

CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2005

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

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
Lou Chistolini, Assistant High School Principal
Community Members

WHERE HELD: District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Bratt at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller the agenda was approved with the addition of VII j – Appoint technology representative; establish limits on the district credit cards; discuss a cell phone policy.

Agenda

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Fay and Mr. Gray reported on the capital project. Mr. Fay thanked the board for including them in the dedication ceremony. Punch lists will be completed soon and will be reported to the Board. Mr. Gray reviewed the budget status report and indicated that most of the incidental costs have been encumbered - close to 83%. The owner requested additional work items. In the high school, ceiling tiles are being replaced, the ceiling grid is being painted and transitional soffits are being created in the corridor intersections; fixtures for the lights in the middle school parking lot will be here in 6-8 weeks. Work on the tennis courts will probably be done in the spring. There was a concern regarding the extra cost if work is done in the spring, as the project will have ended by January. Mr. Gray will work with the district and will also speak with the attorney to discuss options. The bus garage/press box project paperwork is still at State Ed. They anticipate that bids will probably be out by the end of the month.

Cap. Prj.

The athletic fields were discussed. Work on the hockey field will begin in the spring and the recommended wait period is two years.

The building condition survey is due in mid January and the preliminary report is completed, the executive summary for the five year facilities plan

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is completed and 80% of the facilities plan is completed. Mrs. Bratt thanked Mr. Fay and Mr. Gray for their report.

Mr. Wager reviewed the 2004-05 audit report. Due to the fact that the board did not receive the audit report prior to the board meeting, acceptance of the report will be taken at the November 21st meeting. Mr. Wager will attend the January 9, 2006 board meeting to review the audit and answer questions.

There was a concern regarding the legal services budget line, minutes discussed in executive session. There was also discussion regarding the staff, sports and supplies cuts during the 2004-05 school year.

CIMARF representatives discussed a problem with Cato-Meridian athletes using the CIMARF field. The superintendent needs to be notified if a problem is not rectified satisfactorily.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the board entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:19 pm..

Exec. Session

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 9:29 pm.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, two (2) special education teacher aides. These positions are mandated by the Committee on Special Education.

Create 2 Aide Positions

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Russo, **Linda Watson** was appointed as a teacher aide at \$6.00/hour for a 6.5 hour day, and **Lois Gray** was appointed as a teacher aide at \$6.00/hour for a 6.25 hour day. These positions are effective November 8, 2005.

Appt. Watson & Gray -Aides

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins, **Tammy Toellner-Potter** was appointed as a teacher assistant (replacing Kristen Piedmont) at \$6.26/hour for a 7 hour day effective as soon as she finds child-care.

Appt. Toellner Potter-Asst.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Russo, **Betsy Hayden** was appointed as varsity volleyball coach at step 3 - \$5,693.

Appt. Hayden VB-Coach

Yes 5 No 1-Dennison Abstaining 1-Miller

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On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cummins, **Virginia Meyle** was appointed as winter cheerleading coach at \$2,631.

Meyle
Coach

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Thompson, **Christopher Barrett** as a substitute teacher.

Barrett
Sub Tchr.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the following resignations were accepted. **Sarah Castiglia, Teacher aide** (did not accept the position, but will remain on the substitute list) and **Jennifer DiSanto, Teacher Assistant** effective November 3, 2005.

Castiglia/
DiSanto
Resign

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the following tax levy adjustments were approved:

Tax Levy
Adj.

Paul Leroy Wing	\$-715.24
Thomas & Dorothy Hall	\$-418.01
Katherine Murray	\$-627.10
Kevin & Veronica VanHorn	\$-202-29
Gary & Mary Miller	\$-827.58

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

BOCES
Intermunicipal
Agreement

RESOLVED: The Board of Education hereby approves the intermunicipal agreement between the Board of Cooperative Education Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Cayuga and Onondaga Counties (BOCES) and the boards of education of the component school districts of said BOCES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the President of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to execute said intermunicipal agreement.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2005 were approved as amended.

Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the minutes of the meeting held on October 17, 2005 were approved as amended.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the amendment to the Superintendent's contract regarding mileage was approved.

Amend
Supt. Contract

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes of the Committee on Special Education were approved.

CSE

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil was accepted with gratitude and to increase the budget by \$500.00 in the 2630-460 budget line.

Donation

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, an operations and maintenance review to be conducted by Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds, Inc. was approved.

Maintenance
Review

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, budget transfers were approved as presented.

Bud. Trans.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Bills

SN44	\$576,491.24
SN46	\$19,904.88
SN47	\$4,324.79
SN48	\$4,654.68
SN49	\$81.10
SN51	\$241,524.59

Yes 4 No 3-Cummins, Russo, Thompson Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ware was appointed as technology committee representative.

Tech. Rep.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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Policy 5422

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the second reading of policy 5422 Credit Card was waived the policy adopted with the following limits: VISA - \$5,000; Staples - \$5,000 and Walmart - \$3,000.

Mrs. Bratt read the following proposed policies:

1411	Complaints About Policies
1412	Policy Review and Evaluation
6110.1	Whistle Blower
6122	Fraternization
1337	Discuss/1 st Reading: School Attorney

These policies will be prepared for a second reading at the November 21st meeting with the exception of 1337 School Attorney which will be reviewed by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Thompson read the Policy Committee minutes.

Mrs. Bratt reported on the NYSSBA conference that she attended.

The board goals will be reviewed and discussed at the November 21st meeting.

Mrs. Bratt reminded the board about the COSBA dinner and discussion to be held on December 1st at the Springside Inn.

Mrs. Bobo thanked Mrs. Harrigan for the artwork display in the board room.

The finance committee will be on November 17th.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ware, the board entered executive session at 12:10 am to discuss contract negotiations.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 12:55 am.

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Ware, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 am.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Janice Lee, District Clerk