

Special Meeting (Tuesday, May 27, 2025)

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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 6:00 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.

Action: 1.3 Approval of Agenda

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 agenda as presented.

Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Procedural: 1.4 Recite Board Norms

Brett Barnes recited the board norms.

2. Communications

Procedural: 2.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

3. Presentations

Reports: 3.1 Budget Presentation

Kris Williamson gave a budget presentation on revisions to the 2025-2026 budget.

4. Old Business

There were no items under old business.

5. New Business

Action: 5.1 Budget Vote Final Results

Resolution that the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District accepts the final vote results for the 2025-2026 budget, purchase of student transportation vehicles (electric/diesel), purchase of student transportation vehicles (diesel only), capital improvement project, and Cortland Free Library tax as stated below and as presented on the tabulation sheet dated May 20, 2025, to be attached to these minutes.

Proposition 1 - Budget Results: YES - 544 NO - 457 (54%) (a 60% majority was required)

Proposition 2 - Purchase of Student Transportation Vehicles (Electric/Diesel): YES - 470 NO - 527

Proposition 3 - Purchase of Student Transportation Vehicles (Diesel only): YES - 673 NO - 308

Proposition 4 - Capital Improvement Project: YES - 621 NO - 370

Proposition 5 - Cortland Free Library Tax: YES - 660 NO - 344

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

Action: 5.2 School Board Member Election Final Results

Resolution by the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District, Cortland, New York, that Gavin Teeter and Joseph McMahon are hereby declared elected to three-year terms as members of the Board of Education of said school district, commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, and Brendan McGovern is hereby elected to a two-year term as a member of the Board of Education of said school district, commencing May 21, 2025 through June 30, 2027 per tabulation sheet dated May 20, 2025, to be attached to these minutes.

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

Action: 5.3 Approval of Revised 2025-2026 District Budget

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 proposed 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$61,241,800.

Motion by Donald Chu, second by Brendan McGovern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 5.4 Revised Property Tax Report Card for 2025-2026

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 Property Tax Report Card for 2025-2026 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

Action: 5.5 Notice of Budget Hearing and Special District Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education hereby approves the Notice of Budget Hearing and Special District Meeting defining the Public Budget Hearing date, polling locations, voter registration day, publication of Notice of Special District Meeting 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: 5.6 Appointment of Board of Registration and Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote on June 17, 2025

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 appointments of the Board of Registration and Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote on June 17, 2025 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

6. Other Communication

Discussion: 6.1 Audience Participation

There were no requests to address the board.

7. Executive Session

Action: 7.1 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, Joseph McMahon, Sherlyn Pallassino, Brendan McGovern

Time: 6:45 PM

Action: 7.2 Reconvene In Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Brendan McGovern, second by Donald Chu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 7:22 PM

8. Closing of Meeting

Action: 8.1 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Brendan McGovern.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Time: 7:23 PM