

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

October 12, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting held in the High School Cafeteria

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 PM Board President Kelsey Rossbach called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Kelsey Rossbach, Matthew Bennett, Susan Gloss, David Harvatine, Bruce Kopp, Rachel McCarthy

Board member arrived late: Christine Brozon arrived at 6:03 PM

Administrators present: Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn

Others present: Buck Alford, Melissa Alford, Maureen Angotti, Jamie Bailey, CJ Calarco, Linda Clark, Julia Dunsmoor, Marcy Hand, Sara Iszard, Jill Kulis, Jim Kulis, Jennifer Lane, Steven Lane, Janet Lehman, Melissa Littlejohn, Stephen Lonsky, Roberta Massarini, Gary Mutchler, Wendy Mutchler, Mary Napier, Julie Palmer, Heather Rejman, Dennis Rossbach, Adam Sabo, Harold Van Horn, Cindy Whitten, Lisa Wood

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Susan Gloss seconded by Matt Bennett, the Board of Education entered executive session at 6:02 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Christine Brozon arrived at 6:03 PM, while the Board of Education was in executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Dave Harvatine seconded by Matt Bennett, the Board of Education returned to open session at 6:54 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

1.1 -- Pledge of Allegiance, Board President

At 7:01 PM Board President Kelsey Rossbach led the pledge of allegiance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

CALENDAR/DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 25

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 8

3.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no questions from meeting attendees.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

-- Board Discussion

Board President Kelsey Rossbach spoke and emphasized the Board is listening. She requested that individuals who have staff/teacher concerns and complaints speak to the staff person directly. It is illegal for the Board to address personnel-related issues. She said the Board is taking an active role in directing questions and is considering reviewing school and district communications, undertaking a graduate survey, reviewing policies related to specific comments, and recruiting a second school safety officer. She expressed the Board wants parents engaged and communicating with teachers.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS – none

6.0 NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS; CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 6.0.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Minutes BOE meeting September 27, 2021

-- CSE Recommendations 2021/2022

-- Create Position; Civil Service part-time Clerk for future use

-- Surplus Items; obsolete items from the Jr/Sr. High School to be sold

-- 2018 Dodge Caravan – VIN# 2C4RDGBG2JR135051- Mileage ~ 62,000

-- Transfer Tax Collection Petty Cash responsibility of \$250 to Marcy Hand

7.0 PERSONNEL/CONSENT ITEMS

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 7.0, for the 2021/22 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- RESIGNATIONS

-- Eric Cummings, Transportation Supervisor, for personal reasons, effective close of business on October 1, 2021

-- Patricia Baum, Account Clerk - Typist, District Tax Collector, for personal reasons, effective October 12, 2021

-- APPOINTMENTS

-- Part-time Clerk; **Michelle Howe** of Auburn to a Civil Service appointment as Part-time Clerk for the district; \$16.00/hr., effective October 13, 2021.

-- Fieldwork/Classroom Observation;

-- **Megan Lamb-Cornell University Student** with Halee Wasson, October 12 through December 6, 2021

-- **Molly Walter-SUNY Cortland Student** with Rebecca Scanlan, October 13 through December 3, 2021

-- **Chelsea Munson-Wells College Student** with Meghan Smith, December 20 2021 through January 21, 2022

-- Substitute School Bus Driver; **David Kingsley** for 2021/2022 school year.

-- Planetarium Operator/Presenter; **Heather Snyder**, at a rate of \$3,784 pro-rated, November 2021 through June 2022.

--Food Service Helper; **Abigail Matzen** of King Ferry, four (4) hours per day, effective October 6, 2021, with a 52-week probationary period, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

8.0 BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-- External Audit

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the External Audit for the 2020/21 school year, as presented by Insero & Company CPAs LLP of Ithaca, NY.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the District's Corrective Action Plans in regards to the 2020/21 External Audit findings.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – none

10.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION; COMMITTEES/DISCUSSION TOPICS

-- Discussion Topics– none

-- Athletics; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
-- Will meet in late October.

-- Audit; Chris Brozon, Bruce Kopp, Kelsey Rossbach
-- Met September 27, 2021, meeting minutes provided.

-- Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Bruce Kopp
-- No report.

-- Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Susan Gloss, Rachel McCarthy
-- Will meet in the next few weeks.

-- Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
-- Met September 27, 2021, meeting minutes provided.
-- Superintendent Jensen said the committee also met this morning and the swimming pool systems will be re-started with the pool manufacturer's representative in attendance.

- Policy; Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy
 - Will meet in the next few weeks.
- Safety/Wellness; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - No report.
- Transportation; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - Met October 4, 2021, meeting minutes provided.
- Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann

11.0 VISITOR RECOGNITION; RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Gary Mutchler expressed his thanks and reminded the Board they serve their community in their unpaid positions. He spoke about personal politics, identities and agendas of staff and asked for a return to the basics of education. He said a public servant listens to all people not just those who share their views.
- Linda Clark expressed disappointment in the lack of a public Open House this fall. She referenced the number of teacher introductory videos she had to watch. She also expressed disappointment in the lack of 5th & 6th grade band this year. She wants students to play music.
- Dennis Rossbach expressed concern over central themes in student books that are adult in nature. He shared his concern that teachers are helping students with these topics, not the counselors or psychologist.
- Stephen Lonsky stated his belief in education versus indoctrination. He spoke of the dangers and efficacy of mask wearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Chris Brozon seconded by Matt Bennett, the Board of Education entered executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Dave Harvatine seconded by Chris Brozon, the Board of Education returned to open session at 8:28 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Conversation about sports teams and participant numbers was had, with a plan for the future of athletic teams as a focus.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hand, District Clerk