

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2008

PRESENT: Kathleen Bratt, President
Michael Lees, Co Vice President
Charles Ware, Co Vice President - Absent
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Jill Modafferi
Rodney Pollock-Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Janice Lee, District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr., Asst. Superintendent for Business
Robert Wren, Elementary Principal
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Louis Chistolini, Asst. Principal/AD
Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Staff Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Bratt at 6:30 pm.

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Lees, the agenda was approved. Agenda
Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: Abstain:

Pete Reilly discussed his technology assessment recommendations
Mr. Cummins entered the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Mr. Speck and Mrs. Fadden updated the board on BOCES.

The following personnel items were approved:.

On motion of Lees, 2nd by Cummins	Michael Nichols	Resign as Sports Club Advisor	\$177.50 (1/2 yr) eff. 3/11/08
On motion of Lees, 2nd by Cummins	Trevor Rohlin	MS Sports Club Advisor	
On motion of Lees, 2nd by Cummins	Holly Vanderhoof	High School Secretary	\$20,500 prorated eff. 3/11/08
On motion of Lees, 2nd by Modafferi	Paul Doane Sarah Dolan Molly McDonough	Sub Teachers	\$75.00/day eff. 3/11/08
On motion of Modafferi, 2nd by Lees	Donna Haskell Ira Newkirk	Sub Custodians	\$10.10/hr eff. 3/11/08
On motion of Lees, 2nd by Dennison	Ryan Brunelle Stephanie Green Trevor Rohlin Jennifer Taylor	Credit hour increase (1/2 year) effective 1/1/08	From 7B+30 to 7B+30 M=\$46,837 From 1B to 1B+6=\$41,499.50 From 1B+18 to 1B+30+M=\$43,660.50 From 6B+18 to 6B+36 M=\$46,145.50
On motion of Lees, 2nd by Cummins	Sally Allen Brenda McCarthy Christopher Rucco Alan Simmons	Volunteers	N/A

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2008 were approved.

Minutes

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the following resolution was adopted:

Reality
Check Reso.

WHEREAS, smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Each day more than 4,000 youth try smoking for the first time, and another 2,000 youth become regular daily smokers; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that tobacco advertising contributes to youth smoking rates; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1/3 of adolescent experimentation with smoking can be directly attributed to tobacco advertising and promotional activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 tobacco companies spent \$15.1 billion to market cigarettes in the United States; and

Whereas, These marketing expenditures tend to overwhelm and counteract efforts by school systems, government, and the medical community to decrease smoking rates, particularly when advertisements are displayed in educational and health care settings; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2003, the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and four tobacco companies (Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds (Reynolds America), US Smokeless Tobacco Company and Santa Fe Tobacco Company) reached an agreement to eliminate tobacco advertising in the classroom program versions of *Times*, *Newsweek* and *US News and World Report*; and

WHEREAS, Reality Check surveyed 223 school libraries across New York State (at least one in each county) and found that magazines carried in school libraries contained tobacco ads thus encouraging youth to begin smoking; and

WHEREAS, School is a place where children and teenagers can learn and grow in a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, Schools and school libraries should not be an outlet for the tobacco industry to target youth and find replacement smokers; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2005, NAAG, tobacco companies and magazine publishers reached an arrangement that eliminates all tobacco advertisement in *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *People* and *Time* going to schools including school libraries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **the Cato-Meridian Central School Board of Education** hereby expresses its opposition to tobacco advertisements in magazines in the school setting including school libraries and enthusiastically supports the tobacco advertisement free arrangement reached between NAAG, the tobacco companies and the publishers of *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *People* to eliminate tobacco advertising from editions of these four magazines that are sent to school settings, including school libraries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED because, there are still many magazines in school libraries that contain tobacco advertisements, **the Cato-Meridian Central School Board of Education** supports future efforts of Reality Check and the Attorney General to limit tobacco company access to youth by eliminating tobacco advertising in all editions of magazines in schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED because *Ebony*, *Essence*, *Jet*, *Outdoor Life*, *Field and Stream*, and *Popular Science* are carried in so many school libraries, these magazines should be included in the tobacco advertisement free arrangement immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2008 by 5 votes.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Attorney General, Time Inc. (the publisher of Outdoor Life, Field and Stream, Popular Science and Essence) and Johnson Publishing Company, Inc. (the publishers of Jet and Ebony).

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, permission was granted for the Cato Fire Department to use an In-Focus machine at their annual banquet April 12, 2008. Equip. Use

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the Committee on Special Education minutes were approved. CSE

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm. Adjourn

Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: Abstain:

Janice Lee, District Clerk