



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025 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, Travis Barr, Judith Hight, Ron Luteran, Jennifer Parmalee (arrived at 6:37pm), Jan Woodworth
Board Members Absent:	None
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty, Kevin Linck

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

- A. Presentation on Professional Development: Kevin Linck presented how the past three years of professional development came from the strategic plan, data from assessments, identified needs through surveys, and the internal professional development team, which includes faculty from all three buildings. The next area of focus is expected to be differentiated instruction.

3. Public Comments

JoAnne Race opened up the meeting to public comments. Hearing none, moved on.

4. Written Communications

None received.

5. Information and Reports

A. Board Committees

Board of Education Committees

- Finance & Audit: This committee did not meet.
- Policy: This committee met tonight at 5:30 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

District Committees with Board Representatives

- Communications: This committee was scheduled to meet last week, but was canceled due to the snow day, and will be rescheduled.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): This committee was scheduled to meet last week, but was canceled due to the snow day. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm.
- Facilities: This committee did not meet.
- High School Action Team (HAT): This committee did not meet.
- Legislative Liaison: Jan Woodworth mentioned NYSSBA's February legislative breakfast meeting is approaching. Chris DiFulvio will check the date and plan to accompany Jan.

- B. Board President: JoAnne Race reported reading in the latest edition of OnBoard a nice article that said the elimination of the Department of Education is unlikely and federal funding is unlikely to change, though responsibilities might start shifting to the states.
- C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio showed to the Board the LEGO League awards that the club won at its recent regional competition in Baldwinsville; the club would like to come to the February meeting to do a presentation for the Board. Chris distributed a packet with a tentative merger study town hall schedule that he and Greg Molloy would be hosting; Chris also showed a rough draft of the slides for those town halls; the Board asked questions and gave feedback on the presentation.
- D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Tom Finnerty reported that tomorrow at 1:00 pm the NYS Governor is expected to give her state of the State address. Tom gave updates on the school bus discussion item: the district is pursuing financial assistance for a potential purchase of electric school buses. The Board requested a comparison of gas, diesel, propane, and electric buses. Tom asked for initial input from the Board with regards to what they'd like to see on the ballot in May with regards to school bus purchasing; no indication was given at this time. The 2025-26 school budget currently is more unknown than known, though Tom reported the district's aid ratios are decreasing again.
- E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck previously presented.
- F. Director of Special Education: Micael Speirs submitted a written report in advance.
- G. Elementary School Principal: Cristina Knapp submitted a written report in advance.
- H. Middle School Principal: Amy Getman-Herringshaw submitted a written report in advance.
- I. High School Principal: Molly Hagan submitted a written report in advance.

6. Consent Agenda - Routine Matters

- A. Minutes for December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. CSE Report for January 2025
- C. Financial Reports for November 2024
- D. Budget Transfer Requests 5, 6, and 7 (2024-25)
- E. Field Trip Request Cazenovia Aggies FFA February 2025

Ron Luteran asked about the recent, new residential placement costs this year and how it affects the budget projections Tom previously presented tonight. Travis asked if this information could be included in the March presentation given by the Special Education department.

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Travis Barr to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

7. New Business

- A. Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve the Final Smart Schools Investment Plan - Phase 3

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

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

- B. Resolution to Approve District Participation with the CNYRIC One Risk Operations Center

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

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

8. Personnel Report

- Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the Personnel Report.*
- *Vote: 7 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

9. Discussion Items

- A. Reorganization Discussion: Chris DiFulvio gave an update on this topic earlier in the meeting.
- B. Bus Garage and Zero-Emissions Buses: Tom Finnerty gave an update on this topic earlier in the meeting.
- C. Proposed Firefighter-EMT Property Tax Exemption: Tom Finnerty reviewed the proposal, which came from the Fire Department. Jan Woodworth asked if we knew how much money it would be, but Tom said the county was unable to help with those estimates. This request would have to be approved before March 1, 2025, or pushed until next year. The request was a ten percent reduction for volunteers after two years of service; the exemption would be spread out among the rest of the tax payers in the school district; it would not be lost revenue for the school. The board decided not to make a decision on this request this year.

10. Advance Planning

- A. Future Agenda Items: None listed.
- B. Future Meeting Dates: Policy committee will meet on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm; Budget Work Session #1 will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

11. Executive Session

The board forewent Executive Session, and moved on to Adjournment.

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 8:55 pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk