musical Dramatics Director	1681

Marcus McGregor

H.3.d Appointment of Teaching Assistant, CES, Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of **Michelle Curry** as a 7.0 hour per day Teaching Assistant, assigned to CES, Special Education (NYS Initial Certificate, Health Education), in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, for a four-year probationary term, effective February 29, 2016 and terminating February 28, 2020, and to be paid a rate of \$13.97 per hour. Pending clearance of fingerprint supported criminal history background check.

Michelle Curry

H.4 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 the 2015-2016 school year.

CSE/CPSE

Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 1/11/16, 1/14/16, 1/19/16, 1/14/16, 1/15/16, 2/08/16, 1/26/16, 3/31/15, student's #'s: 31003452, 31003451, 31001504, 31003122, 31002438, 31002600, 031000510, 31003085, 031000401, 031000808, 001001897, 31001574, 31002613, 31002587, 001001573, 31002233, 31001839, 31002198, 31003269, 31003381, 31003514, 31003309, 31003131, are approved.

H.5 Acceptance of Section 504 Accommodation Plan

The Section 504 Accommodation Committee has submitted recommendations for Section 504 ADA Individual Accommodation Plans of children with a disabling condition that requires accommodation in 2015-16.

504 Accommodation Plan

Recommendation: The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendations for student's #'s: 101209, 1001500, 1001797, 1001697, as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

H.6 Acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts Update

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts update through December 31, 2015, as submitted by the Extra-

Extra Classroom Activities Accounts

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Classroom Activities Account Treasurer.

H.7 Acceptance of the Claims Audit Reports

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the 1/13/16, 1/15/16, and 2/12/16 Claims Audit Reports, as submitted by the Claims Auditor.

Claims Audit Report

H.8 Request for Clarke Scholarship Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following recommendation of the Clarke Scholarship executive committee: Leave of Absence for the Class of 2015 student #100457 for one semester during the 2016 spring semester.

Clarke Scholarship Leave of Absence

H.9 Declaration of Obsolete/Surplus Books and Equipment

WHEREAS, the District owns books and equipment, which are no longer useful or necessary for school District purposes, and is of no value to the School District, as indicated on the (list attached) and made a part of this resolution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares such books and equipment to be Surplus/obsolete property and of no value to the School District and authorizes the disposal of such obsolete books and equipment.

Obsolete/Surplus

H.10 Tax Assessment Proceedings

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the refund of taxes in the amount of \$16,742.94, as required by the terms of the Order and Stipulation of Settlement captioned:

Tax Assessment Proceedings

Guenther Irrevocable Trust Fund v. Town of Catskill Index Numbers: 2014-687, 2015-679:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the payment to be made to SavadChurgin, as attorneys for the petitioner, as per the Order and Stipulation of Settlement.

H.11 Approval of Cross Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a cross contract with the Greenville Central School District for the placement of one student in a Special Education class in the Catskill Central School District for the 2015-2016 school year at a projected annual tuition rate of \$36,402.00.

Greenville CSD

H.12 Designation of Representative in Consortium

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby designates William Lyons as the representative for the Catskill Central School District in the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium for the 2015-2016 school year.

William Lyons

H.13 Sale of Parcel of Land

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Education hereby authorizes the sale of a parcel of land owned by the Catskill Central School District, of approximately 700 square feet,

Sale of Land

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located at 38 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414, SBL 192601 156.17-2-13, and conveys the right of way as per book 487 page 833, to William Beck in the amount of \$1,000.00.

H.14 2015-2016 Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limits

H.14.a Partial Property Tax Exemption for Certain Persons 65 Years of Age or Older Resolution WHEREAS, Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes taxing municipalities, including school districts, after a public hearing, to adopt a resolution exempting real property owned by certain qualified persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof, and

Senior Citizens &
Disabled Tax
Exemptions

WHEREAS, Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law allows school districts to adopt a sliding scale income level provision for property owned by certain qualified persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Catskill Central School District Board of Education grants an exemption to eligible persons in accordance with the sliding income schedule hereinafter set forth, said exemption to be subject to the income and all other provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law:

Percentage Assessment Valuation Exempt from Taxation 2015-2016	Senior Citizen & Disabled Citizen Tax Exemptions Annual Income
50%	Max. income limit \$24,500.00
45%	\$24,500.01 - \$25,499.99
40%	\$25,500.00 - \$26,499.99
35%	\$26,500.00 - \$27,499.99
30%	\$27,500.00 - \$28,399.99
25%	\$28,400.00 - \$29,299.99
20%	\$29,300.00 - \$30,199.99
15%	\$30,200.00 - \$31,099.99
10%	\$31,100.00 - \$31,999.99
5%	\$32,000.00 - \$32,899.99

