CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK 13035-1098

<u>In-Person Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in the High School Library</u> Via Zoom on the District Website for the Public

June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Possible Executive Session
- III. Written Communication
 - Educational Highlights Seal of Biliteracy Presentation Leslie Bullis
- IV. Public Comments

Guidelines:

- Each Speaker is permitted three minutes for comment. They must state their name and address for the record and be recognized by the Board President.
- All comments must be directed to the Board President.
- The Board will listen to comments but not debate or discuss items.
- The Board is not permitted to address personnel or individual student matters.

The Board will limit repetitive comments in order to give time to others wishing to speak

- V. Information and Reports
 - A. Reports from Board Members
 - 1. Board Committees
 - 2. Board President David Mehlbaum
 - 3. BOE Goals
 - B. Reports from Administration
 - 1. Superintendent of Schools Matthew Reilly
 - CRRSA and ARP Funding Framework
 - Graduation
 - UPK
 - 2. Assistant Superintendent Thomas Finnerty
- VI. Consent Agenda Recommended Actions: Routine

Matters

- 1. BOE Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2021 and May 28, 2021 *Motion for approval is recommended*
- 2. Committee on Special Education Report *Motion for approval is recommended*

3. Financial Reports for April and May 2021 *Motion for approval is recommended*

VII. New Business

A. BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTED JUNE 21, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SERIAL BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$296,174.

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Central School District (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") reviewed the impact of the purchase and finance of three (3) student transport vehicles (the "Vehicles"), and determined by resolution adopted February 8, 2021 that such action constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations and is not subject to review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the District, at the Annual District meeting duly called and held on May 21, 2019 did vote and adopt a proposition authorizing the purchase and finance of the Vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and the expenditure of a total sum not to exceed \$296,174, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$296,174, shall be issued; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Vehicles together with such furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus as may be required for the purposes for which the Vehicles 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 \$296,174, 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 \$296,174 and the plan of financing includes the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$296,174 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 \$296,174 to finance said appropriation for the student transport vehicles.
- **Section 3**. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared with regard to the purchase and financing of the student transport vehicles:
- (a) Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the student transport vehicles 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
- (c) 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.

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.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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The resolution was declared adopted.

B. Election Results of May 18, 2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2610 of the Education Law, the Board of Education has received statements from the inspectors of election of their canvass of the votes for the three (3) candidates for school board member, 2021-2022 proposition 1 - school district budget, proposition 2- purchase of three (3) replacement school buses and proposition 3 - Library Support at the school board election and budget vote held on May 18, 2021, and has tabulated such statements and determined the number of votes cast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District, Cazenovia, New York, hereby declares that the three (3) candidates for the Board of Education received the following number of votes:

JOANNE RACE	<u>313</u>	votes
RONALD LUTERAN	<u>327</u>	votes
DAVID MEHLBAUM	297	votes

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with §2502 of Education Law, that the following candidates are hereby elected with terms of office as declared by the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District, Cazenovia, New York as follows:

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JOANNE RACE (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 - 3-year term)
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RONALD LUTERAN (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 - 3-year term)

DAVID MEHLBAUM (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 - 3-year term)

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does and hereby declares that the 2021-2022 Budget PASSED with 339 votes in favor and 53 votes against;

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does and hereby declares that Proposition 2 - Purchase of three (3) Replacement School Buses PASSED with 340 votes in favor and 52 votes against.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does and hereby declares that Proposition 3 - Library Support PASSED with 331 votes in favor and 60 votes against.

C. RESOLUTION RESCINDING OPT OUT UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 487

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 provides that certain solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems are exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 permits a school district to adopt a resolution providing that the exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 shall not apply within its jurisdiction to such solar, wind or farm waste energy system projects which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 21, 2004, the Board of Education adopted a resolution opting out of the tax exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adopt a resolution rescinding its opt out under Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. It is resolved that the Cazenovia Central School District's opt out of the tax exemption made available by Real Property Tax Law Section 487 for solar, wind or farm waste energy systems is hereby rescinded and such exemption shall be applicable within the boundaries of the Cazenovia Central School District.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

