

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The meeting was held on March 19, 2024 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

### **Members Present:**

Amy Garretson, President  
Gregory Lowry, Vice President  
April Aramini  
Ellen Johnson

### **Members Absent:**

Erin Seeley

### **Others Present**

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent of Schools  
Denise Wist, School Business Official

Ten Visitors

Laura Carson, District Clerk

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

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

Five students shared their experiences with volunteering, what they got out of it and their future plans. Ethan All, the student liaison, spoke about the Student Council meeting tomorrow to finalize the pep rally and spirit week for next week. Mrs. Wright and Mr. Keane were not able to attend the meeting so Ms. Snyder shared their reports. The elementary school has been busy celebrating Dr. Suess, MTSS planning for next year, computer based testing training is being held on Thursday and there will be an Elem. Wellness Day next week. In the secondary the musical will be held this weekend, a concert next Wednesday Student Council Spirit Week will be held next week, congratulations to the varsity girls basketball team and Va. & Sal. will be announced after April 12th. Mrs. Schecter shared information about the senior class trip that is being planned for June for 3 days and 2 nights in Lake Placid with the goal for each student not to cost over \$500, transportation cost is a concern. Ms. Snyder asked about the student accounts and Mrs. Schecter feels they have a good amount. Mrs. Wist shared budget updates, reviewed the budget components (Administration, Program and Capital), reviewed the 24-25 estimated revenues while lacking the 852,440 Foundation Aid the allowable tax levy is 2.8%, budget adjustments will follow, there will be a few propositions on the ballot including buses, vehicle, technology reserve and capital reserve. The Board approves the budget on April 18th, the Hearing is scheduled for May 9th and the vote will be held May 21st. Discussion was held regarding the allowable 2.8% tax levy versus 2%.

Additions to the Agenda – RESOLUTIONS 10-3-2024 & 11-3-2024

Correspondence Received – E-mail discussion for Executive Session.

Superintendent Snyder shared budget information regarding not using distance learning, not replacing a maintenance worker and using a driver/cleaner to help with cleaning from 9:30-1:00 each day, and not planning to create a new special ed. teacher position next fall as originally planned. There is currently 20,000 in the budget for new chrome books. The After School Program costs 30,000 for 60 students and the late bus costs 8,000 which Ms. Snyder feels it is not used by many students. We are thin on bus drivers and this is the last summer for grants. Ms. Snyder shared kudos to the varsity girls basketball team. The FFA competitions occurred and students will be attending the state conference in Buffalo. A student cleaner has been advertised for, the state budget updates will be shared in the Friday Focus, a Chemistry teacher accepted a position for the fall (appointment on April 18th) with a Physics teacher offer also made and waiting to hear back from them. The remaining emergency days will be returned on April 8th, May 10th and April 26th if the weather cooperates and we don't need to use any emergency days prior to those dates.

President Garretson spoke about the wonderful All County concerts, the FFA students, congratulations to the girls varsity basketball, the musical, principal's list and honors list, thank you to Ethan All and a shout out to faculty and staff for making opportunities for students.

President Garretson recognized the visitors, no one had anything to share.

Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by E. Johnson.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** - Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS 1-3-2024 through RESOLUTION 9-3-2024.

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**RESOLUTION 1-3-2024**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 15, 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2-3-2024**

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – February 2024**

**RESOLUTION 3-3-2024**

**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 for the 2023-2024 school year with the following Service Provider: Kristen Wood, Occupational Therapist, as per Attachment III C.

**RESOLUTION 4-3-2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and **WHEREAS**, the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law\* and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

\* A local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law includes: a county, city, town, village or other political subdivision as defined in Section 131 of the retirement and Social Security law or civil division of the State; a school district or other governmental entity operating a public school, college, or university; a public improvement or special district, a public authority, commission, or public benefit corporation; or any other public corporation, agency or instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental powers under the laws of the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the appropriate officials of the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further **RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Adopted the 19th day of March, 2024, at a meeting of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District Board of Education. I hereby certify that the Cherry Valley Springfield CSD is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law.

Witnesseth by: (Cherry Valley Springfield CSD)

By:

Consent of The Deferred Compensation Board of the State of New York to Local Public Employer's

**RESOLUTION 5-3-2024**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Caitlen Page to a position as a 1:1 Teacher's Aide effective March 7, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year or until the position is deemed unnecessary.

**RESOLUTION 6-3-2024**

**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 Matthew Druse as a Building Maintenance Worker effective March 9, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 7-3-2024**

**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 Elementary 2024 Summer Program position: Coordinator - Michelle Gage

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**RESOLUTION 8-3-2024**

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 2023-2024 school year:

Weight Room Monitor - Ashlee Cornelia      Modified Track - Ken Whiteman

**RESOLUTION 9-3-2024**

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 2023- 2024 school year:

Holly Waterfield      Sandra Mravlja

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by A. Aramini.

**RESOLUTION 10-3-2024**

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 Thomas Spencer as a Driver/Cleaner effective March 23, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by E. Johnson.

**RESOLUTION 11-3-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby revise the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year due to contractual obligations regarding unused emergency closing days. There will be no school on the following dates: Monday, April 8, 2024, Friday, April 26, 2024 and Friday, May 10, 2024. In the event we do need to use an emergency day these dates may be readjusted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by G. Lowry to enter into Executive Session to review matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s), review collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), review recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education and a student concern. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by G. Lowry to come out of Executive Session at 10:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by A. Garretson.

RESOLUTION 12-3-2024 to approve the following recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education:

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>
879930304	Learning Disability	Consultant Teacher (Math), Speech
879930299	Other Health Impaired	Resource Room, Speech, OT
879930327	Other Health Impaired	Resource Room
879930364	Emotional Disability	12:1:1 Program
607315992	Other Health Impaired	Resource Room, Counseling
879930143	Other Health Impaired	Resource Room, Speech, OT

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by A. Garretson to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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Laura Carson, District Clerk

