

MINUTES FOR
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Corning City School District
Administration Building
165 Charles Street, Painted Post, New York 14870
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 OPENING

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the President, Mr. Thomas Tamaro, presiding.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Board Members:	Present	Absent
Nancy Arkin	_____	<u>Excused</u>
Neil Bulkley	<u>x</u>	_____
William Carlson	<u>x</u>	_____
Patrick Flynn	<u>x</u>	_____
Barry Nicholson	<u>x</u>	_____
Virginia Schultz	<u>x</u>	_____
Thomas Tamaro, President	<u>x</u>	_____
Dr. James Webb	<u>x</u>	_____
Dr. Dale Wexell, Vice-President	<u>x</u>	_____
Administrators:		
Michael Ginalski, Superintendent	<u>x</u>	_____
Anthony Gyetua-Danquah, Asst. Supt.-Instruction	<u>x</u>	_____
Jeffrey Delorme, Asst. Supt.-Admin. Services	<u>x</u>	_____
Paul Webster, School Business Official	<u>x</u>	_____
Officers:		
Karen Dutcher, Clerk of the Board	<u>x</u>	_____

Media: Leader x Star Gazette x News10 Now _____ WETM-TV _____ WENY-TV x

Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Bulkley
 Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Bulkley to add Agenda Items 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and 5.1.
 Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Schultz to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 6, 2010.
 Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

1.4 Report from the President of the Board of Education

No Report

1.5 Report from the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Ginalski noted that Budget numbers were released by the State yesterday and the District is watching very closely relative to planning for the 2010-2011 budget.

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VISITOR COMMENTS:

The Board heard comments from several visitors.

1.6 Authorization of Funds to Implement Special Education Programs/Services

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the authorization of funds to implement the Special Education programs and services consistent with such recommendations from the CSE meetings of December 16, 2009 through January 14, 2010.

Moved by: Schultz Seconded by: Wexell
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

2.0 REPORTS

**2.1 FOSS Science Program – Jason Tahirak & Kelly Newman, NBMS-8th Grade
Bruce Newman, CFA-7th Grade
Leslie Varga, CFA-6th Grade/Sara Wilson, NBMS 6th Grade**

Eileen Bowen provided an overview of the FOSS Science Program. Science teachers, Lauren Frazer, Jason Tahirak, Leslie Varga and Sara Wilson talked about how FOSS changed their classrooms, student reactions and the strengths and weaknesses of the program. They answered questions from the Board.

Mrs. Bowen thanked Rachal Wood and Corning Enterprises for their support of the program.

2.2 Alternative C Financial Plan – Roy McMaster, Capital Markets Advisors

Mr. McMaster provided summary of the Financial Plan Key Points and answered questions from the Board.

2.3 Personnel & Records Management, Superintendent and Board of Education and Transportation Budgets and Proposed 2010-2011 Vehicle Purchases

Jeff Delorme provided an overview of the Personnel and Records Management Budget and answered questions from the Board. Superintendent Ginalski provided an overview of the Superintendent and Board of Education Budgets and answered questions from the Board. Larry Eccleston provided an overview of the Transportation Budget and proposed 2010-2011 vehicle replacement plan and answered questions by the Board.

3.0 PERSONNEL ITEMS

3.1 Resignation of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the following resignations be accepted, with regret:

1. **Daniel Booker**, Varsity Softball Coach at East High School, effective January 11, 2010.
2. **Ann Howard**, Modified Softball Coach at Northside Blodgett Middle School, effective January 12, 2010.

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

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3.2 Retirement of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board of Education accepts, with genuine regret, the retirement requests of:

1. **Barbara J. Jackson**, Science at Corning Free Academy, effective June 30, 2010 after 22 years and 5 months of service.
2. **Steve Dunbar**, Science at West High School, effective June 30, 2010 after 30 years and 6 months of service.
3. **Eileen Bowen**, Extended Day Program Coordinator, Instructional Services, effective June 30, 2011 after 21 years and 11 months of service.

The Board offers the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Jackson, Steve Dunbar, and Eileen Bowen, have served the children of the Corning-Painted Post area with distinction for many years, and

WHEREAS, throughout the years they have consistently discharged their duties in an outstanding and highly professional manner, giving unselfishly of their time and efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, County of Steuben, State of New York, accepts with deep regret the retirement request of **Barbara J. Jackson, Steve Dunbar, and Eileen Bowen** and records in the minutes of this meeting this expression of the Board's deep appreciation of their devoted service, as well as its sensitivity to the loss from the staff of these trusted and valued employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is instructed to transmit to **Barbara J. Jackson, Steve Dunbar, and Eileen Bowen**, a copy of this expression of the Board's gratitude.

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

3.3 Requests for Leave of Absence

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the following request for leave of absence, without pay, be granted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or Civil Service Commission.

1. **Kristin Rider**, Grade 3 at Lindley Presho Elementary School, effective February 1 through June 30, 2010.
2. **Glenda Flynn**, Special Education 12:1:1 at Winfield Elementary School, effective February 1 through June 30, 2010.

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

3.4 Appointment of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the appointment of personnel listed on attachment 3.0 sections 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.5 and 3.4.6 be approved, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or the Civil Service Commission.

