

CORTLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at 7:00 PM at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, NY, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Present: Mr. Paul Marshall, Ms. Mary Lou Bordwell, Mr. Sean Clark, Dr. Bonni Hodges,
Mr. William Young, Incoming Board Member Mr. Joseph Lyman

Absent: Ms. Lisa Hoeschele

Also Present: Mr. Laurence Spring, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Arthur Martignetti, Director of Business Services; Ms. Judi Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services; Community Representatives; Mr. Scott Conroe, Cortland Standard; Ms. Carolyn Dorn, Clerk, Board of Education

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** In Ms. Hoeschele's absence, Mr. Marshall brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** There was no Executive Session.
3. **RECALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** N/A
4. **COMMUNICATIONS and RECOGNITION:**
 - a. **Kudos Korner:**
 - 1) The Board recognized two teachers, Corena Morse, 1st Grade Randall, and Eileen Fitzgerald-Spiehs, 4th Grade, Virgil, for being awarded an "Apple for the Teacher" from WHCU Radio, Eagle Broadcasting, Ithaca.
 - 2) The Board also recognized Sylvia Amoreena Tellaeche for being Awarded National Board Certification. The Board congratulated her on her extraordinary accomplishment.
 - b. **Audience Participation.** There were no requests from the audience to address the Board.
 - c. **Board Member Reports -**
 - 1) **CNYSBA Legislative Breakfast** – January 31, 2009. Board members were asked to let Ms. Dorn know if they were planning to attend.
 - 2) **NYSSBA 2009 State Issues Conference Representative.** Mr. Marshall noted that this conference, entitled "Fighting for our Future," is a gathering of high level state leaders and local school officials being held in Albany. Mr. Spring explained that this was a new event for NYSSBA and that he felt we should send representation. Any Board Member interested should get in touch with him.
 - 3) **Budget Committee Community Meetings.** Dr. Hodges advised of meetings being set up by the Budget Committee to involve the community in the budget process. A schedule was distributed to the Board as follows. These community meetings are meant to include the parent, teachers, staff, students and neighbors of the school:
 - (1) February 2, 7-9:00 pm, Parker Elementary School Library
 - (2) February 4, 1-3:00 pm, Beard Building, 9 Main St.
 - (3) February 5, 7-9:00 pm, Randall Elementary School Library
 - (4) February 9, 7-9:00 pm, High School
 - (5) February 10, 10 am – Noon – Cortlandville Town Hall
 - (6) February 11, 7-9:00 pm, Virgil Elementary School
 - (7) February 16, 7:30 – 9:30 pm – Beard Building, 9 Main St.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. **Operation Recognition Diploma.** Mr. James D. Caughey, a Vietnam Veteran, was presented his High School diploma. Mr. Caughey was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Spring explained the Operation Recognition Program, noted his service record, and that the District was thankful for the service he provided to his country, community and school by serving with the U. S. Army in Vietnam.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Minutes of December 16, 2008 Regular Meeting and January 5, 2009 Special Meeting.
- b. Approval of CPSE Recommendations of 12/17/08; Elementary CSE Recommendations of 12/16 (2) and 12/18/08 (2); JSHS Recommendations of 11/20/08 and 1/5/09 (District) and 12/16, 12/17, 12/18/08 and 1/6/09; McEvoy Recommendations of 12/23/08.
- c. Calendar Revision – 2008-09 School Year.
- d. BOCES Contract Amendment #4.
- e. Extended Field Trip Request – Wrestling Tournament, Minisink Valley, 1/23-24/2009.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Clark. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Appointment of Board Member for Remainder of 2008-09 School Year.

RESOLVED, pursuant to Board Policy 1260, that the Board of Education hereby appoints *Joseph H. Lyman* to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education, effective immediately through June 30, 2009, the seat being vacated by Mr. Thomas Brown due to his resignation from the Board of Education effective December 11, 2008. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0.

- b. The Oath of Office was then administered to Mr. Lyman by the District Clerk, Ms. Dorn.

- c. Appointment of Board Member to fill vacant seat on Audit Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED, pursuant to the requirements of Board Policy 2122, the Board of Education hereby appoints *Sean P. Clark* to fill the vacant seat on the Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year, the seat being vacated by Mr. Thomas Brown due to his resignation from the Board of Education effective December 11, 2008. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Young. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1 (Mr. Lyman).

9. PERSONNEL ACTION:

- a. Approval of Personnel Resignations and Leaves

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Resignations and Leaves as presented on Resignations and Leaves Schedule No. 10.25. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Bordwell. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1 (Mr. Lyman).

- b. Approval of Non-Instructional Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Non-Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedules of Appointment 978 and 979. Moved by Dr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Young. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1 (Mr. Lyman).

- c. Approval of Instructional Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointments for Instructional Personnel as presented on Schedules of Appointment 2006 and 2007. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Bordwell. Vote: Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1 (Mr. Lyman).

10. LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

- a. Director of Business Operations. No report.
- b. Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services. No report.
- c. **Superintendent**

- 1) Mr. Spring gave an update on budget development. He discussed the federal stimulus package promised by President Obama, and the amount being requested by Governor Paterson and Sen. Schumer for schools. He advised that the Board should continue planning its budget based on cuts Paterson has proposed – a \$1.15 million cut in aid plus contractual pay increases for faculty and staff, health care increases and pension increases.

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: There were no requests to address the Board.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, Mr. Lyman seconded the motion. Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0.

A Board Retreat followed the meeting.

Carolyn L. Dorn, Clerk
Board of Education