H.14.b Partial Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes taxing municipalities, including school districts, after a public hearing, to adopt a resolution exempting real property

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owned by persons with disabilities to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof, and

WHEREAS, Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law allows school districts to adopt a sliding scale income level provision for property owned by certain qualified persons with disabilities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Catskill Central School District Board of Education grants an exemption to eligible persons in accordance with the sliding income schedule hereinafter set forth, said exemption to be subject to income and all other provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Law:

Percentage Assessment Valuation Exempt from Taxation 2015-2016	Senior Citizen & Disabled Citizen Tax Exemptions Annual Income
50%	Max. income limit \$24,500.00
45%	\$24,500.01 - \$25,499.99
40%	\$25,500.00 - \$26,499.99
35%	\$26,500.00 - \$27,499.99
30%	\$27,500.00 - \$28,399.99
25%	\$28,400.00 - \$29,299.99
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10%	\$31,100.00 - \$31,999.99
5%	\$32,000.00 - \$32,899.99

H.15 Settlement of Grievance

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of a Settlement Agreement between the Catskill Central School District and the Catskill Teachers Association dated February 9, 2016, to resolve a Grievance dated January 10, 2014, and authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to execute the same. A copy of said Settlement Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Settlement of
Grievance

H.16 Increase in District Substitute Pay Rates

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the increase in District Substitute pay rates as stated below.

<u>Substitute Title</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Substitute Rate of Pay Increase</u>
Certified Teacher	\$90.00	\$98.00	
Uncertified Teacher	\$65/\$75	\$75.00	
Monitor	\$9.00	\$10.00	
Clerical	\$9.00	\$10.00	

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Aide	\$10.00	\$11.00
Teaching Assistant	\$11.00	\$12.00
Operations and Maintenance	\$11.00	\$12.00
Licensed Nurse	\$14.00	\$16.00

H.17 Approval of Official Voting Hours

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to adjust the official voting hours for the annual Budget and Board Member Vote for the Catskill Central School District;

Approval of New Voting Hours

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective February 25, 2016, the Board of Education hereby designates the official voting hours for the annual Budget and Board Member Vote for the Catskill Central School District to be from One (1) o'clock p.m. to Nine (9) o'clock p.m..

H.18 Termination of Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby terminates the agreement for Legal Services dated June 29, 2015 with Shaw, Perelson, May, and Lambert, LLP, and the Catskill Central School District, effective December 19, 2015, notice of which was given previously by the Board of Education.

Termination of Contract

H.19 Approval of Overnight Trip to Owego, NY for the FCCLA Club

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves an overnight trip for the FCCLA club from March 31, 2016 to April 1, 2016, for the purposes of attending the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

Overnight Trip for FCCLA

H.20 First Reading of Revisions to the following policies:

- #4332 – Travel Study
- #5132 – Entrance Into First Grade
- #5141 – Entrance Age
- #6830 – Meal Reimbursement

1st Reading of Policies

H.21 Appointment of School District Treasurer

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Amanda McCabe, as School District Treasurer, to be paid an annual salary of \$50,000 pro-rated, effective February 16, 2016, pending clearance of fingerprint supported criminal history background check.

Amanda McCabe

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

(I) BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Action/Discussion Items

I.1 Waiving of 2nd Reading and Adoption of Revision to Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby suspends that portion of Policy 2410 that requires two readings prior to policy adoption and hereby determines that it is

Adoption of

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necessary to adopt the revisions to the following policies on one reading.

Revisions to policies

- #4332 – Travel Study
- #5132 – Entrance Into First Grade
- #5141 – Entrance Age
- #6830 – Meal Reimbursement

**A MOTION (Fiske/Osswald) to approve the recommendation as stated above.
Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.**

(J) COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

Committee and Other
Reports

- *Policy Committee TBD*

(K) FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board
Meetings

1. March 9, 2016 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM – Budget Workshop
2. March 23, 2016 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM – **Regular Business**
3. April Workshop – TBD
4. April 19, 2016 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM – **Regular Business – BOCES
Vote**

**(L) VISITOR RECOGNITION ON SCHOOL RELATED NON-AGENDA
ITEMS (prior to executive session)**

Visitor Recognition
on School Related
Non-Agenda Items

- *Jason Borgen spoke on the Veterans Tax Exemption.*

(M) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Matters made exempt by federal or state law – FERPA.

**A MOTION (Shah/Osswald) to go into Executive Session at 7:47pm.
Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.**

Executive Session

(N) RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

**A MOTION (Lyles/Kirch) to return to Public Session at 9:26pm.
Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.**

Adjournment

(O) ADJOURNMENT

**A MOTION (Shah/Darling) to adjourn at 9:27pm.
Results: Aye 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0. Motion carried.**