

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Kathleen Bratt, President  
Michael Lees, Co Vice President  
Charles Ware, Co Vice President  
Dean Cummins  
Jill Modafferi  
Rodney Pollock  
Paul Byrne – Board Member elect

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deborah Bobo, Superintendent  
Janice Lee, District Clerk  
Crosby Lamont, Jr., Asst. Superintendent for Business  
Staff Member  
Community Members

**WHERE HELD:** District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Co Vice President Michael Lees at 6:30 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the agenda was approved.

Voting Yes: 5      Voting No:      Abstain:

Agenda

Mrs. Bratt entered the meeting at 6:35 pm.

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Shayna Burghdorf who holds NYS Certification in Art Education, to the provisional position of high school art teacher effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Shayna Burghdorf be paid at the annual salary of \$44,578, step 1 B30+M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6      No 0      Abstaining

Burghdorf

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Karen Carbone who holds NYS Certification as School Psychologist, to the provisional position of school psychologist effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Karen Carbone be paid at the annual salary of \$47,649, step 1 B+66 M CAS for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6      No 0      Abstaining

Carbone

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint William James Drancsak, Jr. who holds NYS CAS Certification, to the provisional position of assistant principal/AD/director of physical education and health effective July 1, 2008 And to expire on July 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William Drancsak, Jr. be paid at the annual salary of \$72,000 for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Drancsak

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Ember Hilkert who holds NYS Certification as social worker, to the provisional position of social worker effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ember Hilkert be paid at the annual salary of \$49,295, step 8 B+48 M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Hilkert

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Meghan Johnston who holds NYS Certification in elementary K-6 , to the one year long term substitute position of grade 5 teacher effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on June 30, 2009; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Meghan Johnston be paid at the annual salary of \$46,346, step 4 B+36 M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Johnston

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Scott Macomber who holds NYS Certification mathematics 7-12, to the provisional position of grade 7 math teacher effective September 1, 2008 and to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Scott Macomber be paid at the annual salary of \$47,063, step 2 B+54 M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Macomber

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Molly McDonough who holds NYS Certification in English 7-12, to the provisional position of high school English effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Molly McDonough be paid at the annual salary of \$41,184, step 1 B for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

McDonough

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Amie Murray who holds NYS Certification in Spanish, to the provisional position of Spanish teacher effective September 1, 2008 and to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Amie Murray be paid at the annual salary of \$45,097, step 1 B+36 M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Murray

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware:

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Meghan Zalewski who holds NYS Certification in elementary K-6 to the provisional position of grade 3 teacher effective September 1, 2008 And to expire on September 1, 2011; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Meghan Zalewski be paid at the annual salary of \$44,578, step 1 B+30 M for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Zalewski

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the retirement of Christine Topichak effective 7/1/08 was approved.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Topichak  
Retire

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following student summer maintenance helpers were appointed:

Kristine Delattre, Cassandra Terpening, Joey Giuffrida, Danielle Schmitt, Austin Lee and Denzer Campbell.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Summer  
Helpers

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the following exempt salary recommendations were approved for the 2008-09 school year:

Exempt Employees

Deborah Bobo	Superintendent	112,875 eff. 7/1/08
Crosby Lamont, Jr.	Asst. Supt. for Business	89,604 eff. 7/1/08
Jan Lee	Superintendent's Secretary	41,344 eff. 7/1/08

Lori Petrocci	Treasurer	36,173 eff. 7/1/08
Craig Bullard	Head Custodian	36,000 eff. 7/28/08
Jeffery Smith	Bldg. Main. Mechanic	36,000 eff. 7/28/08
Trudy Cardinale	Head Bus Driver	40,348 eff. 7/1/08
Marilyn Warner	Nurse	42,216 eff. 7/1/08
Katherine Hoyt	Nurse	32,776 eff. 7/1/08
Sue Hawker	Technology Coordinator	41,586 eff. 7/1/08

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. lees, the Director of Technology position was created.

Create Dir. of Tech. Position

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Aaron Berube was appointed as Director of Technology at \$60,000 for the 2008-09 school year effective 7/7/08.

Berube

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the minutes of the meeting held on June 9, 2008 were approved.

Minutes

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the treasurer and revenue reports were accepted.

Treas/Rev. Rpt.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following resolution was approved:

OCM-Copiers

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian School District desires to enter into up to a 36 month service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the district pursuant to education law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to network printing services in CoSer 521, 562 and/or CoSer 620.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above school district agrees to enter into a contract with OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the district not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the estimated annual payment for equipment and Regional Information Center support of \$39,288.00 plus overage charges incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Document Services Agreement contract that will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of 36 months commencing on or about July 31, 2008.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, approval was granted to participate in the cooperative Bid with Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES.

Coop. Bid

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

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

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

CSE

Mrs. Modafferi nominated Rodney Pollock, seconded by Mr. Lees, to be appointed to the vacant board seat for one year (July 1 through May 19, 2009). There being no further nominations, Mr. Pollock was appointed.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 1-Pollock

Pollock Board

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the board entered executive session at 7:15 pm to discuss a student issue.

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining

Exec. Session

The board moved from executive session and on motion of Mr. Ware Seconded by Mr. Lees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Janice Lee, District Clerk