

**CORTLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, 2009**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at 7:00 PM at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, NY, on Tuesday, April 20, 2009.

**Present:** Ms. Lisa Hoeschele, Mr. Paul Marshall, Ms. Mary Lou Bordwell, Mr. Sean Clark, Dr. Bonni Hodges, Mr. Joseph Lyman, Mr. William Young (arrived at 6:05 PM)

**Also Present:** Mr. Laurence Spring, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Arthur Martignetti, Director of Business Services; Ms. Judi Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services; Community Representatives; Mr. Scott Conroe, Cortland Standard; Ms. Carolyn Dorn, Clerk, Board of Education

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Ms. Hoeschele called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**In accordance with Public Officer's Law Section 96, Subdivision 1, Ms. Hoeschele called for an Executive Session at 6:00 PM, to discuss collective negotiations and particular persons. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Marshall. Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0.**

**The Executive Session adjourned at 7:02 PM. Moved by Ms. Bordwell, seconded by Mr. Young. Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
3. **RECALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Ms. Hoeschele recalled the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. **COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:**
  - a. **Kudos Korner:** The Board recognized community resident Betsy Wingard for her ongoing educational pursuits and accomplishments and for her humanitarian and benevolent spirit in volunteering her time to the Cortland Regional Medical Center. She was presented with a Certificate for Extraordinary Achievement from the Board and Cortland City School District.
  - b. **Audience Participation:** There were no requests from the audience to address the Board.
  - c. **Board Member Reports** - Board members were asked to let Ms. Dorn know if they would like to attend the following events:
    - 1) NYSSBA Educating Students with Disabilities Workshop.
    - 2) CNYSBA Annual Meeting.
    - 3) May Meeting Schedule – Board Members were reminded of the following May meeting and events schedule:
      - (1) May 5 – Public Budget Hearing – Auditorium – 7:00 PM.
      - (2) May 11 – Meet the Candidates – Auditorium – 7:00 PM.
      - (3) May 12 – Regular Meeting.
      - (4) May 19 – Budget Vote and Board Elections – Noon – 9:00 PM.
      - (5) May 26 – Regular Meeting.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a. **Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers.** Mr. Scott Duell, V.P. Education Services, Mr. Bill Hayes, COO, and Mr. Bryan Domke, Project Manager of Tetra Tech provided the Board with information on the services they provide and how they would proceed if given the opportunity to become the Architects on our Capital Project.
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
  - a. Minutes of April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.
  - b. Financial Reports, Treasurer's Report, Intrafund Transfers, Warrants – March, 2009; Quarterly Report Extra-Classroom Activity Fund.
  - c. Approval of CPSE/CSE Recommendations: CPSE of 4/8/09; Elementary CSE Recommendations of 3/30, 4/2, 3/24, 3/31, 3/26, 3/27, 3/31, 4/1, 4/2, 4/7, 4/8 and 4/9/09; CSE District Recommendations of 4/9/09.

**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Moved by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
7. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Approval of 2009-2010 BOCES Request for Services.  
**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2009-10 BOCES Final Request for Services Contract as presented. Moved by Ms. Bordwell, seconded by Mr. Young. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- b. Approval of Property Tax Report Card for 2009-2010.  
**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2009-2010, as presented. Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Clark. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- c. Extended Field Trip Planning Approval – Young Writer’s Retreat.  
**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the planning for a Young Writer’s Retreat on May 30-31, 2009, at Camp Owahta, McGraw, New York, as presented, with the understanding that final action on this request will be at the May 12, 2009 meeting. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Lyman. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- d. Election of BOCES Board of Education Trustees. Ms. Hoeschele explained that there are four (4) vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled, and only (1) person running for each vacancy. Our representative is Mr. Michael Brady; however, we may cast one vote for each vacancy:  
**RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its ballot in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, held on April 20, 2009, for the following people: Michael Brady, Wayne Brownson, Mary Ann Haley and V. Ann Wright. Moved by Ms. Bordwell, seconded by Mr. Clark. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- e. Approval of BOCES Administrative Budget.  
**WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison County, (the “BOCES”) duly presented its tentative 2009-2010 administrative budget of \$5,084,730 at its 2009 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 \$5,084,730 is hereby approved. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**  
**Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Young.** In discussion, Mr. Spring explained that he approves of this budget, and feels that OCM BOCES worked very hard to consolidate services and find efficiencies in response to what school districts have been forced to do, making it a solid, lean budget. **Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**

**9. PERSONNEL ACTION:**

- a. Approval of Personnel Resignations and Leaves.  
**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Resignations and Leaves as presented on Resignations and Leaves Schedule No. 10.32. Moved by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Marshall. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- 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 No. 987. Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Bordwell. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
- c. Approval of Instructional Personnel Appointments.  
**RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedule of Appointment No. 2018. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**

**10. LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**

- a. **Director of Business Operations -**
- 1) **Financial Summary Reports.** Mr. Martignetti reviewed our Year-to-Date Expenditures, Revenues, and Claim Auditor’s Report. Out of our budget for this year totaling \$41,372,972., our year-to-date expenditures total \$23,644,747 and our year-to-date revenues total \$32,408,626.30. He also reviewed the claims monthly audit report.
- b. **Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services -**
- 1) **Recruitment Review.** Ms. Riley noted that the recruitment season official kicked off this week. We have 9 vacancies being recruited for and she and various building principals will be traveling to various campuses this week, meeting and screening more than 100 candidates.

**c. Superintendent -**

- 1) **2009 Summer School.** Mr. Spring reviewed the summer school plans for this year, and noted that with if the Board has no questions or concerns, we would begin advertising for staff. There were no questions/concerns.
- 2) Mr. Spring noted that today is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Columbine tragedy. He mentioned the impact that this tragedy had on the schools in our Nation and the importance of early awareness of bullying, marginalization and student acceptance. He also noted the recent Day of Silence held at the Junior-Senior High School, where students and faculty stood together in a show of acceptance and value of diversity in our population.

**11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** (Individuals are requested to keep their comments to two minutes per speaker). There were no requests to address the Board.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Ms. Hoeschele asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Bordwell. Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0.**

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Carolyn Dorn, Clerk, Board of Education