

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, November 26, 2024)

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Members present

Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Brendan McGovern joined the meeting at 7:39 p.m. after being appointed to the board and taking the Oath of Office.

Members absent

Brett Barnes

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Donald Chu called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Procedural: 1.3 Recite Board Norms

Joe McMahon recited the board norms.

Procedural: 1.4 Moment of Silence

Donald Chu called for a moment of silence in memory of Dianne Robertson. Ms. Robertson retired from Alton B. Parker Elementary School after twenty years of service as a teaching assistant.

2. Recognition

Recognition: 3.1 Tiger Paw Recipient

Kaci Rolewicz recognized Nichole Zarcone as the Tiger Paw recipient for her ability to multitask all day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude.

3. Proposed Executive Session

Action: 3.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 6:06 PM

Action: 3.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Time: 6:34 PM

4. Communications

Procedural: 4.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

5. Presentations

Reports: 5.1 Superintendent Update

Celebrations

- *Going forward, teacher's phone extensions will follow them if they move.*
- *A third grade student meaning to call the Smith School communication system, called the high school's extension instead and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. All the high school students stood.*
- *Second grade students had their own Thanksgiving parade.*
- *Jonathan Herr presented at NYSKATE on active versus passive makerspace. He represented Cortland very well.*
- *Thank you to all that participated in putting together the high school musical, Ranked.*
- *Jaheim Robinson and Quinn Woodard represented Cortland in the Arcaro Senior Classic. Quinn Woodard was selected as a captain for the game and was selected to receive the US Army Warrior Award at the end of the game. Quinn was also selected to play in the Big 44 game on 11/24 as one of the top 44 players in Section III to compete against Section IV. Great honors to both students.*

Updates from the Field

- *Due to the Regents schedule changing, our calendar will be updated. The last day of school for high school students will be June 16th not the 12th.*
- *Winter sports are underway. Come see some games.*
- *Concert season. Come cheer on our students.*
- *NYSED Blue Ribbon Commission update*
 - *Adopt the NYS Portrait of a Graduate*
 - *Redefine credits and expand learning experiences*
 - *Sunset diploma assessment requirements*
 - *Move to one diploma*

Reports: 5.2 Budget Presentation

Kris Williamson gave a budget presentation focused on debt service.

6. Consent Calendar

Action (Consent), Minutes: 6.1 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 on October 29, 2024 as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action (Consent): 6.2 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 accepts the approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action (Consent): 6.3 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 accepts the approval of financial reports as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action (Consent): 6.4 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 Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

7. Personnel Action

Action: 7.1 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 accepts the approval of personnel action as presented.

Motion by Sherlyn Pallassino, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

8. Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

9. New Business

Action: 9.1 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: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

Action: 9.2 Claims Auditor Services through OCM BOCES

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education, pursuant to its agreement with OCM BOCES for such services through its Central Business Office Cooperative Service, hereby authorizes BOCES to designate an appropriate person, including any successor designee at BOCES to act as Claims Auditor for the District, and the District appoints such person until replaced by said successor.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

10. Leadership Reports

Reports: 10.1 Cabinet

Kristen Ailport

- *Attended a Thanksgiving dinner experience hosted by our high school life skills class.*
- *Received positive feedback from our regional associate. She reviewed some of our IEPs and commended us.*

Kris Williamson

- *Attended the ASBO conference. One of the keynote speakers, Mike Doughty Jr., is a Cortland native. He mentioned the great staff at Cortland.*
- *Capital project work update.*

Reports: 10.2 Board of Education

Lori Megivern

- *Why do we use pay as you go funding rather than prefunding?*
 - *Kris will look into that.*

Janet Griffin

- *The Barry Primary community night was wonderful..*
- *John Zarcone had a national day of kindness. Kudos!*
- *Juli and Jen's listing of events happening at their schools are appreciated.*

Donald Chu

- *Went to the high school musical, Ranked. It was informative and related to current work in the Blue Ribbon Commission.*

11. Other Communication

Discussion: 11.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

12. Other New Business

Discussion: 12.1 Discussion to Fill Vacant Seat

Kris Williamson facilitated a discussion to assist the members of the board in determining which candidate to appoint to the vacant board seat.

Brendan McGovern and Doreen Hettich-Atkins were brought forward for consideration.

Action: 12.2 Appointment of Board Member to Fill Vacant Seat

WHEREAS a vacancy has been caused on this Board of Education, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has the authority by law to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District that Brendan McGovern be, and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District for the period of November 26, 2024 to May 20, 2025.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino

The Oath of Office was administered to Brendan McGovern.

13. Executive Session

Action: 13.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 7:39 PM

Action: 13.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 8:20 PM

14. Closing of Meeting

Action: 14.1 Adjourn

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 8:26 PM