

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, April 17, 2024)

Generated by Alicia Zupancic on Thursday, April 18, 2024

Members present

Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Christine Gregory joined the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Members absent

Lauren M Mossotti-Kline

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Brett Barnes called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Procedural: 1.3 Recite Board Norms

Joe McMahon recited the board norms.

2. Recognition

Recognition: 2.1 Tiger Paw Recipient

Denise Fox recognized Jason Beauvais, Cindy Kennedy and Brian Cornwell as Tiger Paw recipients for their contributions to the IT department and working as a team.

3. Communications

Procedural: 3.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

4. Presentations

Reports: 4.1 Budget Presentation

Kris Williamson gave a budget presentation reviewing the BOE action items for today's meeting, foundation aid updates, tax levy information, the capital outlay project for 2024-25, budget details and a review of the propositions that will be on the May 21st ballot.

Reports: 4.2 Points of Tiger Pride

Robert Edwards shared some celebrations that have been happening in the district and thanked the organizers of these events.

5. Consent Calendar

Action (Consent): 5.1 Approval of Minutes

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 2, 2024 and the special board meeting held on April 9, 2024 as presented.

Action (Consent): 5.2 Approval of CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented.

Action (Consent): 5.3 Approval of Financial Reports

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City Schools District Board of Education approves the financial reports as presented.

~~Action: 5.4 Approval of Transportation Requests~~

~~BE IT RESOLVED~~, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the consent calendar as presented.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately.

Action (Consent): 5.5 Consent Vote

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the consent calendar as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 5.4 Approval of Transportation Requests

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the transportation requests as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

6. Personnel Action

Action: 6.1 Approval of Personnel Action

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the personnel action as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

7. Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

8. New Business

Action: 8.1 Approval of OCM BOCES Administrative Budget

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison Counties, (the “BOCES”) duly presented its tentative 2024-2025 administrative budget of \$10,584,484 at its 2024 annual meeting; and **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to approve said tentative administrative budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The BOCES’ tentative administrative budget of \$10,584,484 is hereby approved.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Christine Gregory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.2 Election of OCM BOCES Board of Education Trustees

Resolution that the Board casts its votes in the annual election of members of the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services, for: Wayne Brownson (East Syracuse Minoa Central School District), Nicholas Blaney (Liverpool Central School District), Christine Gregory (Cortland Enlarged City School District), Marissa Joy Mims (Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District), and Shawn Reyburn (LaFayette Central School District). This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.3 Approval of 2024-2025 District Budget

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the proposed 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$56,135,150.

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Christine Gregory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.4 Property Tax Report Card for 2024-2025

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the Property Tax Report Card for 2024-2025 as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.5 Certified Resolution for Teacher and School Staff Appreciation Week May 6 - 10, 2024

CERTIFIED BOARD RESOLUTION

Teacher and School Staff Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, teachers and school staff mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers and school staff encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers and school staff spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes and supports its teachers and school staff in educating the children of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education proclaims May 6-10, 2024, to be **TEACHER & SCHOOL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in

personally expressing appreciation to our teachers & school staff for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Christine Gregory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.6 Addendum to the employment agreement between Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District approves the resolution approving an addendum to the employment agreement of the Superintendent, Robert Edwards, as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Christine Gregory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Brett Barnes, Joseph McMahon

No: Lori Megivern, Donald Chu

Action: 8.7 Extraclassroom Activity Fund Quarterly Report for March 31, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Quarterly Report for March 31, 2024 as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Christine Gregory.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Action: 8.8 Surplus Items

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the request to surplus items as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Brett Barnes, Joseph McMahon

No: Lori Megivern, Donald Chu

9. Leadership Reports

Reports: 9.1 Cabinet

Jordan Ashley

- *Reminder of Assistant Principal interviews*
- *Athletic Director posting*
 - *There will be comprehensive interviews on May 14, 2024.*
 - *Janet Griffin and Donald Chu will serve on that interview committee.*
- *We are reimagining and enhancing the mentorship program.*
- *Appreciation of our YWCA after school partnership. They are writing a grant proposal that would make after school care free or reduced for some of our families.*
- *During spring break, Cortland High School will be hosting a Careers in a High Tech World event. This event is for 8th graders. Attendance is by invitation only. Five of our junior high students have been invited.*
- *Shout out to Melissa Norman for thinking about reimagining our technology programming.*

Katie Swanson

- *Training with secondary special education educators. We are trying out a new intervention to help our students in grades 6-12 with reading.*
- *The Cortland County Olympiad is scheduled for May 29th with a rain date of May 30th.*

Kris Williamson

- *Thank you for approving the budget today.*
- *Zero emission plan update.*
- *Budget workshop slides from April 9 are in Cabinet reports in BoardDocs.*
- *We are looking for a board member to be on the District Wide Safety Plan Committee next year. Lori Megivern volunteered for that position.*

Reports: 9.2 Board of Education

Janet Griffin

- *Congratulations to Bob Edwards for being appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Chief School Administrators for OCM BOCES.*

Christine Gregory

- *I really enjoyed the art workshop.*

Joseph McMahon

- *The Wall of Fame Induction is this Saturday night.*

Brett Barnes

- *Thank you to all who organized, planned and volunteered for the Eclipse Fest.*

10. Other Communication

Discussion: 10.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

11. Executive Session

Action: 11.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Christine Gregory, second by Brett Barnes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Time: 7:40 PM

Action: 11.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion by Christine Gregory, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Time: 9:20 PM

12. Closing of Meeting

Action: 12.1 Adjourn

Motion by Christine Gregory, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon

Time: 9:21 PM