#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The regular meeting was held on August 17, 2017 in Room 145 at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

**Members Present:** 

**Members Absent:** 

Robert Tabor, President
Kevin Lennebacker, Vice President
April Aramini
April Erkson
Amy Garretson
Gregory Lowry
Jeffrey Wait

**Others Present** 

TheriJo Climenhaga, Superintendent of Schools

Laura Carson, District Clerk

1 Student

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tabor.

President Tabor led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda – RESOLUTIONS 23-8-2017 through RESOLUTION 30-8-2017

Correspondence Received – President Tabor spoke about a thank you note that was received from a student and the Board President's Handbook that he received from the school board association.

Superintendent Climenhaga shared the annual attendance data and she reviewed the NY State Test data. Mrs. Climenhaga spoke about the Smart School Bond Act and the work that is being done on that. The audit has been completed and an Audit Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Oct. 19th. Mrs. Climenhaga held a Cabinet Retreat that went well and she has asked for their goals to be completed by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be three bus runs combined into two runs, the insufficient student cafeteria accounts must have the funds collected by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent Climenhaga spoke about the interviewing and hiring that was still taking place. Mrs. Climenhaga also shared information regarding professional development, orientation, conference days and a Rural Schools program at SUCO on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Board of Education Committee Reports – K. Lennebacker spoke on behalf of the Building Committee regarding RESOLUTION 11-8-2017 and areas of concern. R. Tabor spoke about the Policy Committee needing to meet to review the 4<sup>th</sup> installment. Mr. Tabor also spoke about the Superintendent's Evaluation tool that would be used for the 17-18 school year.

President Tabor recognized the visitors – A student thanked the Board for their support with him being able to participate in an area school's athletic program.

No need to enter into Executive Session.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Erkson.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u> - Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS 1-8-2017 through RESOLUTION 19-8-2017.

RESOLUTION 1-8-2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 20, 2017

RESOLUTION 2-8-2017

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT–July 2017

RESOLUTION 3-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the tax levy in the amount of \$5,155,142 and review the equalized tax rates as per Attachment III C.

#### RESOLUTION 4-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby transfer the

following: \$460,700 from Capital Reserve to Capital Fund

\$350,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Reserve

\$100,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Retirement Contribution Reserve

#### RESOLUTION 5-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Districtdoes hereby grant approval of Superintendent to appoint employees on a temporary basis with the understanding that the Board of Education will make the final determination at the next subsequent Board of Education meeting.

### RESOLUTION 6-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve The Council of School Superintendents Model Evaluation version 2014 Superintendent Evaluation tool for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### RESOLUTION 7-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the agreement with The ARC Otsego for the 2017-2018 school year as per Attachment III G.

### **RESOLUTION 8-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the agreement with Opportunities For Otsego, Inc./Head Start as per ATTACHMENT III H.

### RESOLUTION 9-8-2017

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the 2017-2018 Tutorial Contract with Four Winds Saratoga as per Attachment III I.

## **RESOLUTION 10-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the Combining Contract between the Cooperstown Central School District and the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, for Varsity Boys Swimming and Diving and Varsity Football athletic competition during the 2017-2018 season.

## **RESOLUTION 11-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby award the general construction work contract for interior door replacement to District Buildings Bid to the following:

Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. Base Bid \$91,100.00

### **RESOLUTION 12-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of Brandon Lundy as a Bus Driver/Maintenance Worker effective August 5, 2017.

### **RESOLUTION 13-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of Joslyn Mabie as the Modified Track Coach effective July 26, 2017.

#### **RESOLUTION 14-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of Jodie Hamm as an Elementary Teacher effective August 31, 2017.

## **RESOLUTION 15-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Jennifer O'Leary, who is Professionally Certified Birth – Grade 2, to a position as an Elementary Teacher for a probationary period beginning September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021.