Moved by: Schultz Seconded by: Flynn
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

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3.5 Change in Assignment and/or Status

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the request for change in assignment/status on attachment 3.0, section 3.5.1 be approved, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or Civil Service Commission.

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

3.6 Tenure – Instructional

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the instructional personnel listed below (see details on attached 3.0, Section 3.6.1), who will have completed probationary periods effective as noted, be appointed tenure:

Kristen Ruhmel, Remedial Reading effective January 21, 2010

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

4.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Business Items – Consent Agenda

A. Accept and Appropriate \$1,681.02 Donation from Winfield School PTA

that the Board accept a \$1,681.02 donation from the Winfield School PTA for purchase of a SmartBoard system for Winfield Elementary School. Further, that the Board appropriate \$1,681.02 to Revenue Code A2705 "Gifts and Donations" and \$1,681.02 to Expenditure Code A-2610-450-17-01 "Winfield Library Supplies".

B. Authorization to Appropriate \$3,500 American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Grant

that the Board authorize the appropriation to Special Aid Fund of \$3,500, the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Fuel Up to Play 60 Micro Grant funds the District will receive to expand low fat dairy choices at breakfast and in vending machines.

Moved by: Bulkley Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

4.2 Capital Project Bid

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board act on the Award of Capital Project Bids for 2009-2010 Emergency Capital Improvements to vendors meeting specifications in accordance with the description of items and summary of information as listed on the "Bid Recommendation Reports," filed as part of the Board minutes.

10-029 Pools and Special Education Room Renovations

Moved by: Bulkley Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

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4.3 Authorization to Participate in Cooperative Bidding for Waste Removal

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties of New York to bid jointly on Waste Removal under the direction of the Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties Board of Cooperative Educational, dba, Greater Southern Tier BOCES, popularly known as GST BOCES.

WHEREAS, the Corning City School District is desirous of participating with the GST BOCES and other school districts in Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of the Commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Corning hereby appoints GST BOCES, to represent it in all matters related above, and that Ken Murdock, Director of School Facilities, is hereby appointed as the School District's representative to GST BOCES in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corning City School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the decisions of the GST BOCES Purchasing Manager regarding the quality standards. (2) that unless all bids are rejected, award of contracts will be according to the recommendations of the GST Purchasing Manager (3) that after award of contract (s) it will conduct all business directly with the successful bidder(s).

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

4.4 Adoption of Resolution Pertaining to State Environmental Quality Review

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board approves the Resolution for the Environmental Review required for the Facilities Project (copy attached).

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

4.5 Adoption of Resolution of Necessity for the Reconstruction and Construction of Improvements to Various School Buildings

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board approves the Resolution of Necessity (copy attached), as drafted by New York Legal Counsel, Hawkins, Delafield and Wood; said resolution specifying in detail the necessity for the construction of additional improvements to district facilities.

Moved by: Schultz Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

4.6 Adoption of Bond Resolution

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board approves the Bond Resolution (copy attached) as drafted by New York Legal Counsel, Hawkins, Delafield and Wood; said resolution authorizing the expenditure of an aggregate of not to exceed \$178,450,000 for the Facilities Project, appropriating an aggregate of not to exceed \$178,450,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed an aggregate of \$178,450,000 serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation.

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

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4.7 Adoption of Resolution to Hold Special Election on March 16, 2010

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board approves the Resolution determining that a special election of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Corning, New York be held on March 16, 2010 (copy attached), as drafted by New York Legal Counsel, Hawkins, Delafield and Wood; said resolution directing that one proposition shall be submitted to such voters at said special election, and prescribing the form of notice to be published for said election.

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Webb
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

5.0 SPECIAL ITEMS

5.1 Resolution for Holding School District Registration Day

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Resolution providing for a Personal Registration Day for the Special Election, be approved.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Corning, Steuben County, New York desires to provide for personal registration for the City School District Special Election to be held on March 16, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Personal Registration Day for said Special Election is hereby designated as March 2, 2010. The place where such Board of Registration shall meet shall be at the City School District Administrative Offices, 165 Charles Street, Painted Post, New York in said City School District, and the hours for said personal registration on said date shall be between 12 Noon and 8:00 p.m.

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Bulkley requested a written report relative to the last 10 years of building maintenance proposals, amounts of those proposals and whether or not they passed.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

None

8.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bulkley handed out a letter from a resident relative to presenting items to the community regarding the facilities project.

Mr. Bulkley thanked Bob Benz for providing further review on the impact of sports relative to Alternative C.

Mr. Nicholson noted that with this Facilities Plan going from 14 inefficient buildings to 10 efficient buildings is the right thing to do. He also noted that bringing this project to the area at this time is needed for businesses and employment in the area.

Mr. Webb noted that he enjoyed the FOSS Science Program presentation and the energy and passion the teachers show for the program.

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VISITOR COMMENTS:

The Board heard comments from several visitors.

Executive Session

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Bulkley
to enter into executive session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations relative to the
Education Administrators Association pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

Resume Regular Order of Business

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Schultz to resume the regular order of business at 9:10 p.m.

Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Bulkley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Arkin

Submitted by:

Karen R. Dutcher, District Clerk
Corning City School District

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