

**CATO-MERIDIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 27, 2006**

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

**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  
Joe Coleman, High School Principal  
Louis Chistolini, Assistant High School Principal  
Staff Members  
Community Members

**WHERE HELD:** District Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Bratt at 6:30 pm.

Pledge to the flag.

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

Agenda

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

Mrs. Dillon discussed the Leap into Literacy program.

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the following resignations were accepted:

Sarah Castiglia	Resign as teacher assistant	Effective 11/24/06
Michelle Kristeller	Resign as teacher aide	Effective 11/16/06

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

Mr. Lees made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ware, to approve the following appointments.

An amendment was made by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Cummins to change Tim Bunnelle's daily hours to 7.5 hours a day.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

The original motion made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware was approved as amended:

Mary Lou Manyezet Virginia Benson	Teacher Aide Substitute Bus Driver- Pending 19A Requirements & sub aide	\$7.25/hr., 6.5 hrs./day eff. 11/28/06 \$11.50/hr-sub bus driver \$7.25/hr. sub teacher aide
Naomi Baldwin	Substitute Teacher Aide (Was full time last year) Long Term Substitute- (Currently a sub teacher)	\$7.25/hr
Denise D'Arrigo	Teacher Assistant (Castiglia)	\$75/day for 15 days; \$199.93/day thereafter Dec. 6-Jan 5 (Anticipated dates medical leave for Beth Rapple)
Tim Bunnelle	Substitute Teacher	\$7.88/hr, 7.5 hr/day eff. 12/4/06
Carrie Mocyk		\$75/day eff. 12/14/06

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, the minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2006 were approved as amended.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following bills were approved.

SN-52	\$6,175.70
SN-54	303,912.95
SN-55	4,109.43
SN-56	1,284.64
SN-57	1,500.84
SN-58	\$2,316.10

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

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

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the 2005-06 school district audit was accepted.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, the water contract with the Village of Cato was approved.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lees, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the District, which includes erection of a concession stand at the athletic complex;

WHEREAS, the project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(8));

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as lead agency, has examined information available to it and related to the project and has determined that erection of a concession stand at the athletic complex is classified as Type II actions pursuant to Section 617.5(8) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cato-Meridian Central School District hereby declares itself as "Lead Agency", specifically pursuant to 6 NYCRR§617.6(b), for the proposed project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the project is a Type II action, which requires no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department, if necessary, together with a copy of correspondence to and from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with the request for approval of the project from the New York State Education Department

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

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

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Lees, the second reading of Board policies 5570 Audit Committee and 5571 Audit Committee Charter was waived.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mrs. Modafferi, policies 5570 Audit Committee and 5571 Audit Committee Charter were adopted.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Pollock, a donation of 9 large desks from the Social Security Administration at no cost to the district were accepted.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr Ware, seconded by Mrs. Dennison a decision on resurfacing the high school gym floor will be discussed at the 12/11/06 meeting.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lees, a trip requested by the Business and Drama Clubs to New York City April 27 & 28, 2007 was approved.

Voting Yes: 6      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 1-Ware

On motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Pollock, a trip requested by the senior class to Virginia Beach May 31 – June 2, 2007 was approved.

Voting Yes: 6      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 1-Ware

The administrators updated the board on current events.

On motion of Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Ware, the meeting was adjourned

At 8:19 pm.

Voting Yes: 7      Voting No: 0      Abstaining: 0

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Janice Lee, District Clerk