#### **RESOLUTION 16-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following as Support Staff Substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year:

Stephanie Weaver Fort Plain

Richard Moon Cherry Valley

#### **RESOLUTION 17-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent does hereby appoint the following as Activity Leaders for the After School Program for the 2017-2018 school year:

Susan Hayes Theresa Wilmot

### **RESOLUTION 18-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following Extracurricular assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Timekeeper – Rebecca Carter & Kristie Fassett

Cross Country – Jordan Jaquay

Athletic Coordinator – Kenneth Whiteman Varsity Track – Joslyn Mabie

Chemical Hygiene Officer – David Mayton

### **RESOLUTION 19-8-2017**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the following as volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Laura Freer TheriJo Climenhaga Wendy Johnson Kyle Jaquay Kelly Prime

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by G. Lowry.

**RESOLUTION 20-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a review of Policy 6240 Investing, 5100 Student Attendance and 6700 Purchasing as per ATTACHMENT IV A. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait.

**RESOLUTION 21-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of changes/updates to Policy 8505 Charging School Meals as per ATTACHMENT IV A. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Wait, seconded by A. Erkson.

**RESOLUTION 22-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the Local Assistance Plan (LAP). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Erkson, seconded by A. Aramini.

**RESOLUTION 23-8-2017** 

A REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 17, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") TO ISSUE UP TO \$3,125,000 OF REFUNDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PARTICIPATION IN A POOLED REFUNDING BOND PROGRAM CURRENTLY BEING STRUCTURED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ("DASNY") PURSUANT TO WHICH THE DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO REFUND (I.E., REFINANCE) CERTAIN OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE FUTURE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS AND TO AVOID FUTURE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE DISTRICT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT (ACTING THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF ITS BOARD OF EDUCATION) TO ENTER INTO, DELIVER AND PERFORM (I) A FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH DASNY AND (II)

ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS REASONABLY RELATING TO THE STRUCTURING, PROMOTION, CLOSING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "District") and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (the "Authority") entered into a financing agreement pursuant to which the Authority issued its School Districts Revenue Bond Financing Program Revenue Bonds, Series 2011B (the "Prior Authority Bonds"), a portion of the proceeds of which were used by the Authority to make a \$7,575,000 loan to the District to refinance certain outstanding bond anticipation notes of the District that were originally issued for the financing of capital projects within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District concurrently delivered its bonds in the total aggregate principal amount of \$7,575,000 (the "Prior District Bonds") to the Authority to evidence its obligation to repay such loan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is now in the process of structuring a proposed 2017 pooled bond refinancing transaction pursuant to its ongoing School Districts Revenue Bond Financing Program (the "Transaction") under which certain of the Prior Authority Bonds and (with the approval and consent of the District) certain of the currently outstanding Prior District Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$2,915,000 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") would be refunded (i.e., refinanced) to allow the Authority and the District to achieve substantial debt service savings by replacing the older bonds with newly-issued bonds bearing interest at today's lower rates; and

WHEREAS, the Refunded Bonds remain, by their terms, subject to the possibility of a call for redemption (at par) prior to their stated maturity date(s), and the District has determined to conduct such a call of the Refunded Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to receive a loan or loans from the Authority upon substantially the terms and conditions set forth in that certain financing agreement to be entered into between the Authority and the District in connection with the refunding of the Refunded Bonds (the "Financing Agreement"), and desires to authorize the execution and delivery of up to \$3,125,000 of refunding bonds of the District payable to the Authority (the "District Refunding Bonds" or the "Bonds") to evidence its obligation to repay such loan or loans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Financing Agreement the District will deliver its District Refunding Bonds to the Authority and will pledge to the Authority, to secure the payments to be made by the District under the Financing Agreement, a sufficient portion of any and all public funds to be apportioned or otherwise made available by the State to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board, as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, and generating moneys which shall be sufficient to pay (A) the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds (as well as any interest that may remain payable thereon through the date of the refunding, plus any redemption premium that may be payable thereon in connection with the refunding), (B) the costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the District Refunding Bonds herein authorized and the Authority Bonds which they support, including, but not limited to, the District's proportionate share of the fees and costs of the Authority incurred in connection with the issuance of the Authority Bonds, (C) the fees and costs of the financial advisory and bond counsel firms retained by the District in connection with the issuance of the District Refunding Bonds, and (D) all other fees and costs of issuance associated with the issuance of the Authority Bonds and the District Refunding Bonds, there are hereby specifically authorized to be issued by the District Refunding Bonds, as contemplated by the Financing Agreement, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,125,000, as described in the Financing Agreement. The Bonds shall be dated October 17, 2017 (or such other date as shall be determined by the President of the Board), shall be of the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of each respective maturity (unless a bond of an odd denomination is required), and shall mature and shall bear interest on such dates as may be approved by the President of the Board and ultimately set forth in a Notice of Terms that is to be attached as Exhibit I to the Financing Agreement after the pricing of the Transaction (the "Notice of Terms").

SECTION 2. The District Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual or facsimile signature of the President of the Board, and the District's seal shall be imprinted thereon and attested by the District Clerk. The District Refunding Bonds shall contain the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, as the President of the Board shall determine.

# SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that:

- (A) The maximum amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed the limitation imposed by the Local Finance Law; and
- (B) The last installment of the Refunding Bonds will mature not later than the expiration of the maximum period of probable usefulness of each of the objects or purposes for which the Prior District Bonds (or the underlying bonds refinanced thereby) were issued, or in the alternative, the weighted average remaining period of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes (or classes of objects or purposes) financed with the Prior District Bonds (or with the underlying bonds refinanced thereby) or the weighted average remaining period of probable usefulness of all objects or purposes (or classes of objects or purposes) financed with the Prior District Bonds (or with the underlying bonds refinanced thereby), in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- SECTION 4. A Financial Plan showing the estimated details of the proposed issuance of the Authority Bonds and the District Refunding Bonds has been prepared by the underwriter retained by the Authority (the "Financial Plan"). The Financial Plan shows the estimated sources, amounts and uses of all funds required to accomplish the Transaction, and is set forth as Exhibit A attached hereto and is hereby made a part of this resolution. The Financial Plan has been prepared based upon the assumption that the District Refunding Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,885,000 and that the District Refunding Bonds will mature, be of such terms, and bear interest as set forth in the Financial Plan, which is hereby approved. The President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to determine (or adjust) the amount of the Prior District Bonds (or any replacement bonds) to be refunded; the amount of the District Refunding Bonds to be issued; the date of such District Refunding Bonds and the date of issue, maturities, interest rates and other terms thereof; the provisions relating to any redemption of the District Refunding Bonds prior to maturity, whether the District Refunding Bonds will be insured by a policy or policies of municipal bond insurance or otherwise enhanced by a credit enhancement facility or facilities, whether the District Refunding Bonds will be issued as serial bonds or as term bonds; the terms of the private sale of the District Refunding Bonds to the Authority, including the form, terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement providing for the sale of the District Refunding Bonds, and all powers in connection therewith are hereby delegated to the President of the Board; provided, that the terms of the District Refunding Bonds to be issued, including the rate or rates of interest borne thereby, shall comply with the requirements of any applicable law and shall be equal to or less than the total amount of District Refunding Bonds hereby authorized. The President of the Board shall file a copy of the certificate determining the final details of the District Refunding Bonds and the final Financial Plan with the District Clerk not later than ten (10) days after the delivery of the District Refunding Bonds, as herein provided.
- SECTION 5. The President of the Board is hereby delegated all powers of the Board with respect to agreements for credit enhancement, derived from and pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, for the District Refunding Bonds, including, but not limited to the determination of the provider of such credit enhancement facility or facilities and the terms and contents of any agreement or agreements related thereto.
- SECTION 6. The President of the Board is hereby delegated all powers of the Board with respect to the decision as to whether or not (and under what arrangements and terms) to formally call in for early redemption the Prior District Bonds, which the Board understands must be redeemed if a successful refunding through the Authority is to be achieved. The Board's intent is to delegate this decision and all related matters to the President of the Board, in order to ensure maximum flexibility for the District within the Transaction, which is still in the process of being structured and finalized.
- SECTION 7. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the District Refunding Bonds as the same shall respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the District Refunding Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the District a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the District Refunding Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 8. The execution and delivery (by the President of the Board, acting on behalf of the District) and the performance by the District of its obligations under the Financing Agreement, the District Refunding Bonds, the Letter of Representation, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Escrow Agreement and the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate (all as defined in the Financing Agreement) and any and all other agreements, certificates or other documents contemplated under the Financing Agreement or reasonably necessitated by the Transaction (collectively, the "Agreements") is hereby authorized, and the President of the Board is hereby directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, the Agreements; and to execute such other documents, and take such other actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to refinance all or a portion of the Prior District Bonds through the Authority as part of the Transaction. The execution and delivery of any of the Agreements that may have occurred prior to the date hereof is hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 9. The President of the Board is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure (if applicable) the continued status of the interest on the District Refunding Bonds as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and (if applicable) to designate the Bonds authorized by this resolution as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265 of the Code. It is understood, however, that the District Refunding Bonds are not currently anticipated to be issued to the Authority on a tax-exempt basis, or to be so designated.

SECTION 10. In the absence or unavailability of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

SECTION 11. The District hereby determines that the issuance of the District Refunding Bonds is a Type II action that will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, no other determination or procedures under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") is required.

SECTION 12. The President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the District to execute and deliver all certificates and other documents, perform all acts and do all things required or contemplated to be executed, performed or done by this resolution or any document or agreement approved or contemplated hereby, including, but not limited to, the Financing Agreement, the other Agreements, and all documents defined therein or contemplated thereby. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District Clerk is hereby directed to promptly publish, in the District's official newspaper(s), an estoppel notice containing a summary of this resolution, in such form as shall be authorized by the Local Finance Law and approved by the District's bond counsel.

SECTION 13. All other matters pertaining to the terms and issuance of the District Refunding Bonds shall be determined by the President of the Board and all powers in connection therewith are hereby delegated to the President of the Board.

SECTION 14. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Roll call vote: A. Aramini – Yes April Erkson – Yes Amy Garretson – Yes

G. Lowry – Yes Jeffrey Wait – Yes K. Lennebacker – Yes R. Tabor – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Erkson.

**RESOLUTION 24-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does not wish to retain the replaced basketball score boards from the high school gym. The items are obsolete, no longer functional or operational and declares the equipment as surplus and will be disposed of accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by J. Wait.

**RESOLUTION 25-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of Kelly Prime as a Keyboard Specialist and Senior Class Co-Advisor effective August 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Erkson.

**RESOLUTION 26-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Michelle Gage, who is Professionally Certified Literacy Birth – Grade 6 and Childhood Education Grades 1-6, to a position as a Reading Teacher for a probationary period beginning September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Garretson.

**RESOLUTION 27-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following Extracurricular assignments for the 2017-2018 school year: Class Advisor 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tutoring, Detention and Chaperone for Dances and Drama Performances – Mary Mattson

Senior Class Co-Advisor - Kim Gray

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Erkson, seconded by G. Lowry.

**RESOLUTION 28-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve a medical/family leave for Erin Seales to begin on or about September 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Erkson.

**RESOLUTION 29-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year:

Lucas Santiago Amsterdam

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Aramini.

**RESOLUTION 30-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Annie Ostrander as the Assistant Cafeteria manager/Cook effective September 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by G. Lowry.

**RESOLUTION 31-8-2017** 

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a review of Policy 5205Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities as per ATTACHMENT V A. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

•

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Aramini.

**RESOLUTION 32-7-2017** 

Board Appointment - Emergency Bus Driver - David Mayton

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular individual(s) and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:13 PM.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Garretson to come out of Executive Session at 8:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was held on August 17, 2017 in R	toom 145 at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.
Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion carried unanimously.	
-	
	Laura Carson, District Clerk