

CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm

31 Emory Ave | Cazenovia, NY 13035
Board of Education Conference Room, Cazenovia Middle School
Open to the Public and Streamed Live on GoogleMeet

Type of Meeting:	Regular, Public Hearing
Board Members Present:	JoAnne Race, Meghan Kelly, Judith Hight, Ron Luteran, Dave Mehlbaum, Jennifer Parmalee (arrived at 6:31pm), Jan Woodworth
Board Members Absent:	None
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty, Kevin Linck, Cristina Knapp, Amy Getman-Herringshaw, Molly Hagan, Micael Speirs, Jennifer Raux, Eric Benedict

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by JoAnne Race, Board President, at 6:30pm. She asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance after a moment of silence was observed.

2) Presentation

An update on the Capital Project (turf field) by Tetra Tech and Campus CMG was presented to the Board of Education by Kevin Donaghue (Campus CMG) who reported the upper field is scheduled to be turned over to the district on Friday, September 22, 2023. The lower stadium construction is currently 30% complete (started in July 2023) and due to be completed August 1, 2024. The budget was reviewed (reported to still be in very good shape). Photos taken by Tetra Tech were shown throughout the update.

3) Public Comments

JoAnne asked the public for comments in person and online; hearing none, moved on.

4) Communications

A letter to Superintendent DiFulvio was received, in which the writer expressed her appreciation for the JV Football coach and player who helped her walk to the tennis courts to watch her granddaughter's match.

5) Information and Reports

A. Board Committees

- a. Facilities: committee did not meet since the last Board meeting.
- b. Finance: committee met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 4:30pm. Jan Woodworth reported they discussed allocating unspent funds from last year's budget as well as long-range financial planning.
- c. Personnel: committee did not meet since the last Board meeting.
- d. Policy: committee did not meet since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:45am.
- e. SPA: committee did not meet since the last Board meeting.

- B. Board President: JoAnne Race spoke about the student performance at the beginning of opening day for teachers (Tuesday, September 5th) and referenced her welcome back speech theme “we have a lot to be thankful for.” She announced that reports from principals and the special education director will be given in written forms this year.
- C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio echoed the sentiments of JoAnne Race with regards to the student performance for faculty and staff on opening day. He spoke about the restorative practices training which took place on September 5th, and will happen again on the September 25th staff development day, then detailed what this training encompasses. He thanked the teacher leaders and Kevin Linck for playing a critical role in vertical alignment training. He thanked Micael Speirs and Jen Kilpatrick for facilitating TCI training, which will help all employees who work with kids to de-escalate and manage challenging behaviors and situations.
- D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Thomas Finnerty did not have anything to report.
- E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck spoke about the success of opening day from the efforts of all. He thanked the principals and instructional coaches for rolling out the Wit & Wisdom and Eureka Math new curricula. UPK is off to a great start, he thanked Jennifer Raux and Cristina Knapp for their leadership, and reported that we did not have to turn away any UPK students this year.
- F. Director of Special Education: Micael Speirs submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.
- G. Elementary School Principal: Cristina Knapp submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.
- H. Middle School Principal: Amy Getman-Herringshaw submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.
- I. High School Principal: Molly Hagan submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.

6) Consent Agenda - Routine Matters

- A. Minutes for August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for July 2023
- C. Committee on Special Education Report for September 2023

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

7) New Business

- A. Approval of Rescheduling the April 2024 Board of Education Meeting Date from Monday, April 15 to Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

In lieu of rescheduling the regular meeting from April 15, 2024 to April 17, 2024, the Board of Education will hold a special meeting on the morning of April 17, 2024 (time to be determined) for the purpose of voting on the 2024-2025 OCM BOCES budget and election.

- B. Approval of the SAVE Plan

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Jennifer Parmalee to approve the SAVE Plan.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

C. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

Motion made by Jennifer Parmalee, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve the resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

D. Approval of Resolution for Capital Vote December 12, 2023

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ron Luteran to amend the resolution to change the time of the vote in the resolution from 2:00pm-9:00pm to 7:00am-9:00pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2023; as well as change the location of the vote from the Middle School Cafeteria to the Middle School Aux Gym.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve the amended resolution.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

E. Approval of Construction Manager Contract

Motion made by Dave Mehlbaum, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve the construction manager contract.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

8) Personnel Report

A. Personnel Report for September 2023

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve the personnel report.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

9) Discussion Items

- A. Overnight Field Trip Approval: The current overnight field trip approval form (revised on 5/20/13) calls for approval by the Board of Education, yet there is currently no policy necessitating its approval. JoAnne Race opened the topic up for discussion, and the Board debated the pros and cons of making this a policy. This topic will be on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting (Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:45am).
- B. Electric Buses: A new bus garage is intended to be the district's next big capital project (vote in December 2028, project slated for completion in 2031).

10) Advance Planning

- A. Future Agenda Items: none.
- B. Future Meeting Dates: The next BOE meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm. The Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:45am. Jennifer Parmalee asked that Emily Ayres reach out and schedule a Personnel Committee meeting.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, the Board discussed regents exam schedules (commencement will take place before the final regents exam in June 2024), newly recognized holidays including the most recent, Lunar New Year, which are decided upon by the NYS Board of Regents, and what the impact could be to future school calendars.

11) Executive Session: None.

12) Adjournment

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

JoAnne Race adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk