

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Kathleen Bratt, President  
Charles Ware, Vice President  
Dean Cummins  
Heidi Dennison  
Roxanne Miller

**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  
Charles Mitchell, Interim High School Principal  
Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Betsey Hayden, AD  
Staff Members  
Community Members

**WHERE HELD:** District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Bratt at 6:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the board entered executive session at 6:01 pm to discuss peer review report which may impact the employment history of particular individuals and contractual obligations. Exec. Session  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

The regular meeting began at 7:10 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the agenda was approved with the following amendments: Remove IV d and item Vd- Agenda  
first reading of policy 5323 – awaiting legal confirmation  
Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Ms. Kelly, Mr. Modafferi and Ms. Pennock reported on the music program. Music Presentation  
After discussing their schedules, they requested an additional full time music teacher and new equipment. The equipment is especially needed in the middle school mainly large instruments. Mr. Ware asked them to make a list of their needs to submit to the administration.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware the following personnel were appointed effective March 21, 2006:

Appointments

Alfred Angeleri	Sub Teacher	\$55/day \$60 after 15 days
Lorene Saya	Sub Bus Driver	\$10/hr.
Brian Hildreth	Per Diem Psychologist	\$295/Per triennial evaluation (20 evaluations) \$5,900 Total

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cummins, Sam Lincoln was appointed as volunteer golf coach for the 2005-06 season.

Appt. Volunteer Coach

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the resignation of Andrew Criss effective March 19, 2006.

A. Criss Resign

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, coaching assignment changes were approved as follows: Dennis Taylor modified boys track and Dennis St. Amour varsity boys track, both on step 2.

Coaching Changes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

The February 13, 2006 minutes will be added to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the revised minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting were approved.

Minutes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2006 were approved.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

CSE Minutes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins Policy 7000 Comprehensive Student Attendance was re-adopted with revisions.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

President Bratt read policy 5324 as a first reading.

Policies

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the proposition for board member terms for 3 or 5 years was approved to present to the voters on May 16, 2006 and become effective with the 2007 board member election.

Yes 4 No 0 Abstaining 1-Ware

Mr. Lamont discussed the 2006-07 budget. He noted reasons for an increase in the 2006-07 budget: \$45,000 resource officer, tech support and equipment, buildings and grounds (2 additional people), K-8 Math AIS teacher, full time Home and Careers teacher, and interest for additional buses. The total budget this time is \$16,596,599, which is a \$960,000 increase which is around a 6.2% increase. Mr. Lamont also indicated that the revenue picture is still pending action by Albany. The \$200,000 fund balance will be used as a revenue source.

Budget

Mr. Lees suggested that a 5 year planning committee might be a good idea. Mr. Lamont agreed.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the treasurer's and revenue reports were accepted.

Treas/Rev. Rpts

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the following bills were approved:

SN94	\$18,231.61
SN95	\$154,799.66
SN96	124,818.56
SN98	\$744.81
SN99	\$23,517.71

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, approval was granted to purchase the administrative regulation manual from Erie I BOCES to coincide with our current board policies.

Purchase Admin.  
Reg. Manual

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

Volunteer poll workers will be appointed as in the past, making sure there are no conflicts.

The administrators reported on current events.

Public comment included Odyssey competition; distance learning; letter to the editor; rumors in the community about the deficit. Mrs. Miller dispelled the rumor about Mr. Miller becoming superintendent and Mr. Cummins indicated that no discussion has taken place regarding combining the K-8 principalship.

The board discussed the seminar at the Springside Inn; BOCES annual meeting reservations; OM competition; 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade open house at the high school; honor society; electives at the high school; security cameras at the high school and the purchase of a lawn mower.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Adjourn

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining 0

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Janice Lee, District Clerk