

CORTLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2009

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, May 26, 2009.

Present: Ms. Lisa Hoeschele, Mr. Paul Marshall, Ms. Mary Lou Bordwell, Mr. Sean Clark, Dr. Bonni Hodges, Mr. Joseph Lyman, Mr. William Young

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 6:03 PM.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - In accordance with Public Officer’s Law Section 96, Subdivision 1, Ms. Hoeschele called for an Executive Session at 6:03 PM, to discuss particular persons. Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Young. Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.**
 - The Executive Session adjourned at 7:06 PM. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Marshall. Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0.**
3. **RECALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Ms. Hoeschele recalled the regular meeting to order at 7:09 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. **COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:**
 - a. **Kudos Korner:**
 - 1) The Board recognized senior Mark Burdick for being a New York State finalist in the 2009 Ford AAA Automotive Competition, and for placing within the top 5% of the State in the competition, the Nations oldest and most prestigious student automotive event.
 - b. **Audience Participation.** There were no requests to address the Board.
 - c. **Board Member Reports:**
 - 1) **CNY School Boards Association Annual Meeting** – May 28, 2009. Ms. Hoeschele reminded Board members planning to attend that the event is this Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the Springside Inn in Auburn. Those attending are Ms. Hoeschele, Mr. Young, Dr. Hodges (who is being honored as a Board Member of Achievement), Mr. Spring, Ms. Riley and Mr. Martignetti.
 - 2) **New York State Association of Small City School Districts Conference** – June 1, 2009. Ms. Hoeschele also reminded Board members that there is still time to register for the New York State Association of Small City School Districts Conference, “Opportunities in Crisis: Reshaping the School Budget.” Anyone interested should contact Ms. Dorn.
 - 3) **Organizational and Summer Meeting** dates were proposed. Ms. Dorn was asked to check with the new Board members on the availability of the following dates:
 - (a) Organizational and Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 7 – 7:00 PM
 - (b) Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 28 – 7:00 PM
 - (c) Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 11 – 7:00 PM
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. **Speech Department.** Ms. Kathy Snowberger and Ms. Kathy Reynolds, Speech Department, presented the Board with a brochure from the Speech/Language Department and information about Speech and Hearing Month.
 - b. **OCM BOCES Services.** Dr. Jessica Cohen, District Superintendent, OCM BOCES, spoke to the Board regarding the services OCM BOCES offers and the savings realized by utilizing these services. Mr. Michael Brady, our representative on the BOCES Board, was also present.
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Minutes of May 12, 2009 Regular Meeting, May 19, 2009 Canvass of Votes Special Meeting
 - b. Financial Reports, Treasurer’s Report, Intrafund Transfers, Warrants – April, 2009
 - c. Approval of CPSE Recommendations of 5/13, 5/15, 5/20, 5/22/09; CSE 5/12/09 (District); 5/15/09 (McEvoy; CSE Elementary Recommendations of 4/30/09 (Smith), 5/5/09 (Parker), 5/4 and 5/7/09 (Randall), 5/19/09 (Barry), 5/19/09 (Barry-District), 5/13/09 (St. Mary’s); CSE Secondary Recommendations of 5/6, 5/12 and 5/13/09.
 - d. Reasonable Assurance of Continued Employment
 - e. BOCES Amendment #9

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. Extended Field Trip Planning Approval – Egypt, 2/10/10 – 2/19/10.
Ms. Bordwell moved to table this item for further review, seconded by Mr. Marshall. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.
 - b. Approval of Private School Transportation Requests for 2009-10.
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Private School Transportation Requests for 2009-10 as presented. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.
 - c. Approval of Summer School Food Service Agreement with Catholic Charities of Cortland
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Agreement to Furnish Food Service for the New York State Summer Food Service Program sponsored by Catholic Charities of Cortland, effective June 29, 2009, as presented. Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Young. 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 Revised Resignations and Leaves Schedule No. 10.34. Moved by Dr. 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 Schedules of Appointment 988 (Revised) and 989. Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Marshall. 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(s) of Appointment 2020 and 2021. Moved by Ms. Bordwell, seconded by Mr. Young. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.
 - d. Approval of Tenure Recommendations
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Tenure as presented on Schedule of Appointment 2022 for the following instructional staff: Mac Knight, 9/10 Principal; Sylvia Tellaeché, 5th Grade, Virgil; Jim Wallis, 5th Grade, Parker; Kristin Seamans, 4th Grade, Parker; Judy Finucane, 3rd Grade, Randall; Corena Morse, 1st Grade, Randall; Nick Kline, Physical Education, Parker; Ben Wells, Junior Senior High School Music; Dianna Joslyn, Junior Senior High School Science; Brittanie Magnus, Junior Senior High School Special Education. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Ms. Bordwell. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.
10. **LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**
- a. **Director of Business Operations -**
 - 1) **Financial Summary Reports.** Mr. Martignetti reviewed the Year-to-Date Expenditure and Revenue reports through April 30, 2009, along with the Monthly Claims Report. He also noted that the surplus equipment auction of the items approved on May 12, 2009 is currently being held on-line.
 - b. **Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services.** No report.
 - c. **Superintendent -**
 - 1) Mr. Spring asked the Board for their input on the an increase to tuition rates. For the past few years, we have increased tuition by \$100 per year. We are approximately \$3,000 less than the State recommended fee. We currently have 50 students paying tuition to attend Cortland. A decision will need to be made in the near future.
11. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** There were no requests to address the Board.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hoeschele asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Moved by Ms. Bordwell, seconded by Mr. Marshall. Final Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.