

**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Catskill, New York

**Regular Meeting**

**Board of Education Minutes**

**February 25, 2015**

CHS Library

**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** W. Fiske, L. Warner, C. Parish, A. Jones, C. Kirch, S. Kubicek, R. Osswald

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Darling, K. Lyles (arrived @ 7:24pm)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** K. Farrell, 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 7:07pm, emergency exits designated, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and roll call taken.

Call to Order

**(B) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The employment history of a particular person, Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law – CTA, To discuss matters made exempt by federal or state law – FERPA.*

**A MOTION (Kirch/Warner) to go into Executive Session at 7:08pm.**

**Results: Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 2. Motion carried.**

Executive Session

**(C) RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**A MOTION (Parish/Kubicek) to return to Public Session at 7:44pm.**

**Results: Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.**

**(D) VISITOR RECOGNITION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*At this time, the Board moved item “L” Visitor Recognition on School Related Non-Agenda Items to this section.*

- *Jason Borgen spoke on the Veteran’s Tax Exemption*

Visitor Recognition on Agenda Items

**(E) SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- *Kristina Giangreco, Michelle Storrs, and students presented a musical introduction for the upcoming school play “Grease”.*
- *Matt Luvera spoke on the Regional Spelling Bee held at Proctors Theatre. Two students in CES participated. Karsen Chiminelli made it to the top 14 out of 115 participants.*

*\*At this time (8:06pm) the Superintendent asked for the Board to act on item I.1 and then a short break was taken. The meeting continued at 8:18pm\**

- *Congratulations to Boys Varsity Basketball for making it to Sectionals.*

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- *Wellness Fair in June 2015 for faculty/Staff.*
- *Open House for Tech Valley was held on 2/24/15 for Greene County.*
- *Discussion on regarding Cuomo’s Reform info.*
- *Regents exams – a few students did excellent, but overall scores were not great – district to pursue more rigorous preparation and review.*
- *Dr. Cruz @ Questar to review growth scores.*
- *Draft calendar for 2015 – final should be at March meeting.*
- *Lisa Schlenker, Mary Hatton, Dr. Farrell attended a meeting in Albany on 2/23/15 regarding focus review and NCLB.*

Superintendent’s Report

**(F) BOARD REPORT**

Board Report

*The Superintendent and the Board of Education President recommend the following items for consent agenda, according to Board Policy: G-H14*

**A MOTION (Fiske/Osswald) to approve the recommendation as stated above.  
Results: Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.**

**(G) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education hereby approves the January 21, 2015, and February 11, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes.

Personnel-  
Instructional/Non-  
Instructional

**(H) PERSONNEL- INSTRUCTIONAL/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Resignations

**H.1 Resignations**

**H.1.a Resignation of Madeline Graham, Food Service Worker**

Madeline Graham

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Madeline Graham**, Food Service Worker, assigned to CES, effective February 11, 2015, for personal reasons.

**H.1.b Resignation of Carolyn Miller, English Teacher, CMS**

Carolyn Miller

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Carolyn Miller**, English Teacher, assigned to CMS, effective February 19, 2015, for personal reasons.

**H.1.c Resignation of Gregg Eggleston, Coach JV Baseball**

Gregg Eggleston

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Gregg Eggleston, Coach JV Baseball**, effective January 22, 2015, for personal reasons.

**H.2 Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence

**H.2.a Leave of Absence Extension, Patricia McNeff, Monitor**

Patricia McNeff

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby

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approves a leave of absence extension for **Patricia McNeff**, Monitor, effective February 5, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Appointments

**H.3. Appointments**

**H.3.a Appointment of After School Tutor, CES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following as an after school tutor at CES for the 2014-15 school year.

Christie Biegel

Jessica Shader

- Christie Biegel
- Jessica Shader

**H.3.b Appointment of Short Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 2, CES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of **Jessica Gonzalez** as a Short term Substitute Teacher – Grade 2, CES, effective March 10, 2015 to May 4, 2015, (leave for Jacqueline Shah).

Jessica Gonzalez

**H.4 Resolution to Approve Clarke Scholarship Appointments**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Catskill Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the following Clarke Scholarship appointments for the 2014-15 school year:

Joel Phelps

- **Joel Phelps, Confidential/Financial Secretary**

**H.5 Approval of Increase in Hours**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the increase in hours of one food service worker position from 4.0 hours/day to 4.50 hours/day

Increase in Hours

**H.6 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 2014-2015 school year.

CSE/CPSE

*Resolved: That the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE meetings of 2/11/15, 2/12/15, 1/14/15, 2/06/15, 1/16/15, 2/05/15, 1/20/15, 2/10/15, 1/23/15, , student's #'s: 31001772, 31003170, 31001842, 31000106, 31002201, 31002941, 31003201, 31003201, 031000727, 31003196, 31002273, 31002307, 31002317, 31003148, 31000212, 000100453, 31002933, 1001732, 1001869, 031000591, 31002007, 000101325, 31002923, 31002736, 31003156, 31002997, are approved.*

**H.7 Acceptance of Section 504 Accommodation Plan**

The Section 504 Accommodation Committee has submitted recommendations for Section 504 ADA Individual Accommodation Plans of children and adults with a

504 Accommodation Plans

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disabling condition that requires accommodation in 2014-15.

Recommendation: The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendations for student's/employee's #'s: #1001672, #1002096, #31003139, #31002227, as presented by the Section 504 Accommodation Committee.

**H.8 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby accepts the December 2014 and January 2015 Treasurer's Reports, as submitted by the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

**H.9 Acceptance of the Claims Audit Reports**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby accepts the October 2014, November 2014, and December 2014 Claims Audit Reports, as submitted by the Claims Auditor.

Claims Audit Reports

**H.10 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,

Obsolete/Surplus

**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.

**H.11 Approval of Foreign Exchange Student**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the admission of one foreign exchange student from Italy (I.P.) for the 2015-16 school year and hereby waives the payment of tuition for such student during such period of time.

Foreign Exchange Student

**H.12 2014-2015 Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limits**

Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption

**H.12.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

**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

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provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law:

Percentage Assessment Valuation Exempt from Taxation 2014-2015	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.12.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 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 2014-2015	Senior Citizen & Disabled Citizen Tax Exemptions
	Annual Income
50%	Max. income limit \$24,500.00
45%	\$24,500.01 - \$25,499.99

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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
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10%	\$31,100.00 - \$31,999.99
5%	\$32,000.00 - \$32,899.99

**H.13 Approval of Overnight Trip to NYC for the CHS Business Club**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves an overnight trip for the CHS Business Club on March 31, 2015 to April 1, 2015, for the purposes of attending a Business Leadership Conference.

Overnight Trip for  
CHS Business Club

**H.14 Approval of Summer School 2015 for Grades K-5 and 6-12**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the establishment of a district summer school program for grades K-5 (Monday through Thursday – July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>) & 6-12 (Monday through Thursday – July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>), for the Summer of 2015.

Summer School 2015

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA  
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**(I) BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board  
Action/Discussion  
Items

**I.1 Tenure Appointment of Amanda Kovac (Schoepflin)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby confers tenure to Amanda Kovac, in the Elementary Teacher (Childhood Education Gr. 1-6) tenure area effective January 10, 2015.

Tenure Appointment  
Amanda Kovac

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

**Results: Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.**

**I.2 Tax Certiorari Proceedings**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education authorizes Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert LLP to execute a Stipulation and Consent Order in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned :

Tax Certiorari

HD Development of Maryland c/o The Home Depot USA, Inc v. Town of Catskill and the Catskill Central School District:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

**A MOTION (Warner/Lyles) to approve the recommendation as stated above.**

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**Results: Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.**

**(J) FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

1. March 11, 2015 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM Workshop
2. March 25, 2015 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM Regular Business
3. April 21, 2015 – CHS Library – 7:00 PM Regular Business – BOCES Annual Budget & Board Member Vote
4. May 6, 2015 – Public Hearing on Budget – CHS Auditorium – 6:00 PM – Workshop – 7:00 PM

Future BOE Meetings

**(K) COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

- *Audit & Finance 3/11/15*
- *Policy 3/19/15*

Committee and Other Reports

**(L) VISITOR RECOGNITION ON SCHOOL RELATED NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*\*item moved to section “D”\**

Visitor Recognition on Non-Agenda Items

**(M) ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION (Kubicek/Parish) to adjourn at 8:37pm.**

**Results: Aye 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1. Motion carried.**

Adjournment

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District Clerk