

Board of Education Meeting
CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAZENOVIA, NY 13035-1098

High School Auditorium
January 6, 2014
6:30 PM

Special Board Meeting and Referendum Vote

Board Members Present: Pat Vogl, Cindy Bell Tobey, Leigh Baldwin, Jan Woodworth and Lisa Lounsbury

Board Members Absent: Karin Marris, Kathy Hahn

Administrators Present: Robert Dubik, William Furlong

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pat Vogl at 6:34. He asked all for a moment of silence and then to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: Susan Tresco, Guidance Counselor and Co-President of the teacher's union spoke to the board on a personal issue.

Written Communications: None

Educational Highlights: Mr. Chris Hurd, technology teacher brought a group of students to explain the launching of their balloon in space. The group had to design the balloon and try different approaches in order for the balloon to do what it was meant to do. They worked in partnership with another technology class at Pittsford. You can see more information on [cazenoviahighschooltechnologieslab.facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cazenoviahighschooltechnologieslab)

Eric Schnabl presented to the board a new Leadership Development Course. We have many students interested in taking courses from Mrs. Christina New. This course would replace the Internet Purchasing Course. This course has been offered in 49 states as a ½ year course for grades 9-12 and anyone can take it.

Information and Reports:

- Reports from Board Members - report from the Personnel Committee they met to discuss upcoming negotiations with all unions.
- Board members went over the process for the Superintendent Search. They said they will put it on the web site and in the Cazenovia Republican that anyone interested in serving on the interview committee on the final three applicants should contact the district clerk.
- Reports from Administrators

- **Robert Dubik** - Bob Dubik reported that the enrollment went up and down. The high school and middle school were the same but we lost 5 students at Burton Street. He also reported that Kathy Hahn had brought up that there were issues with the AED - defibrillators as the district uses Phillips - Heartstart. The District's safety officer, Don Warnow has checked all numbers and all of the districts are ok and not included in the recall.

Bob said that the board needs to decide on video conferencing. He told the board about the BOCES facilities vote.

Bob then discussed how he makes the determination of a snow (emergency) day. He does not take emergency days lightly. He checks with everyone and sees what other districts are closing or have delays. Weather changes from hour to hour and our own district at times has different weather from one side of the district to the other. For the first time in his 15 years schools are already announcing that they are closing tomorrow. Wind chill is supposed to be 20 or 30 below. He said that he also has to check if they are sustained winds or just gusts. It is a difficult decision. Someone is going to be happy about it and some are going to be mad.

BOCES and the superintendents have had another issue with the draft calendar. He just received a new draft. He will be working on the calendar and will have it hopefully finalized by February.

Bob reported that they had concussions in several of the sports teams: 2-6 in soccer, 2 in basketball, 8 in football, 1 in wrestling and 1 in field hockey.

- **William Furlong** - reported that later on the Personnel Report the board will see an increase in minimum wages for a few of the CCSU members. He reported that the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal will come out shortly. The finance committee is beginning conversations about the next budget. The building project is being voted on today and it has been a very light turnout.

Consent Agenda:

- Routine Matters
 1. Minutes of November 5, 2013 and November 18, 2014
 2. Financial Report for October and November
 3. Special Education Reports
 4. Text Book Approval

Whereas Kristen Chiarello, High School English Teacher and English Department Chairman, has asked for approval of the text book, Pearson - Common Core Literature for use in the 8th grade English curriculum and Eric Schnabl, High School Principal, has reviewed and approved this test book, be it

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the textbook, Pearson - Common Core Literature for use in the 8th grade English.

5. Overnight Field Trip Approval

Whereas, Teresa Campbell, Fine Arts Department Leader, has asked for permission for 22 students grades 10-12 to travel to Ithaca to participate in the Area All-State Festival with transportation provided by the school district, be it

Resolved that the Board approve the trip to Ithaca for twenty-two music students to participate in the Area All-State Festival.

A motion was made by Lisa Lounsbury and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Report: A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Cindy Bell Tobey to approve the Personnel Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: Bob had distributed the volunteer policy. The only change the board wanted to make was to add that the athletic director will maintain a list of all volunteers for athletics.

Bob addressed the issue of ½ days being on Thursdays. He called 18 school districts to see when they had their half days and they were all over the place. There was no one that was consistent except that they did not have them on Mondays.

Second Session Public Communication: Catharine Taylor spoke to the board and said they had also gained 4 students at Burton Street. Bob was using the figures from the beginning of the year and compared them to the present time. She said that the union had not seen the calendar and Bob told her no one had as BOCES was still changing their draft. Bob said the final calendar will be discussed with the Union the same as every year.

Chris Hurd returned to the board meeting as he had some pens to distribute that his students had made on a lathe in his new course “How Things are Made”.

Mark Woodworth wanted to weigh in concerning the 14/15 budget by asking the board to keep the Ag Program. He said some students aren’t college bound and this program can prepare them for the future.

Joanne Race spoke to the board concerning half days and superintendents days. She wants all of the ½ days and full days in conjunction with a holiday or weekend. Many parents have called her about this. They feel it will be less disruptive for the children.

Brian Young, a homeschool parent, said that he would be interested in being a representative of the homeschoolers on the interview committee.

Craig Dennis stood and said that in regards to the closing of schools he didn’t feel that they paid Bob Dubik enough.

Advanced Planning :

- A. Items for Future Agendas - Selected Classification
- B. Future Meeting Dates - January 21 Special Meeting for Superintendent search and January 27 Regular Board Meeting.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to move into executive session at 8:30 to discuss an issue relating to a lacrosse appointment. The motion carried 5-0. A motion was made to move out of Executive Session at 8:47 and move to the Auxiliary gym where the referendum was taking place. The motion carried 5-0.

Voting and Adjournment: The polls were declared closed at 9:00 pm. The referendum passed 167 -46. The board accepted the vote by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Marzeski
District Clerk