



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 15, 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, Judith Hight, Ron Luteran, David Mehlbaum, Jan Woodworth, Jennifer Parmalee (arriving at 6:39 pm)
Board Members Absent:	None
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty, Kevin Linck, Molly Hagan, Cristina Knapp, Chris Bubble, Jennifer Raux, Micael Speirs, Mike Byrnes, Amy Getman-Herringshaw

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by JoAnne Race, Board President, at 6:31 pm. She asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance after a moment of silence was observed.

2. Presentation

Recognition of Student Athletes: Connor Frisbie was presented a certificate by Coach Mark Tugaw who spoke about Connor's achievements in track. Broden Enders was presented a certificate by Coach Tod Avery who spoke about Broden's achievements in wrestling.

3. Public Comments

JoAnne Race asked for any public comments and hearing none in person or online moved on.

4. Communications

JoAnne Race reported that the board had received about a dozen emails and one phone call after the community conversation about the possibility of the reading position being eliminated.

5. Information and Reports

A. Board Committees

- Facilities: Has not met since the last board meeting.
- Finance: Has not met since the last board meeting.
- Personnel: Has not met since the last board meeting.
- Policy: Next meeting will be held on May 3, 2024 at 7:30 am.
- SPA: Has not met since the last board meeting.

B. Board President: JoAnne Race thanked all of the school and community members who came to the community conversation event, participated in the budget survey, and advocated for state funding via the recent letter writing campaign.

C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio shared that he heard the Governor received over 300 messages from the Cazenovia community. The NYS budget is expected to be finalized in the next few days. Recently heard the Governor is planning to use declining enrollment in public schools as justification for reducing state funding in next year's budget. This Thursday, planning to meet with

Commissioner of Education Rosa to talk about foundation aid, etc. Presented a first draft schedule for 2024-25 BOE meetings.

- D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Tom Finnerty said he will present before the budget adoption vote during New Business.
- E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck updated the board about the most recent staff development day on March 29th, from which the feedback was quite positive. He reported the second round of in-service trainings recently wrapped up, and thanked those instructors.
- 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 March 18, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for March 2024
- C. Committee on Special Education Report for April 2024
- D. Overnight Field Trip for Cazenovia Aggies FFA
Motion made by Ronald Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the Consent Agenda.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

7. New Business

- A. Resolution to Approve the Proposed 2024-25 School Budget
Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve Agenda Item 7A.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*
- B. Resolution to Approve SEQRA Declaration
Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ronald Luteran to approve Agenda Item 7B.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*
- C. Resolution to Approve the Contract for Construction Management Services
Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve Agenda Item 7C.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*
- D. Approval to Approve MOU with Madison County July 2024
Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7D.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*
- E. Bond Resolution for December 12, 2023 Capital Vote
Motion made by Ronald Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7E.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*
- F. Resolution to Approve the OCM BOCES Telecommunications Contract
Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Meghan Kelly to approve Agenda Item 7F.
➤ *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

8. Discussion Items

- A. Budget Communication Timeline: The district is hosting a community event on Monday, May 13th from 9:00-11:30 am, an ad for which will go in the Cazenovia Republican; the public hearing for the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm; the annual budget vote and school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 21st from 7:00 am. to 9:00 pm. The board discussed the budget newsletter vs. the budget postcard which must be mailed out on Wednesday, May 15th by law, therefore the board wants the four-page newsletter to be mailed one week prior (Wednesday, May 8th). The board wants two separate mailings this year. JoAnne Race will write and submit her letter for the front page of the newsletter.

- B. Feedback from the Board on the Presentation Schedule: Chris DiFulvio distributed another set to each board member; Meghan Kelly asked for a presentation that would help board members understand what it's like in the classrooms, and Jan asked about a presentation on professional development.

Regarding the proposal of board of education meetings in 2024-25, the organizational meeting (July) date will be selected at the next regular meeting in May, as typical.

- C. Reorganization Discussion: The board will discuss Dr. John Sipple's online tool at the next regular meeting in May.
- D. Bus Garage and Zero-Emissions Buses: JoAnne Race reported great progress being made modeling different scenarios; Chris DiFulvio asked the board for consensus to pursue looking into the Johnson Lumber property for sale.

David Mehlbaum asked to see the current year budget line by line at the next regular meeting in May.

9. Public Comment Session

JoAnne Race adjusted the order of the agenda to offer a second opportunity for public comments at 7:31 pm.

Mark Tugaw, 2191 Ten Eyck Ave, Cazenovia –

“I just wanted to say that my taxes here are by far the lowest. I've paid property taxes in multiple surrounding districts over the past few years. Thank you to the board for the work that you do.”

Dave Masiclat, 1819 Stanley Road, Cazenovia –

“I'm a spokesperson for the bus drivers. We have concerns about safety and liability. At this point, we're trying to find a way to reach out to the board - pleading for your help. We're a strong group of drivers, a safety-oriented group, but in the last school year there's been a constant decay of culture. It's a toxic and hostile work environment, causing safety issues and added distractions. We've tried to work with the administration, but were unsuccessful. Desperate times, that's why we're here tonight. We're suggesting a focus group for the board to work with the bus drivers. We want the board to be aware of issues. This past week we had difficulty getting athletes to a track meet in Auburn. I've only worked here for four years, but it saddens me that drivers are distracted and concerned for their jobs; they're scared that there would be retaliation if they come forward, so we came [here tonight] together as a group. I don't care how we get there, let's just get there.”

10. Advance Planning

- A. Future Agenda Items: None discussed.
- B. Future Meeting Dates: Listed on the agenda.

11. Executive Session

Motion made by Meghan Kelly, seconded by Judith Hight to move into Executive Session.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:37 pm.

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

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:17 pm.

12. Personnel Report

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

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

13. Adjournment

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

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

JoAnne Race adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk