

SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes
High School Library

March 11, 2024
6:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order at 6:00 PM Board Vice-President Matthew Bennett called the meeting to order.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance Board Vice-President Matthew Bennett led the pledge.

Board members present: Matthew Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Janet Lehman, Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman, Kelsey Rossbach

Board members absent: Timothy Pallokat

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

Others present: Nynette Adams, CJ Calarco, Susan Deacon, Julia Dunsmoor, Colton Gregg, Marcy Hand, Mary Hemans, Danielle Janssen, Robb Jetty, Lori Knopp, Mary Napier, Beth VanDeValk, Greg Otis

3.0 Approval of the Amended Agenda

On a motion made by Rachel McCarthy, seconded by Kelsey Rossbach, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

4.0 Questions from the audience regarding agenda items – None

5.0 Presentations:

A. Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Budget – Doug Tomandl, Assistant Superintendent for Management, Regional Services & Finance shared their proposed 2024-2025 administrative budget, the local impact, draft CTE budget, draft CTE tuition, draft Compass budget, draft HSE budget, and draft special education tuitions

B. Mascot Selection – Robb Jetty, Mascot Committee Chairperson, shared data he gathered and offered two options to the Board. One option was for Board of Education members to make a final mascot decision based on the data provided from previous committee work, and the second was for committees to reconvene and progress through steps Robb provided.

C. SCCS Budget Updates – Loretta Van Horn, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, shared information regarding cost drivers, the BOCES administrative budget cost, area school tax rates, tax levy history, three possible budget scenarios, projected staff cuts funded through grants, and the local library budget propositions. Board members discussed the State foundation aid cuts, the foundation aid formula, fund balance, different tax levy scenarios, tax rates for homeowners and the district's wealth index. Superintendent Jensen shared information about ESSER grant funded expenses and positions ending.

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 A through F.

Motion made by Rachel McCarthy, seconded by Kelsey Rossbach

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

- A. Minutes; Board of Education meeting February 12, 2024
- B. CSE Recommendations; 2023/2024
- C. Funds Transfer to Reserves; not to exceed \$120,000 or 2% of instructional and administrative salaries from the General Fund unassigned fund balance, into the Teacher Retirement System Reserve, effective June 30, 2024
- D. District Calendar; 2024-2025
- E. Donation; one (1) elliptical, from Bruce Kopp, value of \$500.00.
- F. Overnight Field Trip Request – 1st Amendment/1st Vote Summit in Auburn, NY, nine (9) students to travel to Auburn, NY to attend the 1st Amendment/1st Vote Summit, on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27, 2024; students will be accompanied by Elishia Hoatland
- G. Resolution; Membership on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)

RESOLVED that the Southern Cayuga Central School Board of Education nominates Robert H. Jetty II of 3755 Mather Road, Moravia, NY 13118 to serve as the Representative of the Southern Cayuga Central School District on the Cayuga-Onondaga Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a three-year term, from July 1, 2024, thru June 30, 2027.

Motion made by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Heather Rejman

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

- H. Resolution; OCM BOCES Wide Area Network (WAN) Connections

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the “District”) desires to enter into a thirty-six month service agreement with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the OCM BOCES to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to New York State Education Law § 1950(4)(jj), those services being lit fiber for high speed communications services in Co-Ser 601.

NOW, THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Southern Cayuga Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District and not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the annual amount of \$44,500.00 and associated CNYRIC charges with such amount to include annual OCM BOCES support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges, and with such support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges included at the current rate and subject to change as established in the OCM BOCES budget or mandated by any federal, state or local authority.

This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to OCM BOCES for early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that OCM BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable

penalties or liquidated damages, and the District also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by OCM BOCES as consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. Payment will be made as part of a regular annual OCM BOCES contract for services.

Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of OCM BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of thirty-six months commencing on or about July 1, 2024 and continue through June 30, 2027.

