BOARD OF EDUCATION

The regular meeting was held on March 6, 2014 in Room 145 at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

Members Present:
Robert Tabor, President
Kevin Lennebacker, Vice President
Gregory Lowry
Hilary Lusk
Frank McGrath
Kathleen Taylor
Jeffrey Wait

Members Absent:

Others Present
Timothy Ryan, Superintendent
Lauren Crisman, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
Kevin Keane, Secondary Principal/Technology Director
Bonnie Georgi, Director of Special Education

Laura Carson, District Clerk

Approximately 25 Faculty, Staff, Community and students

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

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

Mrs. Crisman introduced Mr. Knight, the new music teacher. Mrs. Oram and Mr. Knight then introduced the students that participated in All County. Mrs. Crisman spoke about the elementary report card reform, PreK & K enrollment/screening, the early intervention program and the Health & Wellness event that occurred at the end of January. Mr. Keane spoke about the progress for the teachers evaluations, the results from the January Regents were good, STARS - a support system that is now in place for students, spring sports have begun and he also mentioned the basketball scholar athletes and basketball All Stars. Mr. Hage spoke about the web based tracking system that is now in place for graduates, and the 6-11 grade students schedules for the upcoming school year. Mr. Keane then shared information regarding School Connect. Superintendent Ryan then introduced Barbara Doyle, a CV-S Senior student, that is an author of three books.

Addition to the agenda – RESOLUTIONS 22-3-2014, 23-3-2014, 24-3-2014, 25-3-2014 and 26-3-2014.

Correspondence Received – President Tabor spoke about a letter he received regarding a bus picking up students.

Superintendent Ryan gave an update on the water emissions issue, he spoke about Partners in Education (PIE) an organization he would like to see formed which would be similar to what was once the PTO. He spoke about the stranger that was on school grounds. Mr. Ryan spoke about the Superintendent's Conference that he attended in Albany, I-Pad meetings that are scheduled, NY testing opt out is not an option, coffee with the Superintendent on Friday, March 14th at 8:00 AM and the School Boards Workshop that he and Mrs. Lusk would be attending on March 18th. Superintendent Ryan then gave a budget presentation and stated that the budget would not really be solid until the end of March early April.

Board of Education Committee Reports – Mr. Wait spoke about the Policy Committee meeting that was held and the Policy Committee was recommending to not include the sample letters for 4326 E1 and E2 as they are not required. Future Policy Committee meetings have not been determined yet. Mr. Lennebacker spoke about the Audit Committee meetings – one was held on Feb. 10th and the following items were discussed: budget transfers, the Committee recommending that the Board members no longer receive paper copies of the Treasurer's Report since they receive them electronically, Medicaid billing was discussed and last year it was more of an expense to process so the Committee is recommending to not process the billings. Another Audit Committee meeting was held prior to tonight's Board meeting (3/6) and they met with the Internal Auditor and discussed transfers, policies and reserves.

Mr. Keane then shared a new tardiness procedure that would be in effect beginning the week of March 10th.

Superintendent Ryan then spoke about the exterior door project being rolled over to next year.

President Tabor recognized the visitors.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s), employment history of particular individual(s) or corporations(s) and to review recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. Motion carried unanimously.

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The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

Mrs. Georgi was also invited into Executive Session and she left at 8:10 PM.

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

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS #1-3-2014 through #12-3-2014.

RESOLUTION 1-3-2014
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2014 and February 6, 2014

RESOLUTION 2-3-2014
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2014
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CLAIM'S AUDITOR REPORTS – December 2013

RESOLUTION 3-3-2014
BUILDING USE REQUEST – 1) Town of Springfield – two buses on July 4, 2014 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon 2) Adirondack AAU – Gymnasium on March 18, 20, 25 and 27, 2014 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM 3) Community Cantata – Auditorium on April 11, 2014 from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM and the Auditorium, Cafeteria and Room 165 on April 13, 1014 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

RESOLUTION 4-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the transfers as per Attachment III D.

RESOLUTION 5-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the Land License Agreement as per ATTACHMENT III E.

RESOLUTION 6-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the Tax Collectors required adjustments: Kermit Fassett - 1,057.70
Nicholas Cunningham - 8,466.33

RESOLUTION 7-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the agreement with the Otsego County Department of Social Services as per ATTACHMENT III G.

RESOLUTION 8-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of Eric Barnes as the Boys and Girls Modified/Varsity Track and Field Coach effective February 6, 2014.

RESOLUTION 9-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby extend the probationary appointment of Nicole Ives as a Keyboard Specialist through June 30, 2014.

RESOLUTION 10-3-2014
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 mentee/mentor pairing for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:
Christopher Knight – Kelly Oram

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RESOLUTION 11-3-2014

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 a Substitute Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Robert Burton Sharon Springs

RESOLUTION 12-3-2014

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 a Volunteer for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Taylor Horne

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Taylor, seconded by K. Lennebacker.

RESOLUTION 13-3-2014

Whereas: The NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then;

Whereas: The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School by $2,196,317

Whereas: This reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School; and

Whereas: This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School budgets, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reduction of school district fund reserves;

Whereas: Efforts by the Cherry valley-Springfield Central School to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increase in pension, health care costs; and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

Whereas: Adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School; and

Whereas: New York State, through it GAP Elimination Adjustment, has systematically reduced K-12 funding since 2010-11; and

Whereas: New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2008-09; and

Whereas: Some school districts even have had State Aid DECREASES;

Resolved, that the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to **immediately** exempt State Aid for education from the calculation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk.

