

## **Public Budget Hearing / Regular Meeting (Tuesday, May 6, 2025)**

*Generated by Alicia Zupancic on Thursday, May 8, 2025*

*Mr. Edwards and Mr. Williamson hosted a public budget hearing.*

### **Members present**

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

### **Members absent excused**

Brendan McGovern

## **1. Public Budget Hearing**

### **Procedural: 1.1 Public Budget Hearing**

*Robert Edwards and Kris Williamson shared a presentation with the community members and board members in attendance regarding the budget for 2025-2026 and the budget vote and school board election that will take place on May 20, 2025.*

## **Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM**

## **2. Opening of Meeting**

### **Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order**

### **Procedural: 2.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Action: 2.3 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 Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

### **Procedural: 2.4 Recite Board Norms**

*Donald Chu recited the board norms.*

Janet Griffin will recite the board norms at the June 10th meeting.

## **3. Executive Session**

### **Action: 3.1 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*

**Time: 7:06 PM**

**Action: 3.2 Reconvene In Open Session**

**Motion to reconvene in open session.**

*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*

**Time: 7:16 PM**

**4. Recognition**

**Recognition: 4.1 Tiger Paw Recipient**

*Mr. Edwards recognized Coach Beams for the Athletic Program receiving an Award of Excellence from NYSPHSAA. The Sportsmanship Certificate was awarded in recognition of the Cortland Junior Senior High School's effort in evaluating and advancing sportsmanship policies, procedures, and programs.*

**5. Communications**

**Procedural: 5.1 Audience Participation**

*Shannon Bush addressed the board regarding support for Robert Edwards.*

**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 April 21, 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 Donald Chu, second by Sherlyn Pallassino.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

**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 Janet Griffin.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

**8. Old Business**

*There were no items under Old Business.*

**9. New Business**

**Action: 9.1 Funds Transfer from the Unemployment Reserve Fund to the TRS Reserve Sub-Fund**

**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 resolution to transfer moneys from the Unemployment Reserve Fund to the TRS Reserve Sub-Fund as presented.**

*Motion by Joseph McMahon, second by Donald Chu.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

**Action: 9.2 Funds Transfer from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the General Fund**  
**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 resolution to transfer moneys from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the General Fund 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*

**Action: 9.3 Approval of Installation of Barry Pre-K Playground**  
**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 installation of a Pre-K playground at Barry Primary School, which is to be funded through \$355,620 of the proceeds received from the sale of Virgil School.

*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*

**Action: 9.4 Agreement between CECSD and Watchdog Building Partners, LLC**  
**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 agreement between Cortland Enlarged City School District and Watchdog Building Partners, LLC 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*

**Action: 9.5 Construction Contracts for the Barry Addition Project**

**SED#11-02-00-01-0-004-014**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, that the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education awards the General Construction bid to Daniel Lynch, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$3,794,000 for the Barry Addition Project SED# 11-02-00-01-0-004-014.

**Awards the contract for HVAC work to King and King Mechanical Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$1,197,521 for the Barry Addition Project SED# 11-02-00-01-0-004-014.**

**Awards the contract for plumbing work to Lovett Mechanical Contractors as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$487,890 for the Barry Addition Project SED# 11-02-00-01-0-004-014.**

**Awards the contract for electrical work to Hewitt Young Electrical, LLC as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$577,000 for the Barry Addition Project SED #11-02-00-01-0-004-014.**

*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*

## **10. Leadership Reports**

### **Reports: 10.1 Cabinet**

#### **Joe McMahon**

- *The Code of Conduct Committee finished their edits.*
  - *Thank you to Janet Griffin, Donald Chu and Lori Megivern for being on the committee.*
  - *Draft should be brought to the board in June.*
- *This is hiring season. We have interviews next week.*

#### **Katie Swanson**

- *Shout out to all that were involved in making the K-12 Math Night such a wonderful event.*
- *Shared information on the grade changes form.*

#### **Kristen Ailport**

- *Please come cheer on the unified basketball team.*

#### **Kris Williamson**

- *The Audit Committee met on April 29th. Thank you to the two student members for joining.*
- *The District Wide Safety Committee has a meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12th at 3:30 p.m.*
- *Vote on May 20th from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
- *Budget Brochure will be mailed by the end of next week.*
- *Looking at doing exit polling.*
- *At the October Audit Committee meeting, RFP's will be discussed.*

**Bob Edwards**

- *Thank you to Kris Williamson for the budget work.*
- *I appreciate the audience questions tonight during the budget hearing.*

**Reports: 10.2 Board of Education****Donald Chu**

- *Dryden Central School District will give a tour of their kitchens to all Cortland board members interested in attending on May 13th at 10:00 a.m.*
- *Thank you to Joe Mack for the conversation about vape detectors during the Code of Conduct meeting.*

**Reports: 10.3 Ex-Officio Student Board Member****Giovanna Perfetti**

- *This week is teacher appreciation week. The students do appreciate their teachers.*
- *We have concerts coming up.*
- *There will be seniors graduating from TC3.*
- *CHS graduation is June 27th.*
- *On May 14th there were CRT Awards.*
- *One Act Plays were submitted.*

**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*

**Time: 7:44 PM**

**Action: 12.2 Reconvene In Open Session**

*Motion by Brett Barnes, second by Donald Chu.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

**Time: 8:59 PM**

**13. Closing of Meeting**

**Action: 13.1 Adjourn**

*Motion by Janet Griffin, second by Joseph McMahon.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carried*

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

**Time: 9:00 PM**