

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2006

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Bobo, Superintendent
Janice Lee, District Clerk
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business
Staff Members
Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lee, District Clerk at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

Mrs. Lee administered the Oath of Faithful Performance of Office to new board member Mrs. Jill Modafferi. Oath

Mrs. Lee asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education for the school year 2006-07. Mrs. Dennison nominated Mrs. Bratt, and Mr. Ware seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the District Clerk submitted one ballot in support of Mrs. Bratt.

Mrs. Bratt was unanimously elected president for the 2006-07 school year.

Mrs. Lee asked for nominations for the office of VicePresident of the Board of Education for the school year 2006-07. Mrs. Modafferi nominated Mr. Lees, and Mr. Pollock seconded the nomination. Mrs. Dennison nominated Mr. Ware and Mr. Cummins seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the District Clerk asked for a vote for Mr. Lees. Voting for Mr. Lees: Mrs. Modafferi, Mr. Pollock and Mr. Lees. Mrs. Lee asked for a vote for Mr. Ware. Voting for Mr. Ware: Mrs. Dennison, Mrs. Bratt and Mr. Ware. Mr. Cummins abstained from voting for either candidate. Therefore, it was decided that Mr. Lees and Mr. Ware will be co-vice presidents for the 2006-07 school year.

Mr. Lees and Mr. Ware were elected co-vice presidents for the 2006-07 school year.

The Oath of Faithful Performance of Office was administered to the president and co-vice presidents by the District Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the board hereby approves

the agenda as amended.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

All appointments are effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Janice Lee was appointed district clerk at a stipend of \$2,450. Dist. Clerk

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Lori Petrocci was appointed district treasurer. Dist. Treas

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, Mona Thompson was appointed deputy treasurer at the pleasure of the board. Deputy Treas.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Mr. Lees is concerned with re-appointing attorneys Hancock & Estabrook and is in favor of interviewing other firms.

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, school attorneys Hancock & Estabrook, Raymond Sant, Bond Schoeneck & King, Harris Lindenfeld, Matthew Fletcher, Timothy McGill, Esq were appointed for the 2006-07 school year. Attorneys

Yes 4-Dennison, Bratt, Ware, Cummins No 3-Pollock, Modafferi, Lees

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, Bernard Donegan was appointed as financial advisor. Financial Advisor

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Raymond Wager, CPA/PC was appointed as independent auditor. Indep.Aud/

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, John Eppolito, MD was appointed as school physician with a contract in the amount of \$9,000. Sch.Phys.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, Crosby Lamont, Jr. was appointed as purchasing agent. Pur. Agent

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, Mona Thompson was appointed as tax collector. Tax Coll.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Janice Chase was appointed as attendance officer. Attendance Officer

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Lori Petrocci was appointed as central treasurer for extraclassroom activity account.	X-Class.																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Raymond Wager was appointed as auditor of the extraclassroom activity account.	Aud. X-Class																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Crosby Lamont, Jr. was appointed as healthcare plan representative.	Healthcare																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Janice Lee was appointed as records management/records access officer.	Records																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Crosby Lamont, Jr. was appointed as asbestos designee.	Asbestos Designee																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, Community Bank, Chase Bank, HSBC and Five Star were designated as official bank depositories.	Banks																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ware, Margaret Schlegel was appointed as compliance officer (504 and Title IX).	Compliance Officer																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			
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On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the schedule for the regular monthly business meetings to be held on Mondays unless otherwise noted were approved :	BOE Mtgs.																		
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On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the Post Herald, Post Standard and Citizen were designated as official newspapers.	Newspapers																		
Yes 6 No 1-Bratt Abstaining																			
On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the clerk of the board is authorized to authorize payrolls.	Authorize Payrolls																		
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining																			

<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the district treasurer or deputy treasurer are authorized to sign checks as appropriate for the general, federal aid, trust and agency, school lunch and the capital funds.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Sign Checks
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, authorization was granted to the extraclassroom activity treasurer to sign checks as appropriate for the extraclassroom activity account.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	X-Class.
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, authorization was granted to the superintendent of schools to require employees to undergo medical examination pursuant to Section 913 of the education law in those cases where it is necessary to determine the employee's fitness to continue in employment.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Employee Physicals
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the superintendent is authorized to approve the attendance of staff at conferences.</p>	Authorize Conferences
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to approve budget transfers in the amount up to \$5,000 per board policy 5330.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Bud. Trans.
<p>On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the credit card monetary caps per policy 5422 is as follows: VISA \$5000; Staples \$5000 and Walmart \$3000 for the 2006-07 school year.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Credit Cards
<p>On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, all policies and codes of ethics in effect during the previous school year were re-adopted.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0</p>	Re-adopt Policies/codes
<p>On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, all existing board policies for continuation during the 2006-07 school year unless revised, amended or deleted by action of the Board of Education.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, petty cash funds were established as follows: School lunch, Sara Mapley - \$200; rec center (rec director) \$50; business office (Lillian Cabral) - \$100; athletics (Betsy Hayden) - \$200.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Petty Cash
<p>On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the reimbursement rate for use of private vehicles related to school business is set at the IRS rate at the time mileage is incurred.</p> <p>Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining</p>	Mileage
<p>On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Pollock, members to the District's Committee on Special Education and Pre-school Special Education are as follows:</p>	CSE/CPSE

