

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2007**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deborah Bobo, Superintendent  
Janice Lee, District Clerk  
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Ann Marie Dillon, Elementary Principal  
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal  
Joseph Coleman, High School Principal  
Louis Chistolini, Assistant High School Principal  
Dan Fay, Architect  
Staff Members  
Community Members

**WHERE HELD:** District Conference Room

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

Pledge to the flag.

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

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

Mr. Arthur Ausburn, a veteran of World War II, was awarded his high school diploma. Mr. Ausburn received a standing ovation. Diploma

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modaffier, the following resolution was adopted: SEQR Resolution

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the District buildings, which includes general construction, heating, ventilation, lighting and electrical upgrades, replacement of certain floors and window treatments, improvements to security systems, and replacement of certain plumbing systems (the “Project”) and has engaged Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects, P.C., an architectural firm, to design and administer such a Project;

**WHEREAS**, the Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”);

**WHEREAS**, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(8));

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as an involved agency, has examined information available to it and related to the Project and, based upon the recommendation of its architect, has determined that improvements the Board foresees are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(8) of the SEQR Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District hereby declares itself to be Lead Agency, specifically pursuant to 6 NYCRR§617.6(b), for the proposed Project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department, if necessary, together with a copy of correspondence to and from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with request for approval of the Project from the New York State Education Department.

The Resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the wording for the EXCEL      EXCEL Project project proposition wording was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A special meeting of the qualified voters of the Cato-Meridian Central School District shall be held at the Middle School Foyer, 2851 N.Y.S. Route 370, Cato, New York 13033, in said District, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the notice of special meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at the Special School District meeting shall be as stated in the notice thereof, and the district Clerk has authorized the Notice of the Special School District Meeting to be published in the Syracuse Post Standard and the Auburn Citizen, newspapers having a general circulation within the District, such publication to be made four (4) times in such newspapers within seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special School District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days prior to the date of the Special School District Meeting.

Section 3. Said special meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
CATO-MERIDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, Cayuga County, New York, shall be held at the Cato-Meridian Middle School Foyer, 2851 N.Y.S. Route 370, Cato, in said District, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at this meeting:

## PROPOSITION

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, Cayuga County, New York, be and hereby is authorized to expand, construct, reconstruct and renovate school buildings and facilities, including site improvements, and to acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus and other improvements incidental thereto, all as required for the purposes for which such buildings and facilities are to be used; and to expend therefore a sum not to exceed two million five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$2,555,000.00), including all professional costs, equipment, machinery and other necessary appurtenances, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof; such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district and collected in annual installments as provided by section 416 of the education law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the school district shall be issued in an amount not to exceed two million five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$2,555,000.00), and a tax is hereby voted for the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that voting upon the foregoing Proposition will be by ballot on voting machines that will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at the Middle School Foyer, Cato, New York, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., local time.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the text of this proposition may appear on the ballot label in the following abbreviated form:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expand, construct, reconstruct, renovate and equip District buildings and facilities, including sites, furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus incidental thereto; to expend a sum not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,555,000.00); and authorize levy of a tax upon taxable property in the District in accordance with Education Law 416; and in anticipation of such tax, to issue obligation of School District not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,555,000.00); and a tax is hereby voted for the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that, pursuant to Education Law §2018-a, absentee ballots are available and that any application for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk seven (7) days before the Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or one day before the vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Special District Meeting.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0  
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Mrs. Kolodziejczyk discussed AP biology. TK Hayden also commented on the program as well. AP Biology

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Mary Anna LaFave was appointed as a substitute teacher at \$75.00/day effective 1/9/07. Appointments  
 Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Phillip Lamb was appointed as a volunteer.  
 Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Karen Kalinowski was Appointed as a teacher assistant at \$7.88/hour effective 1/23/07/  
 Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock the following advisors were appointed:

<b>Jose Bernier</b>	<b>Spanish Club Advisor</b>	<b>\$170.50 ½ stipend</b>
<b>Sandra Casper-Sheehan</b>	<b>Spanish Club Advisor</b>	<b>Reduce to ½ stipend</b>
<b>Bev Green/Lorraine Malecki</b>	<b>Odyssey of the Mind</b>	<b>\$170.50</b>
<b>Jean Ann Saxton/Jen Musso</b>		<b>Each receiving \$285.50</b>
<b>Dawna Carvey, Kathy Dudley,</b>	<b>Odyssey of the Mind</b>	
<b>Sarah Mavretish</b>		<b>Each receiving \$571.00</b>

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following spring coaches were appointed.

<b>Ryan Brunelle</b>	<b>Mod Baseball</b>	<b>Step 1 2,340</b>
<b>Scott Henry</b>	<b>Mod Softball</b>	<b>Step 3 2,936</b>
<b>Jim Donahoe</b>	<b>Varsity Golf</b>	<b>Step 3 4,885</b>
<b>Donna Cappellano</b>	<b>Varsity Girls Track</b>	<b>Step 3 4,885</b>
<b>Dennis St. Amour</b>	<b>Varsity Boys Track</b>	<b>Step 2 4,364</b>
<b>Dennis Taylor</b>	<b>Mod Boys Track</b>	<b>Step 2 2,620</b>
<b>Krista Kolodziejczyk</b>	<b>Mod Girls Track</b>	<b>Step 1 2,340</b>

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 2007 were approved. Minutes

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the treasurer's report was accepted. Treas. Rpt.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the revenue report was accepted. Bud Trans.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Bus #122 was excused. Excess Bus #122  
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, a donation of \$100.00 was Donation-Morency  
Accepted in memory of the late Joseph Morency.  
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Lees, the Committee on CSE Minutes  
Special Education minutes were approved.  
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

A summer camp proposal was presented by Mr. Bovee representing the Sports Booster Club.

The administration updated the board on current events.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the board entered Exec. Session  
executive session to discuss the medical, financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and a contractual issue at 7:50 pm.  
Voting Yes: 7 Voting No: 0 Abstaining: 0

The board moved from executive session at 9:00 pm.

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the meeting was adjourned Adjourn  
At 9:02 pm.

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Janice Lee, District Clerk