

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

Board of Education Conference Room
March 10, 2014
6:30 PM

Special Board Meeting

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

Board Members Absent: Kathy Hahn

Administrators Present: Robert Dubik, William Furlong

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pat Vogl at 6:32. He asked all for a moment of silence and then to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: John Pezzi stood and asked the board if they receive the letter concerning Selection Classification. Clay Coleman said that at the last meeting the board said they would not change the policy until next year however, Mike based his decisions about selection classification on the discussion of the board meeting. Board members explained that they did not change the policy, they are insuring that the existing policy is implemented correctly.

Discussion : Selection Classification - since the dialogue concerning Selection Classification had already been started, the board decided to have their discussion concerning this item now. According to the parents at the meeting three 8th grade students were contacted by the Lacrosse Coaches and were asked to begin practice because they were moving up to Junior Varsity. During the discussion it was pointed out that coaches should not be telling athletes that they are moving up. This is only determined after they go through the process and then try out. Selection Classification should occur rarely with the athlete being far above his age appropriate level. This was covered in August 2012 when the policy was revisited as to whether Cazenovia would still participate in this program. The policy by the state is poorly written. Lisa Lounsbury was concerned that the athletes were getting lost in the middle of this. She asked if they could try out for varsity since they had already been told they are moving up. Pat Vogl said that is not the boards role. The board makes policies and makes sure they are implemented. In this case it is up to the athletic director to enforce it and they stand with the decision that Mike Byrnes had made. They directed Mike Byrnes to talk to all coaches, read the policy and do not tell students that they will be moving up to junior varsity or varsity. He needs to make it clear. It is the same policy that has been in place. There will be a panel looking into this program for next year.

Budget

- Leigh Baldwin reported that the Finance Committee had met last Friday. The board has dipped into the fund balance for the last five years to meet our bills. It is not sustainable.

- **William Furlong** - explained that we could go three ways. The first is to use no fund balance, but we would need \$750,000 to close the gap. We could use \$750,000 of the fund balance and need 400,000 to close the gap. Or we can raise taxes which this years cap is 1.3%.

We would need to cut \$400,000 out of our spending. We could also go above our cap and increase the tax to 2.4% and we would still need to cut \$250,000 or raise the tax increase to 3.5%. Cuts would be minimal. However, if it gets voted down twice we can't raise any taxes and would have to cut \$750,000. Some of the board members thought we should go over our cap. Bill Furlong reminded them that it must pass with 60% and if it goes down twice, we cannot raise the taxes at all and would have to cut \$750,000 just to stay the same.

The board was in agreement with using only \$750,000 from fund balance. The board members said that they need a list of items or some direction on the cutting from the budget. Bob told them that they would put a list together for the next meeting.

III New Business

A. Emergency Project

Whereas the Cazenovia Village Water authority has found a large water leak on the school property that must be immediately repaired and this project was part of the project receiving voter approval in January, be it

Resolved that the Board of Education declare an emergency project for the water pipes and lines to stop the leak of water on school property.

A motion was made by Karin Marris and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to approve the water pipe repair. The motioned carried 6-0.

B. Determination of Type II SEQRA

Whereas the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District is considering proposed reconstruction to the Emory Avenue Complex (MS/HS) to include: building and site work as required to abandon and replace existing water lines and,

Whereas the Cazenovia Village Water Authority has found a large leak on the school property.

Whereas the Board has received and reviewed the proposed scope of the Project and has determined that it does fit one or more of the following criteria for a Type II action set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 - State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA):

1. Maintenance or repairs involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or facility, or
2. Replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading a building to meet building or fire codes, or
3. Expansion of an existing school facility by less than 10,000 square feet

Now therefore be it resolved, the Board hereby determines in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 that the Project is a Type II action for the purpose of SEQRA review. Which will not have a significant impact on the environment and hence is not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5.

A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Cindy Bell Tobey to deem the reconstruction project to abandon and replace existing water lines, as a Type II SEQRA action. The motion carried 6-0

Adjournment: **A motion was made by Lisa Lounsbury to adjourn the meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Marzeski
District Clerk