

# SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
High School Library

August 26, 2024  
5:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order at 5:01 PM Board President Rachel McCarthy called the meeting to order.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance Board President Rachel McCarthy led the pledge.

**Board members present:** Matthew Bennett, David Harvatine, Robb Jetty, Janet Lehman, Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman

**Board members absent:** Timothy Pallokat

**Administrators present:** Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn, Luke Carnicelli, Caitlin Wasielewski

**Others present:** Jamie Bailey, Julia Dunsmoor, Marcy Hand, Lori Knopp, Mary Napier, Amy Sheils

3.0 Amended Agenda

Robb Jetty made a motion to amend the agenda to add Board Retreat to section 4.0, motion seconded by Matt Bennett.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Approval of the Amended Agenda

Board Retreat added to section 4.0.

On a motion by Matt Bennett, seconded by Dave Harvatine, the amended agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

4.0 Board of Education Discussion

1) Board Retreat *Discussion*

The retreat will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in the HS Library with the purpose of setting Board of Education goals for 2024-2025.

2) Mascot *Discussion*

Robb Jetty shared a summary page with the Board.

Robb Jetty made a motion to take the 2 mascot finalists and go to a community and student vote, seconded by Janet Lehman.

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 1 (Rachel McCarthy) Abstain – 1 (Dave Harvatine)

The Board formed an ad-hoc committee to arrange and publicize the community and student vote, the members are Matt Bennett, Robb Jetty and Janet Lehman. Chairperson is Matt Bennett.

3) Merged Sports *Discussion*

The Board discussed merged sports along with an individual's request.

Dave Harvatine made a motion to create an ad-hoc committee comprised of Board members, the Athletic Coordinator and Coaches to look at merged sports, seconded by Matt Bennett.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

The Board ad-hoc committee members are Robb Jetty, Rachel McCarthy and Heather Rejman. Chairperson is Robb Jetty.

Janet Lehman made a motion to merge with Lansing CSD’s wrestling team for the 2024-2025 school year without providing transportation, seconded by Heather Rejman.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

5.0 Board of Education Response – to visitor topics from previous Board meeting. None.

6.0 Visitor Recognition; Residents Wishing to Address the Board – None.

7.0 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 7.0 A through E.

Motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Matt Bennett.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 1 (Janet Lehman)

A. District-Wide Safety Plan

B. Minutes; Board of Education meeting August 12, 2024

C. Minutes; Board of Education meeting August 16, 2024

D. Stipend; \$3,500 stipend to Zachary Purington, for the 2024/25 school year; compensation for additional required duties.

E. Surplus Items; declare as surplus one table and one chair, to be sold or discarded if deemed no value

8.0 Personnel/Consent Items; Consent Agenda

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 8.0 A through C, for the 2024/25 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Matt Bennett.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

A. Rescind Co-Curricular Appointment 2024-2025

A.1	<b>Preston Reynolds</b>	Lifeguard	\$ per contract
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B. Appointments 2024-2025

B.1	<b>Michelle O'Connor</b>	Substitute School Psychologist	\$60 per hour
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C. Co-Curricular Appointments 2024-2025

C.1	<b>Ian Murray</b>	Community Swim Director	\$70 per session
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9.0 Business Office Reports/Informational Items – None.

10.0 Superintendent’s Report/Informational Items – None.

11.0 Board of Education/Committees

A. Agriculture Advisory Board – Dave Harvatine – None.

B. Board of Education Committees

B.1	<b>Audit;</b> Matt Bennett - Chairperson, Dave Harvatine, Janet Lehman
No report.	
B.2	<b>Budget/Finance;</b> Dave Harvatine - Chairperson, Robb Jetty, Tim Pallokat
No report.	
B.3	<b>Directions/Long-Range Education;</b> Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy - Chairperson, Heather Rejman
Rachel McCarthy will email the committee to schedule a meeting.	
B.4	<b>Policy;</b> Robb Jetty, Janet Lehman - Chairperson, Tim Pallokat
Met on Friday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> ; minutes will be provided at the next Board of Education meeting.	
B.5	<b>Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA);</b> Robb Jetty
Robb Jetty shared the construction projects at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES are going well. There have been numerous Foundation Aid Formula public hearings with the Rockefeller Institute of Government and the Board of Regents will be conducting strengths and needs surveys along with continuing their work with graduation requirements.	
B.6	<b>Ad-hoc Mascot Voting Committee (formed to arrange and publicize the community and student vote);</b> Matt Bennett - Chairperson, Robb Jetty and Janet Lehman
Will meet on Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm	
B.7	<b>Ad-hoc Merged Sports Committee;</b> Robb Jetty - Chairperson, Rachel McCarthy and Heather Rejman

12.0 Proposed Items for Future Agendas – Email discussion topics to Rachel.

13.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Matt Bennett, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marcy Hand*, District Clerk