CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 15, 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
Board Members Present:	Travis Barr, Jeffrey Dewan, Judith Hight, JoAnne Race, Emily Wiemers, Jan Woodworth, Sebastian Gebers (Student Member)
Board Members Absent:	Ron Luteran
Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Kevin Linck
Administrators Absent:	Tom Finnerty

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1. **Public Hearing**

   The revised Code of Conduct.
   The re-revised School Safety Plan (SAVE).

2. **Call to Order**

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

3. **Welcome and Oaths of Office to Student Board Members**

   Emily Ayres administered the Oath of Office to Student Board Member Sebastian Gebers, and Alternate Student Board Member Brooklyn Benson.

4. **Executive Session**

   Motion to Move into Executive Session

   Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Jeffrey Dewan to move into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation to a vacant seat on the Board of Education.

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

   The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:36 pm.

   Motion to Return to Public Session

   Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by JoAnne Race to return to Public Session.

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

   The Board returned to Public Session at 6:38 pm.

5. **Motion to Add the Resolution to the Agenda**

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Jeffrey Dewan to add a resolution to the agenda.

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

6. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Emily Wiemers to the Board of Education

Motion made by Travis Barr, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve the appointment of Emily Wiemers to the Board of Education.

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

7. Oaths of Office for Appointed Board Member

District Clerk, Emily Ayres, administered the Oath of Office to the appointed Board member Emily Wiemers.

8. Public Comments

Jonathan Alley, 3969 East Road, Cazenovia: spoke in favor of the existing SRO program here at Cazenovia CSD.

Andrew Frisbee, 2412 Tucker Road, New Woodstock: spoke in favor of the existing SRO program here at Cazenovia CSD.

Renee Johnson, 5231 Emhoff Road, Chittenango: spoke in favor of the existing SRO program here at Cazenovia CSD.

Ross Carnie, 3516 West Lake Road, Cazenovia: spoke in favor of the existing SRO program here at Cazenovia CSD.

Krystyna Feola, 3024 Rippleton Road, Cazenovia: spoke about being a resident of the district with two young sons, and is in charge of the SRO program here at Cazenovia CSD. She commented on the great relationship between Madison County and the school district, and takes great pride in the success of the SROs program. Invited anyone with concerns or questions to call her office to speak with her directly.

9. Written Communications

The board received approximately 20 emails from community members in support of the existing SRO program; received no emails in opposition.

10. Information and Reports

Jan Woodworth reported having met with Senator Schumer last week; expressed concern about federal government funding cuts to school districts.

A. Board of Education Committees
   - Finance & Audit: Jan Woodworth reported that the committee did not meet
   - Policy: Judith Hight reported that the committee did not meet

   District Committees with Board Representatives
   - Communications: Travis Barr reported that the committee did not meet
   - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): Travis Barr reported that the committee did not meet
   - Facilities: no update was given
   - High School Action Team (HAT): Jeff Dewan reported this group will meet on Sept 17th.

B. Board President: Judith Hight thanked the building principals and SROs for a seamless transition into the new school year.

C. Superintendent of Schools: Chris DiFulvio spoke about the start of the new school year; two superintendent conference days before students came back to campus; UPK and Kindergarten open houses. He also spoke about the state budget and federal funding outlook.

D. Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration: Tom Finnerty was absent, no report was given.

E. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Equity and Personnel: Kevin Linck thanked Jenn Raux for the AI presentation at one of the superintendent conference days; faculty also participated in an activity on the Portrait of a Graduate. On August 26th we had an orientation day for new faculty. Kevin also spoke about having sent out a strategic plan survey in preparation for the next one.

F. Director of Special Education: Amy Bailey 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.

11. Consent Agenda – Routine Matters

A. Minutes from the August 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
B. Minutes from the August 13, 2025 Special Board Meeting
C. Minutes from the August 22, 2025 Special Board Meeting
D. Minutes from the August 25, 2025 Special Board Meeting
E. Financial Reports for July 2025
F. CSE Report for September 2025
G. Overnight Field Trip Request: Future Farmers of America/Caz Aggies - October/November 2025
H. Overnight Field Trip Request: NYSSMA - December 2025
I. Budget Transfer Request 1-3

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda – Routine Matters

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

➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

12. New Business

A. Resolution to Approve the Revised BLERPS

Motion made by JoAnne Race, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7A.

➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

B. Resolution to Approve Revised Policy # 7350 | Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions

Motion made by Travis Barr, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7B.

➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

C. Resolution to Approve Revised Ice Hockey Combination Request Winter 2025-26

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by JoAnne Race to approve Agenda Item 7C.

➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

D. Resolution to Approve the Bid Award of Purchasing a Truck

Motion made by Travis Barr, seconded by Jeffrey Dewan to approve Agenda Item 7D.

➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

13. Personnel Report

Resolution to Approve the Personnel Report

Motion made by JoAnne Race, seconded by Travis Barr to approve the Personnel Report.

- ➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

Resolution to Approve the Supplemental Personnel Report

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by JoAnne Race to approve the Supplemental Personnel Report.

- ➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

14. Discussion Items

A. Scheduling a Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: Emily Wiemers was asked to join this committee and accepted. The committee will meet with the auditors at 5:30pm on Monday, October 20th.
B. NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting on October 16, 2025: Jan Woodworth cannot attend, Travis Barr volunteered to fill in; the district clerk will register him.
C. BOE Appreciation Event on October 17, 2025: Chris DiFulvio will send out more info as details firm up; there will be an AM and a PM session, in the Middle School.
D. BOE Group Yearbook Photo on October 20, 2025: This date works for the board, the district clerk will follow up with the yearbook advisor to schedule the photographer.
E. BOE Reports from the Principals and Special Ed Director: no discussion.

Sebastian Gebers asked Kevin Linck if students will get an opportunity to participate in training on deescalation, like staff did at one of the superintendent conference days. Jan Woodworth suggested a community feedback presentation on deescalation that would be open to the public.

15. Advance Planning

A. Future Agenda Items: JoAnne Race asked about the merger study RFP applicant interviews will be scheduled for next week; Chris DiFulvio had no new information, but said he would follow up when we hear back from MO BOCES.
B. Future Meeting Dates: Finance & Audit Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on October 20, 2025.

16. Executive Session

Motion to Move into Executive Session

Motion made by Travis Barr, seconded by Jeffrey Dewan to move into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation; matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

- ➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:18 pm.

Motion to Return to Public Session

Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by JoAnne Race to return to Public Session.

- ➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:15 pm.

17. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion made by JoAnne Race, seconded by Jan Woodworth to adjourn the meeting.

- ➢ *Vote: 6 (in favor) 0 (opposed) Motion passed.*

Judith Hight adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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Emily Ayres, District Clerk