

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 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
Michael Burns, Assistant Middle School Principal
Joseph Coleman, High School Principal
Louis Chistolini, Assistant 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 Mr. Lees, the agenda was approved. Agenda
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the History Club's annual trip to Lake Placid May 3-5, 2007 was approved.
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Morsdorf and Mr. Ostroski presented Project Lead the Way, with comments made by students Ashley Thomas and Shane Hare. Proj. Lead the Way

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, Jeanette Necastro was Appointed as high school secretary at a salary of \$20,500 effective April 10, 2007. Appointments
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Lees the following substitutes were appointed:

Melissa Dennison	Substitute Nurse	\$75/day eff. 3/27/07
Samuel Sochia	Substitute Teacher	\$75/day eff. 3/27/07
Violet Wade	Substitute Teacher	\$75/day eff. 3/27/07

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Timothy Hawkins was appointed as assistant varsity track coach at step I - \$2,568.08.
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, Jennifer Manolis was appointed as recreation aide P/T at \$6.75/hr effective 3/27/07.
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, Joseph VanHorn's retirement was accepted effective 12/30/06. Van Horn Resign
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, a part time teacher aide position @ \$7.24/hr for 3 hours/day with no benefits was created. Create Aide Position
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the minutes of the meeting held on March 12, 2007 were approved. Minutes
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Ware, 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. Lees, the 2007-08 school district calendar was accepted. 07-08 Calendar
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by the Mr. Lees, Treasurer and revenue Reports were accepted. Treas./Rev. Reports
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

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

The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election: Bus Resolution

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION # 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CATO-MERIDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF 3 SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$197,741, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH SUM OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE PARTIALLY OFFSET BY STATE AID AVAILABLE THEREFOR; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$197,741. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following resolution was adopted: EXCEL Resolution

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 26, 2007 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CATO-MERIDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on March 13, 2007, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly determined that the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder (“SEQRA”) which will not have a significant impact on the environment and such purpose is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Cato-Meridian Central School District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District’s existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at a special voter meeting on March 13, 2007.

Section 2. The Cato-Meridian Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,555,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) is certain capital improvements consisting of expansion, construction, reconstruction, and renovation of school buildings and facilities within the School District (each such building being a class “A” (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), site improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$2,555,000, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor; and (b) the Cato-Meridian Central School District’s plan to finance the cost of said purpose is to provide up to \$2,555,000 from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to; and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. The Cato-Meridian Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,555,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Cato-Meridian Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement Healthcare Plan was approved as follows: Healthcare Agreement

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 47 of the Insurance Law, Articles 5 and 5G of the New York General Municipal Law, and sections 1709 (34-a) and 1950 of the New York Education Law, a number of component school districts and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Cayuga and Onondaga Counties have joined together to form a Cooperative healthcare plan, known as the Cayuga-Onondaga Area School Employees' Healthcare Plan, for the purpose of providing and financing Health, medical and dental benefits for certain of their respective employees;

And

WHEREAS, Chapter 689 of the Laws of 1994 enacted Article 47 of the Insurance Law and established new requirements for municipal cooperation Agreements concerning the provision of health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously adopted a resolution authorizing Participation in the Plan at its meeting on November 25, 1985 and March 25, 1996; and

WHEREAS, an emended agreement have been prepared detailing the terms of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Cayuga-Onondaga Area School Employees' Healthcare Plan recommends adoption and approval of the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Cato-Meridian Central School District desires to participate in the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District hereby authorizes participation in the Cayuga-Onondaga Area School Employees' Healthcare Plan and directs The President of the Board of Education to execute the agreements; and any Amendments or successor agreements thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until it is modified or rescinded.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

The impact of the activity bus, Cato Community Recreation Center Audit
And the 2007-08 budget were discussed.

The administrators updated the board on current events.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the meeting was
adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Adjourn

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk