

CORTLAND ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland NY

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York.

Present: Mr. Donald Colongeli, Ms. Melissa Davis-Howard, Ms. Janet Griffin, Ms. Judith Murphy, Mr. John Natoli, Mr. Daniel Sidebottom and Ms. Alane Van Donsel

Also Present: Mr. Michael Hoose, Superintendent; Ms. Judi Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services; Ms. Kristie Bliss, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Brian Freeman, Director Business Services; Cortland Standard Representative; School and Community Representatives; and Ms. Margaret Baccaro, Clerk

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Budget Workshop

1. **CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Davis-Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:**
 - a. **Kudos Korner:** None
 - b. **Audience Participation** – There were no requests to address the Board on items related to the Agenda.
 - c. **Board Member Reports:**
 - 1.) BOE Audit Committee – The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2014
 - 2.) BOE Policy Committee – The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2014
 - 3.) BOE Facilities Committee – Ms. Van Donsel reported that the committee had met on March 13. Matt Spagnola, AV support specialist, provided a presentation on the needed upgrades to the JSBS stage and auditorium. Also on the agenda, a discussion on the Lend Lease Solar Project Proposal to the Board, an update on Capital Project close-outs, an update on security systems for before/after school child care programs, and an update on the C&S Operations Net Zero energy project.
 - 4.) OCM BOCES Annual Meeting – April 2, 2014 Henry Campus, Syracuse NY – Members were reminded of the April 2 meeting.
3. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Minutes of March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - b. CSE/CPSE (Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-school Special Education) Recommendations
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RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented.
Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Murphy.
Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Carried.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
7. **PERSONNEL ACTION:**
 - a. Approval of Personnel Resignations and Leaves - None
 - b. Approval of Non-Instructional Personnel Appointments
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Non-Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedule of Appointment 1111.

Moved by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Griffin. Discussion: Ms. Davis-Howard brought attention to the *revised* Schedule 1111 provided prior to the meeting.

Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Carried.

- c. Approval of Administrative and Instructional Personnel Appointments - None

8. LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

- a. Director of Business Operations – Mr. Freeman reported that he had contacted both SUNY Cortland and TC3 regarding the solar array projects they have undertaken. He is gathering information on each and will share at the next Facilities Committee meeting.
- b. Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services – Ms. Riley shared that the 2014-15 recruitment season will begin at the end of March. She will be attending the Central NY Teacher Recruitment Days at SUNY Cortland, March 31-April 1, and the Rochester Area Teacher Recruitment Days on April 2.
- c. Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- 1.) New Tech High Visitation March 25, 2014 – Ms. Bliss and Ms. Griffin reported on the Tech Valley High School study tour they attended with Mr. Brafman and a group from the JSHS. The focus of TVHS, located in Rensselaer NY, is to provide an education on 21st Century Skills in a project-based learning environment. The three-hour “study tour” provided a view of project-based learning and college and career standards as they are included into TVHS classes. The tour featured a classroom learning walk, an overview of the TVHS model, a student and teacher panel discussion and a general overview of project design, as well as a debriefing and discussion on what the next steps are for tour attendees. Currently, approximately 125 students attend TVHS from throughout the Capital Region. Students express interest through their school counselors who can supply the materials and applications distributed to every school district in the Tech Valley Region. To be eligible to apply, there are only three requirements: a student must pass the 8th grade, the school district must be sending students to TVHS, a student and his or her parent must attend an information session. In order to ensure equity and fairness, students are selected by lottery.
- d. Superintendent
- 1.) NCERT Conference – Mr. Hoose reported on the NCERT conference he attended last week explaining that NCERT provides a culture for superintendents that encourages networking, relationship building, mentoring and sharing best practices. NCERT leadership conferences focus on professional development, effective leadership, technology and research. Presenters are leading authors, CEOs, and innovators. Mr. Hoose attended a workshop, *Global Education Leadership*, led by Dr. Yong Zhao an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker whose works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. Dr. Zhao called on participants to form collaborative teams that utilized a design thinking process to design and reach consensus on a team plan to meet a district goal. *How can we transform our current education plan to develop students who are creative, entrepreneurial, and globally competent?* This collaborative design process allowed participant to remove some filters and take risks that encouraged discovering new ideas to incorporate into a transformational plan.

- 9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** There were no requests to address the Board.

- 10. NEXT MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no additions to the next agenda.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Public Officer’s Law Section 96, Subdivision 1, Ms. Davis-Howard called for an Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of particular persons.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Sidebottom. Discussion: none

Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Carried.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Griffin. Discussion: none

Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Davis-Howard asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Griffin. Discussion: none

Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Carried.

Ms. Margaret Baccaro, Clerk