

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 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  
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.

Agenda

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following personnel resigned:

Personnel

<b>Angela Romano</b>	<b>Gr. 2 Reading Tutor</b>	<b>Resign Eff. 3/9/07</b>
<b>Heather Wood</b>	<b>Gr. 1 Literacy Coach</b>	<b>Resign Eff. 3/2/07</b>

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

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

<b>Sara Peckham</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Appt. Eff. 3/13/07</b>
<b>Linda colon</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Appt. Eff. 3/13/07</b>

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the following teacher aide was appointed:

<b>Michael Harwood (Judi Magee)</b>	<b>Teacher Aide -5½ hr/day</b>	<b>Appt.Eff. 3/13/07 \$7.25/hr.</b>
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Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the following credit hour increase was approved:

<b>Jose Bernier</b>	<b>Credit hour increase</b>	<b>6 B+30 M = \$45,035</b>
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Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2007 were approved. Minutes

Voting Yes 5      Voting No 0      Abstaining 2-Lees, Pollock

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the 2005-06 single and extracurricular audits were approved. XCurr. Audit

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

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

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Quebec Club trip to Quebec in April or May, 2008 was approved. Quebec Trip

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, approval was granted for the fourth grade, with Kitty Dates as facilitator, to “adopt a school” (Jambo Jipya in Mwtapa, Kenya). The students will raise funds to help the people. Adopt a

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian School District (the “District”) desires to enter into a five year services agreement with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES in order to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to Wide-Area-Network (WAN) and Internet Services.

NOW, THERE FORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above school district agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES, for the provision of said services to the district, not to exceed \$64,808 annually for the 5-year term incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district as described in the attached Schedule A. Also included is the yearly OCM BOCES support during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to

OCM BOCES for the early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that OCM BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable penalties or liquidated damages, and the district will also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by OCM BOCES as a consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. Payment will be made as part of a regular annual OCM BOCES contract for services. Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of OCM BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of five years commencing on or about July 1, 2007.

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, board accepted the recommendation of the technology committee to purchase 75 computers at a cost of \$69,711.

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, approval was granted to Allocate the money for a driver education course during the summer of 2007 at a cost of \$75.00 per student, with first preference to incoming seniors (class of 2008). Additionally, the \$75.00 fee will be refunded to the student upon successful completion of this course.

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the board entered executive session at 8:30 pm 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.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

The board moved from executive session at 10:49 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the meeting was adjourned At 10:50 pm.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

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Janice Lee, District Clerk