

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, August 27, 2024)

Generated by Alicia Zupancic on Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Amended by Alicia Zupancic on Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Members present

Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino and Giovanna Perfetti

Members absent

Christine Gregory, Janet Griffin, Joseph McMahon

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Brett Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Procedural: 1.3 Recite Board Norms

Brett Barnes recited the board norms. Janet Griffin will recite them at the September 17th meeting.

2. Executive Session

Action: 2.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 5:39 PM

Action: 2.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 6:02 PM

3. Communications

Procedural: 3.1 Audience Participation

Toni Williams commented on the Barry Elementary Field.

4. Presentations

Information: 4.1 Superintendent Update

Mr. Edwards gave a Superintendent update talking about the following items:

- *New branded lunch bags for grab and go lunches*
- *Early College High School students touring TC3*
- *Xello*
- *National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure*
- *Thank you card from forensic camp students*
- *Universal screeners pilots*
- *Capital project*
- *Policy #7210 for placement reference*

Reports: 4.2 District Safety Plan Updates

Kris Williamson shared updates to the District Wide Safety Plan with the Board of Education.

5. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent), Minutes: 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 special Board Meetings on July 23, 2024 and August 8, 2024 as presented.

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

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

Action (Consent): 5.3 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 agenda as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 5.4 Approval of Financial Reports

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

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Brett Barnes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

6. Executive Session

Action: 6.1 Request to Add An Executive Session to the Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the request of the Board of Education that an executive session be added to the agenda prior to approving personnel action.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 6.2 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 6:45 PM

Action: 6.3 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 6:53 PM

7. Personnel Action

Action: 7.1 Approval of Personnel Action

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

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

8. Old Business

Action: 8.1 Revised Appointment of Officers

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 revised appointment of officers for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Brett Barnes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

9. New Business

Action: 9.1 Approval of the District Wide Safety Plan 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 District Wide Safety Plan for 2024-2025 as presented.

Motion by Sherlyn Pallassino, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 9.2 Extended Field Trip Request - Science Honor Society

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves an extended overnight field trip for the Science Honor Society students to Raquette Lake, NY as presented.

The board accepted this resolution with the expectation that a date typo would be fixed.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 9.3 Acceptance of 2024-25 100K Bids

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 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Bid Award to BRG Corporation, Rochester, New York as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 9.4 Donation of Yamaha Baby Grand Piano

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 donation of a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 9.5 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 Donald Chu, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

10. Leadership Reports

Reports: 10.1 Cabinet

Bob Edwards

- *Welcomed Joe Mack and Kristen Ailport.*

Kris Williamson

- *Thanked the board for approving the District Wide Safety Plan.*
- *He gave a capital project work update.*
 - *The turf and the goal posts are in.*
 - *The tennis courts should be ready to use by spring.*
 - *Walls are being taken down at Randall.*
 - *Smith still needs a floor put in.*
 - *I was glad to take some board members on a walk to view some of this work.*
 - *CHS basement will be under construction all year.*
- *We will have an intern for district leadership this year.*

Katie Swanson

- *New teacher orientation is taking place this week. It has been great.*
- *Megan Bottle is now an instructional coach.*
- *Mentors joined new teacher orientation on the first day and had their training.*
- *I met with Renaissance and Star (screeners)*

Kristen Ailport

- *The special education office has been doing a lot of planning for the upcoming year.*

Joe Mack

- *Working on hiring to fill our staff.*

- *I am looking at the personnel department systems and hoping to improve them.*

Discussion, Reports: 10.2 Board of Education

Lori Megivern

- *Requested the vacation pay, success of clubs and portal entry.*

Board of Education Committees Discussion

- *Bob shared the first committee structure he shared at the August 8 meeting and a new one.*
- *Donald Chu requested having a whole board structure.*
- *The board agreed to have September 10th be a board workshop to decide how the committee meetings will be structured.*

NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegate

- *Brett Barnes will be the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegate for this year.*

Approval of agenda under Consent Agenda

- *Donald Chu asked to have the agenda for each meeting approved under the consent agenda.*
- *Brett will talk to Josh Bacagulipi in Dryden as they approve their agenda under consent agenda.*

Goals

- Donald Chu shared the following goals from four of the board members:
 - Be as legal as possible.
 - Track student status and progress.
 - Review effectiveness of canned programs.
 - No labor grievances.

Sherlyn Pallassino made a motion to forward goals to administration to get their feedback on the proposed board goals. Seconded by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

11. Other Communication

Discussion: 11.1 Audience Participation

Jeffrey Wolff commented on a transportation denial for his son.

12. Executive Session

Action: 12.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 7:47 PM

Action: 12.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Lori Megivern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 8:31 PM

13. Closing of Meeting

Action: 13.1 Adjourn

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 8:31 PM