D. RESOLUTION APPROVING PILOT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, TJA-NY-Barrett Rd New Woodstock, LLC (the "Company") intends to build and operate a solar energy system as defined by the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (the "Project") located at 2405 Barrett Road in the Town of Cazenovia (Tax Parcel No. 147.-1-28); and

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Central School District and Company seek to enter into seek to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with a payment of \$4,800 annual payment, with a two percent escalation for fifteen years in connection with the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- I. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute legal agreements and other documents pursuant to the terms set forth above and in the form approved by legal counsel.
- II. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

E. RESOLUTION APPROVING PILOT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Abundant Solar Power (VC1), LLC (the "Company") intends to build and operate a solar energy system as defined by the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (the "Project") located off 30 Chenango Street in the Town of Cazenovia (Tax Parcel No. 95.61-1-7); and

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Central School District and Company seek to enter into seek to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with a payment of \$469.88 annual payment, with a two percent escalation for fifteen years in connection with the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- I. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute legal agreements and other documents pursuant to the terms set forth above and in the form approved by legal counsel.
- II. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

F. CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, TJA-NY-Barrett Rd New Woodstock, LLC seeks to donate \$110,577.00 to the Cazenovia Central School District (the "School District") for the purpose of supporting the educational goals of the School District in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math; and

WHEREAS, TJA-NY-Barrett Rd New Woodstock, LLC desires to serve as a community partner through the donation; and

WHEREAS, §1709 of New York Education Law authorizes a Board of Education to accept gifts and donations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Policy #5230 any donation must be approved by the Board of Education before it will be accepted on behalf of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to accept the offered gift and to administer and manage the donation in accordance with applicable law and School District policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Board of Education hereby accepts the proposed donation from TJA-NY-Barrett Rd New Woodstock, LLC in the amount of \$110,577 for the purpose of supporting the educational goals of the School District in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math; and
- 2. The Board of Education grants the Superintendent of Schools the necessary authority to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the donation's purpose; and
- 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

G. RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

WHEREAS, Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law provides a tax exemption for real property which includes certain solar and wind energy systems, farm waste energy systems, and other alternate energy systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 487(8) of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes school districts to opt out of this exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to opt out of this exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- I. No tax exemption made available by Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law shall be applicable within the jurisdiction of the Cazenovia Central School District with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system constructed subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution.
- II. No tax exemption made available by Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law shall be applicable within the jurisdiction of the Cazenovia Central School District with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, or electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system constructed subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution.
- III. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to take any other necessary and proper action to implement this Resolution.
- IV. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

H. Approval of Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Adult and Continuing Education Resolution for the 2021-22 School Year

BACKGROUND

The state requires OCM BOCES to have a written agreement on file with all districts they serve regarding operating a self-sustaining Adult and Continuing Education Comprehensive Program during the 2021-22 school year. There is no charge to our District for this program.

<u>ALTERNATIVE ACTION</u>

The board could decide not to recommend the resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District authorizes the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services to operate Cooperative Adult and Continuing Education programs at no charge to the district; without affecting their right to operate district programs.

Whereas school districts are authorized to provide Adult and Continuing Education programs in a consortium administered by their BOCES, and

Whereas the number of enrollees in certain programs in a single school district does not warrant the operation of those programs, and

Whereas there is ample evidence that there is a sufficient demand among adults in the supervisory district to support self-sustaining instructional programs,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Cazenovia Central School District authorizes the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES to operate a self-sustaining Adult and Continuing Education Comprehensive Program, during the 2021-2022 school year at no charge to the district.

I. Approval of Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Equivalent of Attendance Agreement for the 2021-22 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education agrees that for the 2021-2022 school year, the OCM BOCES shall provide the Equivalent of Attendance Program for residents of the District who are:

- 18-20 years old and attend instruction at sites throughout the counties; and
- attend the program as approved by the District's EOA designated contact person;

The training is in the High School Equivalency Program, Basic Education Instruction, and English as a Second Language.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement will be null and void if the OCM BOCES fails to have the program approved by the NYS Education Department, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the billing for this program will be once a year in the amount equal to the District's EOA contact hours at \$6.00 per hour, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that OCM BOCES shall assume responsibility for the attendance of the students and any inaccuracies or penalties the District may suffer shall be paid by the OCM BOCES, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement will remain in force unless a request is submitted by the District to terminate the agreement thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

