



## CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm

31 Emory Ave | Cazenovia, NY 13035  
High School Library  
Open to the Public and Livestreamed on GoogleMeet

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Type of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Leigh Baldwin, Travis Barr, Jeffrey Dewan, Judith Hight, Ron Luteran, Emily Wiemers, Jan Woodworth, Sebastian Gebers (Ex Officio, Student Member)

Administrators Present: Kevin Linck, Jennifer Raux, Amy Getman-Herringshaw, Joseph Gugino

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### 1. Public Hearing

The public hearing for the 2026-27 school budget was held in the High School Auditorium; it began at 6:30 pm and was livestreamed on Google Meet. A presentation was given by Superintendent Linck, after which he answered questions that were asked by those in the audience.

### 2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judith Hight, Board President, at 7:45 pm. She asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance after a moment of silence was observed.

### 3. Public Comments

Judith Hight read the policy on public comments. No public comments were given.

### 4. Written Communications

The Board received a postcard from the participants on the Spanish trip to Costa Rica over Spring Recess.

### 5. Information and Reports

#### A. Board of Education Committees

- Finance & Audit: Jan Woodworth – did not meet.
- Policy: Judith Hight – did not meet.

#### District Committees with Board Representatives

- Communications: Travis Barr – did not meet.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): Travis Barr – did not meet.
- Facilities: Ron Luteran – did not meet.
- High School Action Team (HAT): Jeffrey Dewan – no update.

- #### B. Student Member: Sebastian Gebers – reported on the success of the recent trip to Myrtle Beach by the varsity baseball team; Academic Decathlon's trip to LA was successful and enjoyable, where the team improved 10 positions nationally, and Ella Blair placed first in the division nationally; last Friday's unified basketball game hosted here during 9th period was an incredible experience; AP testing last week went very well. Sebastian read the testimonies of three students, collected by Brooklyn Benson for the "Vote Our Voice" Facebook page, on why voters should pass the school budget.

- C. Board President: Judith Hight – reported that the district is knee-deep on the merger feasibility study as well as preparing for the budget vote and school board election on May 19. Judith thanked Joe Gugino and Kevin Linck for their efforts to present the budget to multiple community organizations, and thanked the District Clerk for all of her work on the vote/election.
- D. Superintendent of Schools: Kevin Linck – reported on the unified basketball game on 5/8 afternoon, one of the best pep rallies ever attended at the high school; a recent 2-hour visit by Regent Mannion and Dr. Cook from OCM BOCES; the RFP for the new transportation center is moving forward; the Architecture & Engineering RFP (which should be done every ~5 years) is scheduled to be issued on Friday; on tonight's personnel report, asking for the approval of a new School Business Official and Middle School Principal, the pool was highly competitive, the committee interview process was extensive, and we're excited for these two additions to the administrative team.
- E. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Amy Getman-Herringshaw – reported on the status of EAC grant applications which are on tonight's agenda for approval, all of which will be able to be funded; AP testing and NYS assessments (ELA, science, math) will be complete by 5/15, she thanked the faculty and staff in all three buildings for their work.
- F. Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Innovation: Jennifer Raux – reported that UPK screenings are underway in advance of those students joining us in September; at the end of May Burton Street will be hosting a UPK preview; last week the team attended a Portrait of a Graduate workshop at BOCES in preparation of the district's roadmap for these mandates.
- G. Interim School Business Official: Joseph Gugino – reported that as we approach the end of the fiscal year, spending is now favorable about \$1.45M (i.e. not having spent that from the \$1.6M budgeted from fund balance).
- H. Director of Special Education: Amy Bailey – submitted a written report in advance.
- I. Elementary School Principal: Cristina Knapp – submitted a written report in advance.
- J. Interim Middle School Principal: Amy Getman-Herringshaw, on behalf of Todd Freeman – submitted a written report in advance.
- K. High School Principal: Molly Hagan – submitted a written report in advance.

## 6. Consent Agenda – Routine Matters

- A. Minutes from the April 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Minutes from the May 1, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- C. Minutes from the May 5, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- D. Financial Reports for March 2026
- E. CSE Report for May 2026
- F. Overnight Field Trip Request from FFA – May 2026

Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda – Routine Matters

*Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Items 6A-6F.*

*Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays*

*Motion passed.*

## 7. New Business

- A. Resolution to Grant Authority to the Superintendent to Enter into an Employment Contract with the School Business Official  
*Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Jeffrey Dewan to approve Agenda Item 7A.*

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

- B. Resolution to Approve the Educational Advisory Committee (EAC) Recommended Summer 2026 Grants

*Motion made by Emily Wiemers, seconded by Jan Woodworth to approve Agenda Item 7B.*

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

- C. Resolution to Approve the Excise of District Property at the Transportation Center

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

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

- D. Resolution to Approve New Contract with Day Automation for the Phase 3A Building Project

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

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

- E. Resolution to Approve the Donation of Backdrops to the High School

*Motion made by Jeffrey Dewan, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve Agenda Item 7E.*

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

- F. Resolution to Approve the Revised Policy 3421 – Title IX and Sex Discrimination

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

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

## 8. Personnel Report

- A. Resolution to Approve the Personnel Report for May 2026

*Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Ron Luteran to approve the Personnel Report.*

Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Motion passed.

Kevin Linck introduced the two newest administrative appointments: Steve Montemarano, SBO; and Erin Robertson, Middle School Principal. He spoke about the extensive interview process, and the feedback from the interview committees.

## 9. Discussion Items

- A. 2026-27 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule: the proposed dates were acceptable to the board. The District Clerk will add them to the agenda for approval at the June meeting.
- B. Water Quality Update: summer work is getting scheduled (pay upfront, but the district will be reimbursed). Kevin Linck spoke about the extensive work necessary (within walls, ceilings, and floors), but cannot guarantee the results. Jan Woodworth asked what steps are taken if this work does not produce the desired results. Kevin said filtration systems on faucets, or labeling faucets as non-potable.
- C. Reorganization (Merger) Feasibility Study Update: Kevin Linck reported the district had a joint-Board of Education meeting last week on Tuesday with Morrisville-Eaton where the consultants presented their findings thus far. Last week on Thursday, the Superintendents met with MO BOCES and NYSED to discuss the pros/cons of a strawpoll vote vs. petition. The M-E Superintendent is looking for a proposal from an engagement consultant. Jan Woodworth would like to see more coverage in the

Cazenovia Republican; Emily Wiemers commented on how to improve the website and further engagement, including recording audio and overlaying it onto slide decks; Jan commented on hearing feedback that all the information being presented feels pro-merger and imbalanced.

- D. What Did We Do For Kids? Sent students to FFA (the largest youth convention in the state, with 3,500 students in attendance); hired a new SBO and MS Principal; approved EAC grants for summer curriculum work.

## 10. Advance Planning

- A. Future Agenda Items: None. Judith Hight thanked Leigh Baldwin for his service on the Board of Education since January.
- B. Future Meeting Dates: All currently scheduled meetings are listed on the district website. The list of meetings in 2026-27 is scheduled to be approved at the June meeting.

## 11. Executive Session

*Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jan Woodworth to move into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person, and collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.*

*Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays*

*Motion passed.*

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:39 pm.

*Motion made by Jan Woodworth, seconded by Emily Wiemers to return to Public Session.*

*Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays*

*Motion passed.*

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:20 pm.

## 12. Adjournment

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

*Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays*

*Motion passed.*

Judith Hight adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

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Emily Ayres, District Clerk