

CORTLAND ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2015 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, January 27, 2015 at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York.

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

Excused: Mr. Donald Colongeli and Ms. Judith Murphy

Also Present: Mr. Michael Hoose, Superintendent; Ms. Judi Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services; Ms. Kristie Bliss, Director Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Robert Martin, Director of Facilities; School and Community Members; and Ms. Margaret Baccaro, Clerk

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.

Ms. Davis-Howard called for a Moment of Silence for the passing of Harry F. Baker, retired school bus driver.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:**

- a. Kudos Korner:

- 1) CJSHS Wrestling Team *Let's Pin Cancer Fundraiser* – On January 17, the Cortland High Wrestling team participated in the Hannibal Duals 2015 Wrestling tournament. As part of the tournament the team participated in the *More Than a Game* Foundation's fundraising program to raise money for the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and Upstate Cancer Research Center raising \$1912. Each team member was presented with the Board's Certificate of Extraordinary Achievement.
- 2) 2014 Northeast Sectional Coach of the Year – Coach David Darrow was recognized as recipient of the 2014 NYS and Northeast Sectional Coach of the Year for the sport of wrestling. This honor is awarded by The National Federation of State High School Associations, the official national coaches association. Coach Darrow, was presented with the Board's Certificate of Extraordinary Achievement.

- b. Audience Participation – There were no requests to address the Board on items related to the Agenda.

- c. Board Member Reports

- 1) BOE Policy Committee – Next Meeting February 4, 2015, 4:15 p.m.
- 2) BOE Facilities Committee – Next meeting February 12, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
- 3) BOE Audit Committee – Next Meeting February 23, 2015, 5:15 p.m.

3. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Virgil School Presentation: Library & Technology

Ms. Lisa Kaup, Virgil School Principal, introduced Ms. Katy Charles, Virgil School's Library Media Specialist. Ms. Charles shared that the Virgil sixth graders had been working for over a year to create resource webpages for grades K-6 at Virgil. Sixth graders Jordan Vail, Hunter Sherman and Madeline TenKate guided the audience through the District website to their webpage using the Smart Board. The students explained that they had developed their impressive website using Symbaloo, an educational web design program that allows storing and sharing favorite bookmarks and resources visually making them available on any internet-connected device, from anywhere in the world. In addition, Ms. Charles provided an overview of Virgil School's Summer Library Program.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. Minutes of January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

- b. CSE/CPSE (Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-school Special Education) Recommendations

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607001297, 610308249, 610330366, 607001678, 607001664, 607001665, 610323632, 607001458, 607001418, 610317783, 610310806, 607001742, 607001564, 607001755, 610269874

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Griffin.

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Declaration of Surplus Equipment

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to declare surplus a combination of obsolete, damaged and no longer in service equipment per the Surplus Items memo dated January 9, 2015, as presented.

Moved by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Van Donsel. Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

b. Acceptance of Single Audit Report Year Ending June 30, 2014

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, to accept the Single Audit Report from Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C., for the year ending June 30, 2014, as presented.

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

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

c. 1st Reading Erie I BOCES Policy Revision to Policy #7618 Use of Time Out Rooms

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the first reading of proposed changes to Policy #7618 Use of Time Out Rooms, as recommended by Erie I BOCES, and the Board of Education Policy Committee.

Moved by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Griffin. Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

d. Approval of UPK (Universal Pre-K) Timeline

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2015-16 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Timeline as presented.

Moved by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Van Donsel. Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

7. PERSONNEL ACTION:

a. Approval of Non-Instructional Personnel Appointments

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Non-Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedule of Appointment 1137.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Griffin. Discussion: Mr. Hoose provided clarity on a business office appointment.

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

b. Approval of Instructional Personnel Appointments

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointments for Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedules of Appointment 2330 and 2331.

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

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

8. LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

a. Director of Business Operations

b. Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Service

- 1) Update on the Director of Business Services Search – Ms. Riley shared that the position had been reposted in order to widen the search. The new application deadline is February 20. Ms. Riley will provide a timeline for the interview process at the February 24 meeting.

c. Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- 1) UPK (Universal Pre-K) Overview – Ms. Bliss shared that last year the UPK programs ran pilots using the Common Core domain, a resource for guiding the design, selection and implementation of a high quality curriculum. This year all of the UPK and Head Start programs are using the CC Domain with a focus on instructional strategies to ensure that the assessments they use align with the Common Core.

d. Superintendent

- 1) New Tech High Visitation on January 21, 2015 – Mr. Hoose provided an overview of his recent visit to Tech Valley High School on the campus of the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Albany. He explained that the tour group was able to visit classes and speak with students about their projects. He was very impressed with the level of student engagement, confidence and maturity as they interacted with the adult visitors. In addition, Mr. Hoose shared information regarding a search for a Cortland location for a BOCES New Tech High site since the Truxton vote did not pass.
- 2) SSFC (Statewide School Finance Consortium) – Mr. Hoose shared information provided by SSFC pertaining to poorer school districts bearing the brunt of GAP Elimination adjustment reductions to state aid. He provided a chart of the GAP 2010-11 to 2014-15 reflecting a total loss of \$7,733,562 to the Cortland School District. He shared reactions to Governor Cuomo's education budget, education reform proposals and move to withhold school aid runs until after his budget is passed, calling it a “hostage” strategy. Area superintendents are meeting with Senator Seward and Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton to share their concerns.
- 3) CNYSBA Open Community Forums – Mr. Hoose announced that CNYSBA will be hosting open community forums regarding how-to's on developing an effective advocacy effort. The forums are scheduled for February 3 (Auburn) and February 5 (N. Syracuse).
- 4) Parker School Community Fundraiser – Mr. Hoose shared details on Parker School's only fundraiser of the year, a community breakfast, to be held on Sunday, February 1, at the Cortland Elks Club.

9. **BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES** – Members reported attending the Coaches vs. Cancer event.

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

11. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA REVIEW** - None

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Davis-Howard asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

Final Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion Carried.

Ms. Margaret Baccaro, Clerk