Motion made by Rachel McCarthy, seconded by Kelsey Rossbach

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

7.0 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 7.0 A through H, for the 2023/24 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion made by Rachel McCarthy, seconded by Kelsey Rossbach

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

A. Resignations

A.1	Custodian, Jean Hildreth , for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2024
A.2	Senior Custodian, Dennis Kachnycz , for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2024

B. Appointments 2023-2024

B.1	Substitute Teacher Aide, Jeanne Bunnell , effective March 5, 2024
B.2	Substitute Groundskeeper, Steve Farkas , effective March 12, 2024
B.3	Substitute Teacher 7-12, uncertified, Substitute Teaching Assistant 7-12, Substitute Teacher Aide 7-12; Haley Mayeu , effective March 12, 2024

C. Tenure Appointment for the following Southern Cayuga Teachers Association employee as listed:

C.1	Angela Simmons , Elementary, effective March 11, 2024
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D. Spring Sports Appointments 2023-2024

D.1	Varsity Track and Field Coach	Colton Gregg	\$3,626
D.2	Varsity Track and Field Assistant Coach	Andrea Gregg	\$2,721

E. Co-Curricular Appointments 2023-2024

E.1	Chaperone	Jayda Calhoun	\$ per contract
E.2	Chaperone	Brett Jillson	\$ per contract
E.3	Substitute Community Swim Director	Jamison Murray	\$ per contract

F. Volunteers 2023-2024

F.1	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Aaron Brozon
F.2	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Chris Brozon
F.3	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Alyssa Gunderson
F.4	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Jodi Gunderson
F.5	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Amanda Rossbach
F.6	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Cody Rossbach
F.7	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Erika Shelton
F.8	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Joe Shelton
F.9	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Scott Swan
F.10	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Jason Tripp
F.11	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Krista Tripp
F.12	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Paul Wheeler
F.13	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Beth White
F.14	After Prom Chaperone Volunteer	Brandon White
F.15	Modified Softball Volunteer	Andrea Binns
F.16	Varsity Softball Volunteer	David Harvatine
F.17	Varsity Softball Volunteer	Grace Van Horn
F.18	Track and Field Volunteer	Steve Holden
F.19	Track and Field Volunteer	William Mullarney
F.20	Track and Field Volunteer	Olivia Shea

G. Co-Curricular Appointments through ESSER Reserve Grant:

G.1	Substitute Gaming Club Supervisor	Alex Fox	\$39 per hour
G.2	Newspaper Media Club	Mark Johnson	\$39 per hour
G.3	Newspaper Media Club	Jeanette Owens	\$39 per hour
G.4	Ag & FFA Pals	Halee Wasson	\$39 per hour
G.5	Flag Football	Nick Dec	\$39 per hour

H. Changes in Employment Status

H.1	Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Jayda Calhoun , permanent appointment at conclusion of her probationary period
H.2	Senior Typist; Michelle Howe , permanent appointment at conclusion of her probationary period
H.3	School Bus Driver; Judith Moody , permanent appointment at conclusion of her probationary period

8.0 Business Office Reports/Informational Items –

A. Claims Auditor Reports; October, November, December 2023

9.0 Superintendent’s Report/Informational Items – No report.

Board discussion occurred regarding zero emission buses and the completed fleet assessment. SCCS is not qualifying for grants for electric buses as well as the huge expense of zero emission buses at the cost of educating students and the cost to the district for related power upgrades.

10.0 Board of Education/Committees

A. Committees

A.1	Athletics; Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman
Will meet on Wednesday, March 13 th at 4pm.	
A.2	Audit; Tim Pallokat, Heather Rejman, Kelsey Rossbach
No report.	
A.3	Budget/Finance; Dave Harvatine, Janet Lehman, Tim Pallokat
Met on Tuesday, February 13 th , meeting minutes provided. Met on Thursday, February 22 nd , meeting minutes provided. Met on Thursday, March 7 th , meeting minutes provided.	
A.4	Directions/Long-Range Education; Janet Lehman, Rachel McCarthy, Kelsey Rossbach
Kelsey Rossbach asked to start a group email to set a meeting date.	
A.5	Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Kelsey Rossbach
Dave Harvatine asked if they could meet regarding the wall. Superintendent Jensen wants to meet in May, we're waiting for NYS approval of projects.	
A.6	Policy; Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman
Superintendent Jensen suggested a morning meeting.	
A.7	Safety/Wellness; Janet Lehman, Rachel McCarthy
Will meet in the spring.	
A.8	Transportation; Matt Bennett, Tim Pallokat
The committee needs to talk about school bus purchasing.	
A.9	Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA); Dave Wiemann
No report.	

11.0 Visitor Recognition; Residents Wishing to Address the Board

Robb Jetty spoke regarding upcoming cuts in the school district budget and urged the Board to review program cuts.

12.0 Executive Session

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education entered executive session at 8:17pm to discuss the employment history of particular persons and collective bargaining with the District's unions.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

13.0 Return to Open Session

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education returned to open session at 9:09 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

The Board of Education had more budget discussion.

14.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hand, District Clerk