

CORTLAND ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland NY

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York.

Present: Ms. Melissa Davis-Howard, Ms. Christine Gregory, Ms. Judith Murphy, Mr. John Natoli, Mr. Daniel Sidebottom and Ms. Alane Van Donsel

Absent: Ms. Janet Griffin

Also Present: Mr. Michael Hoose, Superintendent; Ms. Judi Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services; Ms. Kimberly Vile, Director of Business Services; Mr. Robert Martin, Director of Facilities; *Cortland Standard* Representative; School and Community Members; and Ms. Alicia Zupancic, Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Ms. Davis-Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:

a. Kudos Korner – None

b. Audience Participation – on items related to the Agenda (speakers are asked to limit their comments to two minutes). - There were no requests to address the Board.

c. Board Member Reports:

1.) BOE Policy Committee – Next meeting October 13, 2015

2.) BOE Facilities Committee – Report on September 10, 2015 meeting – Playgrounds at elementary schools mostly complete – New Building Project Survey underway. Next meeting is September 24, 2015.

3.) BOE Audit Committee – Next meeting is September 29, 2015

3. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Introduction of 2015 Tenure Recipients – The 2015 Tenure recipients were introduced to and congratulated by the Board. A 15 minute reception followed from 7:12-7:27p.m.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

a. Minutes of September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

b. CSE/CPSE (Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-school Special Education) Recommendations

607002109, 610373684, 610380565, 607001977, 607000147, 610330460, 607002078, 607002048, 607001853, 607002105, 610343164, 607000625, 607000942

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Gregory Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes - 6, No – 0. Motion Carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval of Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize budget transfers per the Budget Transfers memo dated September 14, 2015, as presented.

Moved by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Sidebottom Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

- b. Financial Reports: Treasurer's Report, Trial Balance, Revenues, Intrafund Transfers, Appropriations, Warrant – July & August 2015 and Claims Monthly Report – August 2015

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Financial Reports dated July & August, 2015 as presented.

Moved by Ms. VanDonsel, seconded by Ms. Gregory Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

- c. Greek Peak Adventures, LLC Litigation

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS owners of certain real property in the Town of Virgil have commenced a lawsuit in an attempt to lower their tax assessments, which litigation is entitled “Greek Peak Adventures, LLC, Ski Greek Peak, LLC, Hope Lake Holdings, LLC and Greek Peak Holdings, LLC vs. Randy H. Deal, as Assessor of the Town of Virgil,” and

WHEREAS the Town Board of Virgil believes that the current assessments are fair and equitable, and

WHEREAS it is highly important for the financial wellbeing of the school district that proper assessments be maintained, and

WHEREAS the Town has proposed an Intermunicipal Agreement for Sharing Litigation Expenses, whereby the Town, County and School District will share in the costs of defense in the above referenced litigation in proportion to the financial benefit that each entity will derive

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board approves the proposed joint defense agreement, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the school board, and/or the Superintendent are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the School District.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Gregory Discussion: Mr. Hoose explained what Cortland Enlarged City School Districts role in this litigation would be. Mr. Hoose checked with school counsel, Mr. John Lynch, and Mr. Lynch's recommendation was that we enter into this Intermunicipal Agreement.

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

- d. Approval of Contract for Superintendent

RESOLVED, to approve the Contract Agreement between Cortland Enlarged City School District and Superintendent Mr. Michael J. Hoose, as presented.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Gregory Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

7. PERSONNEL ACTION:

- a. Approval of Personnel Resignations and Leaves

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Resignations and Leaves as presented on Resignations and Leaves Schedule 11.59.

This item was tabled.

- b. Approval of Non-Instructional Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointments for Non-Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedules of Appointment 1156 and 1157.

Moved by Mr. Sidebottom, seconded by Ms. Murphy Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

- c. Approval of Administrative and Instructional Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointments for Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedules of Appointment 2367 and 2368.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Sidebottom Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried

- d. Approval of Amendment to Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Pupil & Personnel Services

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Amendment to Employment Agreement for Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services for 2015-16 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Ms. Gregory Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried.

8. LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

- a. Director of Business Operations – Ms. Vile discussed the financials and how to read the spreadsheet. She presented the Board with a an investment report, and a draft of a Corrective Action Plan for Internal Audit.
- b. Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services - None
- c. Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Ms. Bliss was absent.
- d. Superintendent –
 - 1.) 2015-2016 InitiativesMr. Hoose shared a handout on the 2015-16 District Targets. He introduced a literacy program called MyOn as a possible partnership with our County partners. Commissioner Elia is going to be in Auburn at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES on October 22 to meet with BOE members at 6:00. Mr. Hoose asked interested BOE members to RSVP with Mrs. Zupancic.

- 9. **BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES** – Ms. Gregory went to Smith School Open House, Ms. Murphy went to a select band rehearsal and Several Board members went to the homecoming football game.

- 10. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** (Individuals are requested to keep their comments to two-minutes per speaker). - There were no requests to address the Board.

- 11. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA REVIEW** – Budget calendar and tabled item 7.a

- 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

13. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Davis-Howard asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Sidebottom. Discussion: None

Final Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion Carried