RESOLUTION 14-3-2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids for

AUTOMOBILES – PASSENGER CARS/VANS TRUCKS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising of bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.
Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by F. McGrath.
RESOLUTION 22-3-2014
BUILDING USE REQUEST – Cherry Valley Biddy Basketball – Gymnasium on March 8, 2014 from 10 AM – 12 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Taylor, seconded by K. Lennebacker.
RESOLUTION 23-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the Tax Collectors required adjustments: Michael Zacharchuk – 245.50 (2011) and 254.83 (2012)
George Burnside – 520.53
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk.
RESOLUTION 24-3-2014
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 Extra-curricular appointment for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year: Kelly Oram and Christopher Knight – Senior Drama Club Co- Advisors
Christopher Knight – Vocal Music (Spring Musical)
Christopher Knight – All County
Christopher Knight – Marching Band
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by F. McGrath, seconded by K. Taylor.
RESOLUTION 25-3-2014
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 a Volunteer for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:Brett Adams

Motion made by F. McGrath, seconded by K. Lennebacker.
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES
RESOLUTION 26-3-2014
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES AND ONE (1) SEVEN PASSENGER SUBURBAN, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $245,394.68 OF THE CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "School District") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all trustees of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the acquisition of two (2) school buses and one (1) 7 passenger suburban. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed $245,394.68.
SECTION 2. The Board of Education plans to finance the School District's maximum estimated cost of said purpose by (A) the issuance of a serial bond or bonds in an amount not to exceed $245,394.68 of the School District, and (B) the application of general fund moneys to pay the balance of such cost. The serial bond or bonds are hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law, and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, the levying of a tax on the real property of the School District, to be paid in annual installments as approved by the qualified voters of the School District voting at the Special Meeting of the School District held this past December 5, 2013.
SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 29 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

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SECTION 4. The faith and credit of said School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bond as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bond becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bond as the same become due and payable.
SECTION 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00 and Section 63.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bond herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bond, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officers of the School District.
SECTION 6. The President of the Board of Education are further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bond authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, 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 to designate the bond authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as a "qualified tax- exempt bond" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.
SECTION 7. The President of the Board of Education are further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bond or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
SECTION 8 The School District hereby determines that the acquisition of two (2) school buses and one (1) 7 passenger suburban is a Type II action that will not have a significant effect on the environment, and, therefore, no other determination or procedure under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") is required.
SECTION 9. The expected source of funds to be used initially to pay for up to $245,394.68 of the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the School District's General Fund. The School District then reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditure with the proceeds of the bond or bond anticipation notes authorized by Section 2 of this resolution. This resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.
SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(2) Said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. The Clerk of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in said School District and hereby designated as the official newspaper of said School District for such publication.
SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. Roll call vote.

Greg Lowry – Yes	Hilary Lusk – Yes
Frank McGrath – Yes	Kathleen Taylor – Yes
Jeffrey Wait – Yes	Kevin Lennebacker – Yes
Robert Tabor – Yes	

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by G. Lowry to approve the following recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education:

CASE NO.	CLASSIFICATION	PLACEMENT
607315635	Preschool w/disability	PT/OT
607315525	Preschool w/disability	Assistive Tech
607315666	Preschool w/disability	Speech

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by H. Lusk, seconded by J. Wait.
RESOLUTION 15-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby continue to conduct a review of Board Policy – Community Relations Goals 1000 and Public Use of School Facilities 1500 as per Attachment V A. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait.
RESOLUTION 16-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of Board Policy – Community Relations Goals 1000 and the Instruction (Series 4000) section policies. (*Not to include sample letters of 4326 E1 and E2.)
Motion made by K. Taylor, seconded by J. Wait to amend RESOLUTION 16-3-2014 to include a note that in the series 4000 the sample letters of 4326 E1 and E2 would be removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by H. Lusk, seconded by J. Wait.
RESOLUTION 17-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of amended Board Policies – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination 0100, ~~News Media Relations 1130~~, Public Use of School Facilities 1500, Gifts from the Public 1800, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination 2342, and Board Meeting Procedures 2350. Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait to amend RESOLUTION 17-3-2014 to remove "News Media Relations 1130". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk.
RESOLUTION 18-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby direct the District Clerk to transmit the Board Policies - Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination 0100, ~~News Media Relations 1130~~, Public Use of School Facilities 1500, Gifts from the Public 1800, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination 2342, and Board Meeting Procedures 2350 and the Instruction (Series 4000) section policies to New York State School Boards Association on March 7, 2014. Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk to amend RESOLUTION 18-3-2014 to remove "News Media Relations 1130". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by H. Lusk, seconded by J. Wait.
RESOLUTION 19-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a review of the Policy Committee's recommendations regarding the Board Policy - Student Policies (Series 5000).
Discussion was held regarding the review process. Motion carried with opposition F. McGrath and K. Taylor.

Motion made by J. Wait, seconded by G. Lowry
RESOLUTION 20-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of Board Policy – Student Policies (Series 5000). Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk to table RESOLUTION 20-3-2014 until the March 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting. Motion carried with opposition from K. Taylor.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait.
RESOLUTION 21-3-2014
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby direct the District Clerk to transmit the Board Policy – Student Policies (Series 5000) section to New York State School Boards Association on March 7, 2014. Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by J. Wait to table RESOLUTION 21-3-2014 until the March 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting and to amend the date to March 21, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the process of reviewing policy.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by H. Lusk to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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Laura Carson, District Clerk