Margaret Schlegel, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Anne Ventura, School Psychologist
 Marge Kriese and Patricia Barbato, Parent Representatives
 Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the Clerk of the Board is permitted to destroy ballots from the annual district vote held in May, 2003 & 2004. Destroy Ballots
 Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Mr. Fay updated the board on the capital project.

On motion of Mrs. Modafferi seconded by Mr. Ware the following resolution was adopted: Appt. Jackson

RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Amanda Jackson who holds provisional NYS Certification in MSED Childhood Education (grades 1-6), to the position of long term substitute as a grade 2 teacher effective September 1, 2006 through October 24, 2006, and from that date on, a full time provisional period of 3 years to expire on October 24, 2009; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Amanda Jackson be paid at the annual salary of 1/200th of step 1 of the teachers contract September 1 through October 24, 2006 and thereafter a prorated salary of \$43,248, step 1+30+M for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, the following coaches were appointed for the fall 2006 interscholastic season: Appt. Coaches

CJ Hannon	V. Football	\$5864 step 3
Eric Vollmer	Asst. V. Football	3645 step 1
Kevin Aukema	Asst. V. Football	3645 step 1
Scott Henry	Co-Head Mod. Football	2736.50 step 2
Kevin McGowan	Co-Head Mod. Football	2736.50 step 2
Kim Faust	V. Field Hockey	3894 step 1
Jennifer Delfavero	Mod. Field Hockey	2340 step 1
Dennis St. Amour	V. Boys Soccer	4364 step 2
Alex Grihin/Jose Bernier	Mod Boys Soccer	Each receive 1170 step 1
Krista Kolodziejczyk	V. Girls Soccer	4364 step 2
Jennifer Crook	Mod Girls Soccer	2340 step 1
Donna Cappellano	V Girls Cross Country	4133 step 3
Dennis Taylor	V Boys Cross Country	3298 step 1

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware seconded by Mrs. Dennison, board members will serve on following committees for the 2006-07 school year. Committees

Policy	Mrs. Bratt, Mr. Pollock	Mr. Cummins
Finance	Mr. Ware, Mrs. Dennison, Mr. Lees	
District School Improvement Team	Mrs. Modafferi	
COSBA	Mrs. Bratt	
Technology	Mr. Ware, Mr. Lees	
Rec Center Board	Mrs. Bratt	
Yes	7	No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, RESOLVED, the Cato-Meridian Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Deborah Bobo, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Louis Chistolini, who holds permanent NYS Certification permitting him to serve as an administrator in the public schools of New York State, to the position of assistant high school principal in the tenure area of school district/building administrator, to commence on September 1, 2006 and to expire on June 30, 2007, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Louis Chistolini be paid at the annual salary of \$35,000 plus benefits. for the 2006-07 school year. Appt. Chistolini

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the minutes of the board meeting held on June 26, 2006 were approved Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mrs Modafferi, the minutes of the Committee on Special Education for their meetings held on 5/ 10, 17, 18, 19 and 22, 2006. CSE Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the middle school gym will be dedicated to Charles Downer. Dedication-Downer

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

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

BOND RESOLUTION DATED July 10, 2006 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CATO-MERIDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$209,786 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$209,786, AUTHORIZING 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 the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 16, 2006, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Cato-Meridian Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

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 \$209,786, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The specific objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of three (3) school buses; one with a capacity to accommodate at least sixty (60) passengers; one to accommodate at least sixty-five (65) passengers; and one wheel chair bus with a capacity to accommodate at least twenty-four (24) passengers.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$209,786, (b) the Cato-Meridian Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely 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 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) 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 \$209,786, 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 anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

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 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. And 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, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipating Notes, 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 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.

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 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, 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.
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Lees, the time for board meetings will be changed from 7:00 to 6:30 pm. Brd. Mtg. Time change
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining

Mr. Lees asked the board for consideration in creating a governance committee.

Mrs. Dennison suggested that signs be erected honoring the students who competed in the Odyssey of the Mind.

Mrs. Dennison also asked if there would be a possibility of the weight room the high school being refurbished so students could use it. Mrs. Hayden reported that they are in the process of cleaning the room out for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ware, the board entered session to at 9:00 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. Exec. Session
Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 10:20 pm.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk