

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2006

PRESENT: Kathleen Bratt, President
Charles Ware, Vice President
Dean Cummins
Heidi Dennison
Michael Lees
Roxanne Miller
Rodney Pollock

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Janice Lee, District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business
Sean Gleason, Middle School Principal
Lou Chistolini, Acting High School Principal
Betsy Hayden, Dean of Students/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. Dennison, the board entered executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation at 6:02 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the agenda was approved as amended.

Agenda

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mrs. Bratt read the following resolution to Taylor Greene and presented her with a certificate:

Taylor Greene

The Cato-Meridian Board of Education wishes to recognize Mrs. Linda Heins and her entire fourth grade class for supporting our soldiers in Iraq with letters throughout the year. The Salt City VFW Post has selected the exemplary work from over 500 applicants. Taylor Greene has been awarded a savings bond in honoring her as well as the Cato-Meridian Central School District.

Therefore, this Board of Education wishes to recognize Taylor Greene, and in her honor present this resolution of Recognition and Appreciation.

Earl Van Horn asked the board to approve the dedication of the middle school gym to Charles Downer who was a coach here for many years. The board will act on this request at the July 10th meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the following personnel items were approved:

Bonnie Townsend	Teacher - Retire	Effective 7/1/06
Lois Gray	Teacher Aide - Resign	Effective 6/23/06
Heather Wieland	Teacher – Resign	Effective 6/30/06
Michelle Kristeller	Leave	Effective 9/5/06-10/19/06

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, a full time teacher assistant for the high school computer lab was created.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, a .5 home and career teaching position for the high school was created.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Joseph Coleman was appointed high school principal effective July 1, 2006, with a salary of \$84,000 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, 2006-07 co-curricular advisors were appointed with a copy appended to the minutes. (It was noted that the board did not budget for the JETS advisor or the parking supervisor.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 2006 were approved as amended.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Committee on Special Education minutes dated April 26, and May 5, 8, 9, 12 were approved.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

SN 129	\$376,934.08
SN 130	439.99
SN 131	956.93

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The following resolution was adopted:

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cato-Meridian Central School District (the "District") held at district conference room of the Middle School Building at 2851 Rt. 370, Cato, New York 13033, on June 26, 2006, the following members were:

PRESENT: Bratt, Ware, Cummins, Dennison, Lees, Miller, Pllock

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was moved by Mr. Lees, and seconded by Mrs. Dennison. :

WHEREAS, the District includes all or parts of three towns and, thus, requires bus services for pupil transportation; and

WHEREAS, the District stores petroleum products for use in its transportation program and to heat its buildings; and

WHEREAS, the District strives to adhere with laws and regulations concerning the storage of petroleum supplies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the District hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a certain Order on Consent No. 7-129232 on behalf of the District, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take such further and reasonable steps as may be required to comply. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

The Resolution was thereafter voted upon and there were 7 in favor of the Resolution and 0 opposed the Resolution. The Resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

ALSO

The Board President is directed to sign the consent order with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Pollock, approval was granted to provide transportation to cross country students for a summer camp. The booster club will pay for transportation expenses and \$200 to any coach interested. Students would pay a fee, which would go to the booster club.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Ware, a bid for the bleachers was awarded to Facilities Equipment and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$106,314.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the Cato-Meridian Central School Board of Education, based on Real Property Tax Law section 1314, includes only exemptions granted for clergy and volunteer firefighters' associations for the purposes of apportioning the tax levy between municipalities commencing with the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Yes 6 No 1-Ware Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Cummins, substitute pay for bus drivers shall be increased from \$10.000/hr. to \$11.50/hr effective July 1, 2006.

Yes 6 No 1-Ware Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the middle school interim principal position was reinstated in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent. The salary remains at \$20,000 with no benefits.

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

Mr. Lees and Mr. Pollock will be attending the NYSSBA convention this year in New York City.

Mr. Ware discussed proposals from the Technology Committee. A decision on proceeding will be made by the Board at a later date, but before September.

The Board asked that the representative from the Reality Check Program attend the August 14th meeting to answer questions.

Mrs. Smith from Central New York School Boards presented Mrs. Miller with a mug in appreciation for her service on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Bobo told the board that the contractor for the capital project has been put on notice. The acoustical test was completed in the high school music room last Thursday. Mrs. Bobo will check on the outcome.

The policy committee will meet July 25th.

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On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the board entered executive session at 8:40 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.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The Board moved from executive session at 10:53 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Superintendent will receive an increase of \$3,000.00 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 5 No 2-Miller, Dennison Abstaining 0

Exempt Salaries
Supt.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Assistant Superintendent for business will receive an increase of \$3,000.00 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

Asst. Supt. for
Business

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Superintendent's Secretary will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Supt. Secretary

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Treasurer will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the Head Custodian will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Head Custodian

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Head of Maintenance will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Head Maintenance

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Head Bus Driver will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Head Bus Driver

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Elementary/Middle School Nurse will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

ES/MS Nurse

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the High School Nurse will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

HS Nurse

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the Technology Coordinator will receive an increase of \$1,450 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Tech. Coord.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ware, it is the expectation of the

AD-No Coaching

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Board of Education, that the AD will not coach interscholastic athletics.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the meeting was adjourned
at 11:23 pm.

Adjourn

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk