

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, February 4, 2025)

Generated by Alicia Zupancic on Friday, February 6, 2025

Members present

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

Members absent excused

Joseph McMahon

Meeting called to order at 6:00 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

Janet Griffin recited the Board Norms.

Brendan will recite them at the board meeting on February 25th.

Procedural: 1.4 Moment of Silence

Brett Barnes called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Harry Weston. Mr. Weston retired after 28 years as a French teacher at the high school.

2. Executive Session

Action: 2.1 Proposed Executive Session

Motion to convene into executive session.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 6:03 PM

Action: 2.2 Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by Sherlyn Pallassino, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 6:27 PM

3. Recognition

Recognition: 3.1 Tiger Paw Recipients

Katie Swanson recognized John Zarcone on behalf of Bob Gambitta for his leadership.

Jordon Lilley recognized the crossing guards for all they do to keep our students safe.

Bob Edwards recognized our Randall Middle School and Cortland Jr. Sr. High School Lego Leagues students for their success in the First Lego League 2025 Season, and the coaches for their leadership and commitment to the Lego League students.

4. Communications

Procedural: 4.1 Audience Participation

Jennifer Phelan spoke on behalf of a group of parents that will be coming to the February 25 BOE meeting to discuss driver education.

5. Presentations

Reports: 5.1 Superintendent Update

Bob Edwards shared pictures of the Lego Leagues with their trophies. He talked about his visit to Naval Station Norfolk and discussed district goals. Katie Swanson shared data related to district goals.

Reports: 5.2 Budget Presentation

Kris Williamson gave a budget presentation focused on payroll projections, benefits projections, Governor's executive budget, initial revenue projections and initial expense projections.

6. Consent Calendar

Action (Consent): 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 December 17, 2024 and the special Board meeting on January 7, 2025 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 Janet Griffin, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. Old Business

Action: 8.1 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 Sherlyn Pallassino, second by Brett Barnes.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Janet Griffin, Brett Barnes

No: Lori Megivern, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

9. New Business

Action: 9.1 Lease Agreement with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. and Mailing Equipment Maintenance Contact with Ed & Ed Business Technology

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 lease agreement with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. and Mailing Equipment Maintenance Contract with Ed & Ed Business Technology as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 9.2 Intermunicipal Collaborative known as the RIC One Risk Operations Center (the "ROC") Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District approves the intermunicipal collaborative known as RIC One Risk Operations Center (the "ROC") resolution as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 9.3 BOCES Technology Lease

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 BOCES Technology Lease Resolution as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 9.4 Extraclassroom Quarterly Report

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 Extraclassroom Quarterly Report as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 9.5 First Reading of Revised Policy #5520 - Co-Curricular Activity Fund

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 first reading of revised policy #5520 - Co-Curricular Activity Fund as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Janet Griffin

No: Lori Megivern, Brett Barnes, Donald Chu, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Action: 9.6 Extended Overnight Field Trip Requests

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 extended overnight field trip requests as presented.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. Leadership Reports

Reports: 10.1 Cabinet

Bob Edwards

- *Discussed the wellness committee policy assessment.*

Kristen Ailport

- *CSE annual review season has kicked off.*
- *Gave an Olympiad update.*
- *There are some CPSE shortages.*
- *Sport and Splash is beginning again next week.*

Joe Mack

- *Online student registration is working.*
- *Working on building a new recruitment and hiring process.*
- *Asked for two board members to be on the interview committee for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.*
- *Asked for two board members to be on the interview committee for the Director of Technology.*

Kris Williamson

- *The Barry Guiding Coalition has decided that the kindergarten classes will move to the Parker School building next year.*
- *Water testing will begin in late spring.*

Reports: 10.2 Board of Education

Donald Chu

- *Discussed scratch cooking and bringing the community to the school for dinners. He also mentioned stainless steel mess trays.*
- *BOE conference approval process*
 - *Alicia will schedule Lori Megivern for the NYSSBA Live Virtual 2025 Superintendent Evaluation Workshop on March 14, 2025.*
 - *Lori will provide the video from the workshop to the entire board.*

Lori Megivern

- *Asked for the following items to be considered at the next policy committee meeting*
 - *SRO agreement - immigration*
 - *Grading policy*
 - *President/Vice President speeches*

Brett Barnes

- *Had a virtual meeting with Patrick Longo from NYSSBA Member Relations. Patrick shared events coming up that the board might be interested in and some helpful information that may be useful to the board.*
- *Will be attending Lobby Day next Wednesday.*

Janet Griffin

- *Shared some celebratory data from Barry Primary around reading.*

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 (if needed)****Motion to convene into executive session.**

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Janet Griffin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 9:02 PM

Action: 12.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion by Brendan McGovern, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 9:51 PM

13. Closing of Meeting

Action: 13.1 Adjourn

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 9:56 PM