

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 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  
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal  
Michael Burns, Middle School Administrative Intern  
Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
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

Grade 3 students presented money collected from their spelling bee to the PTO for the playground, Lang Library, African Kenya initiative and senior scholarship fund.

Grade 3

Anthony Perrotta discussed the Skills U.S.A. National Competition in which he is competing.

A. Perrotta  
Presentation

The high school career day was discussed and a slide show was presented.

Academic Intervention Services was discussed.

The Professional Development Planning Committee discussed current activities.

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the tenure resolution approved at the April 9, 2007 meeting with an effective date of 7/1/07 for Ann Marie Dillon was amended to 5/21/07.

Dillon  
Tenure Change

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Appointments

Kevin Bratt	Groundskeeper	\$21,005 eff. 6/4/07
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Voting Yes 6 Voting No 0 Abstaining 1-Bratt

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, Keith Twomey was appointed as sub custodian at \$10.10/hr. effective May 22, 2007.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, Sara Peckham was appointed as a sub teacher aide at \$7.25/hr effective 5/22/07.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Danielle Collier was appointed as a sub teacher aide at \$7.25/hr effective 5/22/07.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Lees, David Keefe and Christopher Rucco were appointed as volunteers.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the resignation submitted by Ann Marie Dillion effective June 30, 2007 was accepted.

Resignations

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the resignation due to retirement submitted by Kathryn Donnelly effective June 30, 2007 was accepted.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Mary Beth Grau and Dennis Taylor were appointed Master Teachers effective September 1, 2007 with an annual stipend of \$1,300.00.

Master Teacher

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Lees, Jennifer Taylor was granted a maternity leave effective September 18, 2007 – January 29, 2008.

Taylor Leave

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Robert Morsdorf was appointed driver education teacher effective July 5, 2007 for 30 days with a salary of \$5,100.00.

Morsdorf  
Driver Ed.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2007 were approved.

Minutes

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Rev/Treas.  
Rpts.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the budget transfers were approved.

Bud. Trans.

Voting Yes 7 Voting No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Whereas, the Clerk of the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, has examined and tabulated the results of the Annual School Election held May 15, 2007, and, Whereas, the Clerk of the Board of Education has determined the number of votes cast to be as follows:

<b>Kathleen Bratt</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Budget: YES</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Transportation: YES</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>145</b>

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, hereby certifies that Kathleen Bratt is elected as a member of the Board of Education for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby certifies that the **2007-2008** General Fund appropriations in the amount of **\$17,178,164**, has been approved.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby certifies that the proposition has been approved to purchase three school buses; 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 therefore; 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.

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following out of district transportation requests were approved:

Trans.

Soane Nicoletti-Watson	St. Mary's Academy
Joshua Schaap	Baldwinsville Christian Academy

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modaffero, a request from Karen Vincent, Tutor for her son, Austin, to attend kindergarten at Cato-Meridian was approved for the 2007-08 school year.

Enrollment

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

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

Coop. Bids

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, approval was granted to offer a Chinese course at the high school during the 2007-08 school year at an approximate cost of \$4,000.00.

Chinese Course  
H.S.

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the board entered executive session at 8:07 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.

Exec.  
Session

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 11:06 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm.

Adjourn

Voting Yes 7      Voting No 0      Abstaining 0

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Janice Lee, District Clerk