

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, December 17, 2024)

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Members present

Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern and Giovanna Perfetti

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Brett Barnes called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Procedural: 1.3 Recite Board Norms

Sherlyn Pallassino recited the Board Norms.

Procedural: 1.4 Moment of Silence

Brett Barnes called for a moment of silence in memory of Manuel Valeiro Medieros. Mr. Mandieros worked in the music department for Cortland Schools from 1970-1987.

2. Executive Session

Action: 2.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 6:03 PM

Action: 2.2 Reconvene in Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 6:29 PM

3. Recognition

Recognition: 3.1 Tiger Paw Recipients

- *Bob Edwards recognized Marci Francis, Michael Conlon, and Maureen Monroe for going above and beyond for their students, making learning fun and safe, and greeting students with a smile on their faces everyday.*
- *Kristen Ailport recognized Kate Quigley for going above and beyond to support our students and advocate for them.*
- *Donald Chu recognized Kris Williamson for his hard work in completing the Clean Green Schools grant application.*

4. Communications

Procedural: 4.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

5. Presentations

Reports: 5.1 Superintendent Update

- *Robert Edwards updated the board on the regionalization survey. OCM BOCES will prepare a Regionalization report and a 10 year plan.*
- *He shared some pictures of the grinch in classrooms and the elf around the high school.*
- *Janesa Cornish presented the 2025-2026 new course offerings to the board.*
- *Gave an update on a two year lease with the City of Cortland to use the Parker school building during the capital project.*

Reports: 5.2 Budget Presentation

Kris Williamson gave a budget presentation focused on the initial BOCES services requests.

6. Consent Calendar

Action (Consent), Minutes: 6.1 Approval of Minutes

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on November 26, 2024 as presented.

Action (Consent): 6.2 Approval of CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented.

Action (Consent): 6.3 Approval of Financial Reports

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City Schools District Board of Education accepts the approval of financial reports as presented.

Action (Consent): 6.4 Consent Vote

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the consent calendar as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

7. Personnel Action

Action: 7.1 Approval of Personnel Action

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education accepts the approval of personnel action as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

8. Old Business

Action: 8.1 2024-2025 Student / Faculty Calendar Revised

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the revised 2024-2025 Student / Faculty Calendar as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Action: 8.2 Approval of the Revised Intent to Purchase School Buses for the 2025-2026 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves the revised intent to purchase buses for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

9. New Business

Action: 9.1 Creating an Additional Executive Secretary Position

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education approves an additional Executive Secretary position.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

10. Leadership Reports

Reports: 10.1 Cabinet

Joe Mack

- *Reminded the board members that there is a memo on certifications in BoardDocs.*

Katie Swanson

- *There was a leadership team and vertical team meeting today. There were K-12 discussions on ELA and math.*
- *The Olympiad team had their first meeting. The date of the Olympiad will be May 28, 2025.*
- *Excited to bring back some of the old time favorite classes along with the new electives.*

Kristen Ailport

- *Seconded what Katie said about the Olympiad. Being a part of the planning is exciting.*
- *There's been some exciting conversation with our related service providers. There is a Functional Therapy Proposal they are asking us to consider.*

Kris Williamson

- *Track 1 funding for the NYSERDA Grant is in on time. Thank you to M & E Engineering and Mike for their help in putting the grant together.*
- *The foundation aid study has concluded with the Rockefeller Center. The board is encouraged to read the report.*

- *Governor Hochul signed into legislation the maximum temperature change. Classrooms that reach 82, you need to start cooling down. Classrooms that reach 88 degrees, the people need to be relocated. This goes into effect next school year.*
- *Update on the Yondr cell phone pouches.*
- *Capital project update. There is a potential smaller capital project that may be on the ballot in May.*
- *The board decided to have it be optional for all board members to attend the policy writing on January 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.*

Reports: 10.2 Board of Education

Lori Megivern

- *Had questions from the check runs.*

Giovanna

- *Is going to work on a portfolio for upcoming student board members for a National Honor Society service project.*

Donald

- *Donald shared his wish list with the board.*

Janet

- *Celebrated the Randall Middle School, High School and Smith Intermediate School concert and basketball..*

11. Other Communication

Discussion: 11.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

12. Executive Session

Action: 12.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 7:42 PM

Action: 12.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion by Lori Megivern, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 8:41 PM

13. Closing of Meeting

Action: 13.1 Adjourn

Motion by Sherlyn Pallassino, second by Joseph McMahon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Janet Griffin, Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 8:41 PM