

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

Board of Ed Conference Room
May 20, 2014
6:30 PM

Special Board Meeting and Referendum Vote

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

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: None

Written Communications: None

Educational Highlights: Renee Burnett, Curriculum Coordinator, gave a brief presentation on the Curriculum Common Cord. She had previously send the board members a documents on this and she answered questions and summarized it where we were in coming up to speed with this. The next generation Science Standards have been put on hold. It will be totally different. We will have to look at the modulars for science and see what we can learn from them.

Chris Hurd spoke to the board on behalf of Rob Axelson, who was coaching a championship game, on the new class” How Thing are Made.” Chris said that the class was very popular. They will be changing the name of the class to, “ Material Processing”. He passed around many items that had been made by the students in a variety of materials. He said they are acquiring a laser 3-D printer through a grant that they were awarded. He also spoke of the balloon they are going to launch. This is the weather balloon that they spoke of at a previous meeting. They hope to launch next Thursday or Friday if the cloud cover is less than 60%.

Information and Reports:

- Reports from Board Members - Leigh Baldwin reported that the Finance committee reviewed the 12-13 year financial assessment. This was the internal audit. Bill reported that recent legislation has said that schools with less than 1500 students are not required for an internal audit.
- Pat said that the extra-Curricular which is usually money collected by classrooms need to tighten up. Class advisors should be notified about this and carefully monitor their handling of money. There was no Personnel or Facilities Committee meetings. Pat then presented award to Karin,

Jan and Cindy from school boards for their achievements in Board training. Kathy Hahn received one also, however she was not present. Pat said that all of the board has been invited to the FFA Banquet.

- Reports from Administrators

- **Robert Dubik** - reported that the potential traffic congestion led to the early dismissal of the students yesterday. The Governors office was saying that they were going to have a fly over and the governor would be present etc but they changed everything and moved most of the activities to Saratoga. But the system worked well and messages went out to all phones and e-mails Friday afternoon and Sunday.

Cheerleading is now a sport. No cheerleading acrobatics unless it is a competitive team. We can still have cheer leaders who cheer but their feet may not leave the ground.

Bob reported that in class of 2014 71 college credits were earned. With students as high as 35 and a low 3 credits. NYSMA, music competitions were held and our district did very well.

Bob asked if anyone was interested in going to the Annual Meeting of the CNY School Boards. Reservations must be in by tomorrow. Bill Furlong and Jan Woodworth said they would like to attend.

Bob said that it is very busy at the end of the year, with art shows, concerts, Burton Street events.

Bob said that the class size enrollment has stayed about the same as in the beginning of the year. The Kindergarten class for next year is at 79 with 3 retainees. We are at the four sections. If we reach 88 we may need another teacher.

Bob spoke a little about the "Opt outs" of the state assessment. We may not meet our 95% participation requirement. What this means is that we will have to write an improvement plan. There were 29,000 opt out in Westchester. He believes this will become a state issue.

Bob said that the Jr Prom went very well. After Prom was held at the American Legion. The senior ball will be held on June 6, 2014 with the after ball party at Cazenovia High School gym.

Registration for School Boards Annual Conference begins on June 1st. Karin will attend and they decided that they want the reservations made very early as to not get closed out again of the main hotel.

District Retirement Party will be on June 14, 2014.

- **William Furlong** - reported that he continues to work with plans and specs which need to be out to the state ed by early July. Campus reviewed the cost estimation. We will be a little light on cost. Some things will need to be determined. We do want to do all the scope of work.

He reported that External Audit comes in June and July. If we get a good budget vote today. Financially we still think we are ok.

Consent Agenda:

- Routine Matters
 1. Minutes of April 7, 2014 and April 14, 2014
 2. Financial Report for April
 3. Special Education Reports
 4. Text Book Approval

Whereas, Kristina Chiarello, High School English Department Leader and Teacher, has requested approval of the book, “The Tipping Point: How Little Things can Make a Big Difference” by Malcolm Gladwell, for use in the 11th grade Reading and Language Arts, and

Whereas Eric Schnabl, High School Principal, has reviewed and approved this book, be it

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the above mentioned book for use in the 11th grade curriculum.

5. Text Approval

Whereas, Kyle Martin, 8/9th grade science teacher, has requested approval of the “Earth Science Geology, the Environment of the Universe”, published by McGraw Hill for use in the 8/9 - 9th Grade Earth Science Class, and

Whereas, Eric Schnabl, Principal of Cazenovia High School has reviewed and approved these books, be it

Resolved that the Board approve the above mentioned book.

6. Text Approval

Whereas, Margaret Davis, Middle School 6th grade RLA Teacher, has requested approval of the following books to be used in the 6th grade RLA Curriculum: “Firegirl”, by Tony Abbott, “Among the Hidden”, by Margaret Peterson Haddix, “Stargirl”, by Jerry Spinelli, and “The Giver”, by Lois Lowry and,

Whereas the books have been reviewed and approved by Jean Regan, Middle School Principal, be it

Resolved that the board approve the above books for use in the 6th grade RLA classes.

7. Text Book Approval

Whereas Karen Scanlon, 7th grade English teacher, has asked approval for the following books for use in the 7th grade English Curriculum: “Liar and Spy”, by Rebecca Stead, “The Book Thief”, by Markus Zusak, “The Outsiders”, by S.E. Hinton, “Number the Stars”, by Lois Lowry, “Okay for Now” by Gary Schmidt and “Before We Were Free”, by Julia Alvarez, and

Whereas the books have been reviewed and approved by Jean Regan, Middle School Principal, be it

Resolved that the board approve the above books for use in the 7th grade English Curriculum.

8. Text Book Approval

Whereas, Christina New has asked for the approval of the text book and work book, "Role Models Examples of Character and Leadership" by Joseph Hoedel, for the new high school Character and Leadership Class to begin in September and,

Whereas Eric Schnabl, Principal of Cazenovia High School has reviewed and approved these books, be it

Resolved that the board approved the above mentioned books for use in the Character and Leadership Class.

A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

New Business

A. Abolition of Two Teaching Positions

WHEREAS the Superintendent is recommending that two teaching positions in the tenure area of Elementary Education be abolished due to decrease in enrollment, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby abolishes two teaching positions in the tenure area of Elementary Education (one 1st grade section and one 3rd grade section) effective July 1,2014, be it

RESOLVED that the board has determined that the abolishment of these positions will result in the excess of two personnel.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has determined that the services of the following individuals shall be discontinued effective June 30, 2014 in accordance with Section 3013 of the Education Law as they are determined to be the least senior in their tenure area:

Tenure Area:	Elementary Education	Chelsea Byrnes
		Victoria Gilliland

The last name listed is the most senior of the two listed.

A motion was made by Cindy Bell Tobey and seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the abolition of two teaching positions due to enrollment. The motion carried 6-0.

B. Approval of Educational Advisory Committee (EAC) Recommended Summer Grants

Whereas the Educational Advisory Committee has received seventeen EAC Proposals with a dollar amount of \$15,918.00.* The EAC Committee reviewed and recommends the attached proposals for the funding of summer grants as agreed to in the contract with CUE, and

Whereas the Cazenovia Central School District is obligated to allocate and spend \$15,918*

for the funding of summer grants as agreed to in the contract with CUE, be it

Resolved that each summer grant on the attached list recommended by the Educational Advisory Committee, be approved.

* This amount may increase slightly with the settlement of the CUE Contract.

A motion was made by Karin Marris and seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the attached summer grants. The motion carried 6-0.

C. Approval of the Pilot Project: “21st Century Leadership”

Whereas at the January 6, 2014 Board of Education Meeting, Eric Schnabl, High School Principal, gave a brief presentation on a new course “21st Century Leadership” to replace the Internet Marketing Course currently being taught,

Whereas Eric Schnabl is asking for approval for the new course which will be taught by the Business Teacher, Christina New and this course has been built in the schedule and has a high enrollment, be it

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the new course “21st Century Leadership”.

A motion was made by Karin Marris and seconded by Lisa Lounsbury to approve the Pilot Project “21st Century Leadership. The motion carried 6-0.

D. BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 20, 2014, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO TWENTY PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AT A MAXIMUM COST OF \$71,871 AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SERIAL BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$71,871.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Cazenovia Central School District, (the "District"), Madison County, New York, at the special District meeting duly called and held on May 21, 2013 did vote and adopt a proposition authorizing the purchase of two (2) twenty passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$71,871 including necessary equipment and all costs incidental thereto, the expenditure of \$71,871 therefore, the levy a tax to be collected in annual installments in the amount of \$71,871, the issuance of bonds, notes or installment purchase contracts in anticipation of such tax and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due; and

WHEREAS, the District, as a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), having reviewed the impact of the bus purchases upon the environment, determined that such action constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations and is not subject to review under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON MAY 20, 2014, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, (by favorable vote of not less than two thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District is hereby authorized to purchase such school buses, furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus as may be required for the purposes for which the school buses are to be used and to expend therefor an amount, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to financing thereof, not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$71,871, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The estimated total cost of said specific objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$71,871 and the plan of financing includes the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$71,871 to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source.

Section 2. Bonds and bond anticipation notes (including the renewal of any bond anticipation notes) of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$71,871 to finance said appropriation for the school buses.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared with regard to the purchase and financing of the school buses:

- Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the school buses is five (5) years;
- (b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution;
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. The bonds may be issued such that annual installments of principal and interest are substantially level, as provided by law.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- © such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. The power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof (including any renewal notes), including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The obligations shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the Project.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication.

A motion was made by Cindy Bell Tobey and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to approve the bus bond resolution. The motion carried 6-0.

Personnel Report: A motion was made by Leigh Baldwin and seconded by Karin Marris to approve the Personnel Report. There was a request from Jim Longo to add Brian to for a volunteer for the Lacrosse coach. It will be unpaid. Motion was made to amend the original motion and add Brian Willard on I B.1. The motion carried 6-0. A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Leigh Baldwin to amend the original motion again and remove item 2D3 as it was previously approved by the board. This motion carried 6-0. The original motion with the two amendments was called. The amended original motion

carried 6-0.

Discussion Items: Baseball drainage - Jan Woodworth said that an issue had been brought to her attention about the draining of the Fenner Fields dating back to when they were designed. Bob and Bill said that this goes back to when they were designed. They have had issues with drainage on field 2 and three. The architect was made aware. The architect said that they would address the issues, but very little was done at the end of construction. It is not only baseball fields that we have issues with, but football, soccer and lacrosse. None of the fields at Fenner have installed drainage. Field 2 we installed drainage ourselves. We have heard the concerns. We do not have any plans involving drainage at this time on these fields. There is a lot of cost involved in drainage issues. We will see what we can do.

Selection Classification -Lisa Lounsbury said that they had there first meeting on this issue.

Second Session Public Communication: Joe Schettine, high school teacher, followed up the discussion of drainage on the baseball fields. He would like them to look into a solution.

Advanced Planning :

- A. Items for Future Agendas -
- B. Future Meeting Dates -.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jan Woodworth and seconded by Lisa Lounsbury to move into Executive Session to discuss the CUE and an administrators contract. Executive Session began at 8:10.

The board came out o Executive Session at 8:40 and moved to the auxiliary gym for the voting results. The polls closed at 9:00. Absentee votes were tallied. The results were announced to the board and community members. A motion was made by Karin and seconded by Cindy Bell Tobey to accept the vote. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marzeski
District Clerk