

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 21, 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  
Rec Center Board Members:  
Lee Epprecht, Bill Miller, Dan Haskins, Sue Allen  
Karen Ladouceur, Director  
Bob McCadden, Carl Lincoln  
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 Mr. Thompson the agenda was approved with the addition of discussion of policy 1338.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Agenda

Mr. Miller discussed a hand out, which reflected issues and concerns that were discussed with the combined Board of Education and the Rec Center Board. He also reported that he has had very productive and positive meetings with Mrs. Bobo and Mr. Lamont. As a result of these issues and concerns, it is felt by both boards that the bylaws need to be reviewed. Mrs. Bobo stressed the need for rec center personnel to come forward with problems. Mrs. Epprecht feels that there has been tremendous progress made in the area of communication.

Rec Center

A committee will review the bylaws and make a recommendation to the respective boards at the January 30, 2006 meeting. Committee members who will serve are Mrs. Epprecht, Mr. McCadden, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Ware and Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Ladouceur discussed some problems the rec center is having with students after school.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the resignation of Christine Haynes, School Psychologist effective 12/13/05 was accepted.

Haynes Resign

On motion of Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Ware, the appointment of advisors was tabled until December 12<sup>th</sup> for further information.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mr. Thompson discussed amendments to policy 1338 regarding employee physicals.

Policy 1338

On motion of Mrs. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2005 were approved.

Minutes

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the 2004-05 independent audit report was accepted.

Audit Report

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Cummins

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

CSE

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the treasurer's and revenue reports were accepted.

Treas./Rev. Rpt.

Yes 6 No 1-Miller Abstaining 0

On motion of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Russo, the water contract with Village of Cato.

Water Contract

Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining 1-Thompson

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Miller, approval was granted to donate the old high school marquee to the Cato Fire Department.

Donate Marquee

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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

Bills

SN52	420,021.98
SN53	96,421.62
SN54	296.30
SN55	2,880.38
SN56	44,965.95
SN57	3,882.77

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, the second reading of policies 1411, 1412, 5515 and 6122 was waived.

Policies

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the following policies were adopted:

1411	Complaints About Policies
1412	Policy Review and Evaluation
5515	Financial Accountability: Allegations of Fraud
6122	Student-Staff Relations: Fraternization

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

Mrs. Bratt read policies 5322 Use of Cell Phones and 5570 Audit Committee. These will be prepared for second reading at the December meeting along with the School Attorney policy.

Comments and discussions included the school district audit; procedures for collecting money or fundraising; replacement of the guardrail; and attorney fees.

Mr. Thompson spoke about the BOCES party for the building project.

Board training will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Miller thanked Mr. Cummins for information on the guardrail. She asked for enrollment in the AP and occ. ed. classes (BOCES and high school), distance learning and the sunrise/sunset programs.

Mrs. Bratt reminded the board of the December 1<sup>st</sup> COSBA meeting and reported the board received a thank you from Walter Sheehan for the transportation to Skaneateles.

Mrs. Bobo noted a newspaper article featuring Mrs. Dillon; Mr. Lints is having a problem keeping people off the track; and additional board training will be discussed on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the board entered executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel at 9:45 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

The board moved from executive session at 11:30 pm.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 pm.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstaining 0

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Janice Lee, District Clerk