J. Approval of Employment Preparation Education Program Effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

This agreement will remain in force unless a request is submitted by the school district to terminate the agreement thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education agrees to have OCM BOCES provide in the 2021-22 school year, the Employment Preparation Education Program for residents of the District who are Twenty-one (21) years or older. The education includes high school equivalency (Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, Home Study, National External Diploma Program). Basic Education, Life Skills, Occupational Training, Work Experience, English as a Second Language, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement will be null and void if the OCM BOCES fails to have the program approved by the New York State Education Department.

K. Approval of Annual Cooperative Bidding Resolution for Cooperative Bids through Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES

BACKGROUND

Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES is coordinating municipal cooperative bids for commodities as defined in various provisions of New York State General Municipal Law, thus ensuring maximization of savings to each participating school district.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

The board could decide not to recommend the resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cazenovia Central School District agrees to participate in 2021-2022 (July, 2021 - June 30, 2022) municipal cooperative bids for the commodities checked (√) below as defined in various provisions of New York State General Municipal Law. The cooperative bids will be coordinated by the OCM BOCES to ensure maximization of savings to each respective participating school district.

Furthermore, that Andrew DiBlasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, be designated to advertise, receive and open said bids and that the Board of Education of the BOCES reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Cazenovia School District is not obligated to purchase from the awarded vendors for any bulk products or services.

√Athletic/Physical Education Equipment & Supplies
✓Medical/Nursing Supplies & Equipment

✓Building Condition Survey ✓Paper and Envelopes

√Computer Paper √Scientific Graphing Calculators √Computers, Printers, Software, etc. √Student Agendas

✓ Curtain Inspection and Treatment ✓ Telecommunications

✓Custodial Supplies & Equipment ✓Textbooks
✓Digital Printers & Supplies ✓Trash Liners
✓Elevator Maintenance and Inspection Services ✓Uniforms

√Fire Extinguisher Maintenance and Inspection Service ✓Water System Treatment √Fire System Maintenance and Inspection Service ✓Welding Supplies/Gases

✓Food/Milk/Ice Cream/Bread/Produce ✓Waste/Recycling Services

√#2 Fuel Oil, Gasoline, Kerosene

and Diesel Fuel

√Wood Floor/Gym Floor Refinishing

√Other bids as identified during 2020-2021

L. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District desires to enter into up to a 48-month service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to network printing services in CoSer 521, 562 and/or CoSer 620.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the above Cazenovia Central School District acknowledges that the Equipment is, and shall at all times be and remain, the sole and exclusive property of the entity leasing the equipment to OCM BOCES, and District shall not have any right, title or interest in the Equipment. Above School District hereby disclaims, waives and releases any right, interest, title, lien or claim in the Equipment, and acknowledges that, upon a default under the lease provided to OCM BOCES, lessor may take possession of the Equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the estimated annual payment for equipment and Regional Information Center support of \$13,080 plus overage charges incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district during the term of this contract. This

amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the Superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Document Services Agreement contract that will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of 48 months commencing on or about September 1, 2021.

M. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE CAZENOVIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cazenovia School District desires to enter into up to a 48-month service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)Gj), those services being but not limited to network printing services in CoSer 521,562 and/or CoSer 620.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the above Cazenovia School District acknowledges that the Equipment is, and shall at all times be and remain, the sole and exclusive property of the entity leasing the equipment to OCM BOCES, and District shall not have any right, title or interest in the Equipment. Above School District hereby disclaims, waives and releases any right, interest, title, lien or claim in the Equipment, and acknowledges that, upon a default under the lease provided to OCM BOCES, lessor may take possession of the Equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the estimated annual payment for equipment and Regional Information Center support of \$19,572 plus overage charges incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the Superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Document Services Agreement contract that will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of 48 months commencing on or about July 31, 2021.

- VIII. Personnel Report Recommended for Approval
- IX. Discussion Items
- X. Advance Planning
 - A. Items for Future Agendas
 - B. Future Meeting Dates
- XI. What Did We Do for Kids?
- XII. Possible Executive Session
- XIII. Adjournment