



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 18, 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, Judith Hight, Jennifer Parmalee
Board Members Absent:	None
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty, Kevin Linck, Molly Hagan, Cristina Knapp, Amy Getman-Herringshaw, Jennifer Raux, Micael Speirs

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

Kevin Linck gave a comprehensive mid-year student data analysis, which compared year over year AIMSWeb+ benchmarking data for math K-8 and literacy K-9, as well as attendance reports. He reported that attendance data is compared year over year, all students vs. economically disadvantaged vs. special education students, and that attendance rates are improving yet not back to pre-pandemic levels. Copies of a proposed annual data presentation schedule were distributed to the board.

3. Public Comments

JoAnne opened it up to the public and, hearing none, moved on.

4. Communications

JoAnne Race said the board of education did not receive any written communications since February's meeting. Chris DiFulvio passed around a copy of a letter from Senator Griffo regretfully declining to attend our School Budget Community Conversation on March 20th.

5. Information and Reports

A. Board Committees

- Facilities: Did not meet.
- Finance: Did not meet.
- Personnel: Did not meet.
- Policy: Did not meet.
- Strategic Planning Alignment: Did not meet.

- B. Board President: JoAnne Race extended an open invitation to the school budget communication conversation event on March 20th where it is the board's goal to listen to the community's feedback which will help them to navigate this year's budget season. Administration will give a presentation, after which there will be ten breakout groups with facilitators from BOCES to help with discussion and record feedback.

- C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio handed out copies of this month's Superintendent's Update to the board. Regarding the budget process, he reported that the district is currently planning to help close the \$1.85M gap with \$700K in cuts and using \$500K in fund balance. Regarding communications around the budget process, he reported that in response to the board and community feedback the district has increased its marketing efforts especially for the March 20th community event. Chris distributed a draft of the survey that will be available on March 21st for community members who are unable to attend on March 20th. Updates to facilities: After thanking members of the transportation facility committee for their help finding a solution to the bus lift replacement, he reported that the district recently issued an RFP for refinishing its tennis courts, which is projected to extend their life for another seven years. When a cost estimate is known it will be communicated to the board. The DEI committee met last week to participate in equity walks. Recommendations from this committee will be shared with the board when ready.
- D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Tom Finnerty reported that the NYS Assembly has rejected the governor's proposed budget and is demanding an additional 3% by which our district stands to gain approximately \$800K back into our budget. The NYS budget is expected to be late again this year, projected to be approved the week of April 8th or 15th.
- E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck presented earlier, and had nothing additional to report.
- 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 February 12, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for January 2024 and February 2024
- C. Committee on Special Education Report for March 2024

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Judith Hight to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

7. New Business

- A. Resolution to Approve the 2024-25 One-Page School Calendar

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

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

- B. Resolution to Approve the Wide Area Network (WAN) Contract from OCM BOCES

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

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

- C. Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Varsity Baseball Team

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

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

- D. Approval to Accept a Monetary Donation from the Cazenovia Lodge No. 616, Free and Accepted Masons for Student Lunch Debt

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

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

- E. Resolution to Approve the Election Officials for May 21, 2024 Annual Budget Vote and BOE Election

Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Jennifer Parmalee to approve Agenda Item 7E.

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

F. Resolution to Approve the Transportation Proposition for the May 21, 2024 Ballot

Motion made by Jennifer Parmalee, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7F.

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

G. Resolution to Approve the 2024-2025 Bus Purchase - Bonding, SEQRA and Annual Vote

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Jennifer Parmalee to approve Agenda Item 7G.

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

8. Personnel Report

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

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

9. Discussion Items

A. OCM BOCES Annual Meeting and Dinner on April 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm

a. Jan Woodworth and Chris DiFulvio will attend to represent the district.

B. Field Naming

a. The board left off on this topic in January. Options to move forward as presented to the board include: 1) adopt a policy which would prohibit naming of any future facilities; 2) adopt a policy which creates a naming rubric; or 3) create a plaques or a recognition structure that could apply to more than just facilities (organizations that might be willing to cover associated expenses include CAA, CYAA, PTAs, etc).

b. The board liked option 3 the best. Has charged the Policy Committee with creating a policy that uses a stakeholder committee to decide on what naming opportunities are recommended to the board of education for approval.

C. Reorganization Discussion - John Sipple, Ph.D., Cornell

a. JoAnne Race gave a detailed overview of the conversation she, Meghan Kelly, Jan Woodworth and Chris DiFulvio had with John Sipple. The board will keep this topic as a discussion item for future meetings. Chris DiFulvio reported that he received an invitation for a Zoom meeting tomorrow morning from Senator Joe Griffo's office, re: regional high schools in which he intends to participate.

D. Bus Garage and Zero-Emissions Buses

a. No new information to discuss at tonight's meeting.

10. Advance Planning

A. Future Agenda Items: The board of education will give feedback to administration on the annual data presentation schedule at their next regular meeting, on April 15, 2024.

B. Future Meeting Dates

a. Future meetings are on the district website (electronic calendar and BOE homepage) and listed on the agenda on BoardDocs.

b. A budget work session has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Board of Education conference room. The proposed budget is scheduled to be approved by the board at the next regular meeting on April 15, 2024.

11. Executive Session

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

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

The board moved into Executive Session at 8:44 pm.

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to return to Public Session.

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

The board returned to Public Session at 9:55 pm.

12. Adjournment

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

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

JoAnne Race adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk