

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2005**

**PRESENT:** Kathleen Bratt, President  
Charles Ware, Vice President  
Dean Cummins - Absent  
Heidi Dennison  
Roxanne Miller  
Patricia Russo  
Donald Thompson - Absent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deborah Bobo, Superintendent  
Janice Lee, District Clerk – Absent  
Crosby Lamont, Jr. – Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Eric Lints, Turner Construction Co.

**WHERE HELD:** Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Bratt at 7:05 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the agenda was approved with the following additions: IV-School Business:

Agenda

- b. Resolution for change orders;
- c. Review/approve bills; d. Discuss school attorney position;
- d. Discuss board development

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

Review/approve change orders:

Data drops in the high school. This is an upgrade so two computers per room have internet access, and 34 computers in the computer lab, 25 in the keyboard room and 20 in the mechanical room. Work will be done by Ridley Electric at a cost of \$64,966.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Russo, a change order in the amount of \$64,966 to Ridley Electric was approved.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

Discussion to change the design eliminating the planters for the MA Dady and high school signs will be discussed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

High school corridor ceilings: Replace tiles, paint grid at two corridor entrances, and place drywall octagon soffits estimate = \$27,000. This will be discussed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Middle school parking lot lighting: There are two options: Breaker, wiring in trench, move the existing switchboard to 20 amp wiring, lights, junction box. Cost = \$31,646. We also will need 5 lights around the circle at a cost of \$15,927

Second option: Use wall packs, 1 light in the circle. This would be cheaper. To be discussed

at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was discussion regarding change orders. Past change orders were reviewed. There were questions regarding separate change orders regarding same space that totaled \$20,000. Mr. Lints provided an explanation.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the superintendent is authorized to approve any potential change orders that are less than \$5,000 and emergent. All that are non-emergent or more than \$5,000 will be board approved. All board members will be notified of all change orders approved by the Superintendent.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

Bills were reviewed and approved.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the cash disbursement schedule SN-162 in the amount of \$29,867.36 was approved.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison a bill from the NYS Taxation and Finance in the amount of \$97.89 was approved.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

The board will seek to hire a new school attorney. The hope is to recruit 4 applicants and conduct an interview on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Becky Kaune will meet with the board and the superintendent on September 20 at no charge to provide board training.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Yes 5 No 0 Abstaining

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Janice Lee, District Clerk