



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024 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
Board Members Present:	JoAnne Race, Meghan Kelly, Ron Luteran, David Mehlbaum, Jan Woodworth
Board Members Absent:	Judith Hight, Jennifer Parmalee
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty, Kevin Linck, Molly Hagan, Cristina Knapp, Amy Getman-Herringshaw, Jennifer Raux, Micael Speirs, Eric Benedict

1. Call to Order

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

2. Presentation

A presentation on the history and current conditions of the Transportation Center was given by Eric Benedict and Chris DiFulvio. The most recent in-ground and above-ground lift options were presented. Questions were asked and answered. If repairing the lift, will need authorization to do so by the Board of Education by the end of March to meet the DOT inspection deadline.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Communications

JoAnne Race reported that the Board of Education had received three emails since the last regular meeting; two were opposed to the idea of a merger, one was in favor of such.

5. Information and Reports

- A. Board Committees
 - a. Facilities - did not meet
 - b. Finance - did not meet
 - c. Personnel - did not meet
 - d. Policy - last met on January 18, 2024
 - e. SPA - did not meet
- B. Board President: JoAnne Race thanked the district leadership and administration team for all the data collected and presented at the budget work session on February 5, 2024.
- C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio reported that the administration team has been carefully reviewing every option for how the district can move forward given its current budget gap. On February 29, 2024 as part of the strategic plan pillar "Culture", Dorene Bergman, from OCM BOCES, will be on-site to work with stakeholders on "Mission & Vision", a committee which is half-composed of students.
- D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Tom Finnerty distributed a copy of a slide from his presentation at last week's budget work session with an edit. He reported with

additional information, re: a PILOT, the allowable levy is increasing from 4.4% to 4.42%, which he believes will be our final number and intends to submit such to the comptroller's office by the March 1 deadline.

- E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck reported on MTSS, Response to Intervention (RTI), and DEI. This year's curricular audits are focused on science and ENL, which ties into the "Vertical Alignment" pillar in the strategic plan.
- F. Director of Special Education: Written report was submitted in advance.
- G. Elementary School Principal: Written report was submitted in advance.
- H. Middle School Principal: Written report was submitted in advance.
- I. High School Principal: Written report was submitted in advance.

6. Consent Agenda - Routine Matters

- A. Minutes for January 10, 2024 Joint Board Retreat with Morrisville-Eaton SD
- B. Minutes for January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
- C. Minutes for January 18, 2024 Special Meeting
- D. Financial Reports for December 2023
- E. Committee on Special Education Report for February 2024

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

7. New Business

- A. Designation of Public Hearing for Annual Budget Vote and Election

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve Agenda Item 7A.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

- B. Approval of Spring 2024 Sports Combination Requests

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve Agenda Item 7B.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

- C. Approval to Accept a Monetary Donation from Chobani for Student Lunch Debt

Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7C.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

- D. Approval of Architect/Engineer Contract (Phase 3 Building Project)

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve Agenda Item 7D.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

8. Personnel Report

Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the Personnel Report.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve the Supplemental Personnel Report.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

9. Discussion Items

- A. Bus Garage and Electric Buses: Eric Benedict is waiting to receive another vendor quote for the lift at the Transportation Center. This item to be titled "Bus Garage and Zero-Emission Buses" starting on the March agenda under Discussion Items.
- B. Field Naming: JoAnne Race suggested we revisit this topic in March when more or all Board members are present.
- C. Board Retreat with Morrisville-Eaton and NYSED: JoAnne Race expressed appreciation for all the research Morrisville-Eaton did prior to the joint-boards retreat on January 10, 2024. The board continues to do research, including a call with John Sipple from Cornell University, on February 27, which Jan Woodworth expressed her interest in attending. This call will be added to the March agenda under Discussion Items.

10. Advance Planning

- A. Future Agenda Items: none.
- B. Future Meeting Dates: listed on the agenda on BoardDocs, and on the district's website.

11. Executive Session

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to move into Executive Session.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ron Luteran to return to Public Session.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:59 pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to adjourn the meeting.

➤ *Vote: 5 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

JoAnne Race adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk