

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The meeting was held on April 18, 2024 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

### **Members Present:**

Amy Garretson, President  
April Aramini  
Ellen Johnson  
Erin Seeley

### **Members Absent:**

Gregory Lowry, Vice President

### **Others Present**

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent of Schools  
Denise Wist, School Business Official  
Rachel Wright, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

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.

Two 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 holding the pep rally and spirit week and hoping to have the new mascot within the month. Mrs. Wright spoke about the Girls on the Run and Let Me Run programs, 5th Grade hosting the Living Museum, upcoming field trips, a book swap, PreK registration, State Testing and the Summer Program. Mr. Keane was not able to attend the meeting so Mrs. Wright shared his report. In secondary, the end of the semester was last Friday, the Co-Valedictorians and Salutatorian were announced, Honor Society inductions are coming up as well as State Testing. Mrs. Oram and Mr. Lyford shared information regarding the music department program including stannards and events/happenings throughout the year.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Correspondence Received – Superintendent Snyder shared a resolution that was approved by Otsego County recognizing the Girls Varsity Basketball Team for their historic 2023-2024 season.

Superintendent Snyder shared information from the cafeteria - Mrs. Davidson attended a food show and Chobani will be delivering and donating 80 cases per month of yogurt to CV-S. The plan is to use 30 cases for the backpack program. CV-S is very grateful for the donation. Ms. Snyder spoke about the Annual BOCES meeting that was held last Thursday, workplace violence training has is occurring, there are two people interested in becoming bus drivers now to find training available for them, the fall soccer numbers are being reviewed and there will be no school on April 26th (an emergency give back day). Superintendent Snyder then spoke about the possibility of the Governor reinstating the Hold Harmless. Mrs. Wist shared a budget packet and spoke about maintaining a tight budget. Things have been pulled out of the budget along with reducing five positions. The difference between a 2% and 2.8% tax levy is just over 44, 000 but really a position is over 50,000 including all benefits and required taxes, etc. The idea is to try to not cut programs but still need to focus on reducing. Discussion was held if Hold Harmless was reinstated and if it is then the need to use reserve funds from TRS and ERS would not need to happen along with ARP funds. Discussion was also held regarding the 2% versus 2.8% tax levy. The Board of Education members all shared that they wished to have the tax levy be 2% not 2.8%. President Garretson thanked Mrs. Wist and Ms. Snyder for their work on the budget.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** - Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS 1-4-2024 through RESOLUTION 16-4-2024.

RESOLUTION 1-4-2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 19, 2024

RESOLUTION 2-4-2024

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – March 2024

The meeting was held on April 18, 2024 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

**RESOLUTION 3-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent does approve the following transfers:

From A2250400	\$65,000	To A2250490	\$65,000
From A1621160	\$35,000	To A1620160	\$35,000
From A2250160	\$20,000	To A2250150	\$20,000
From A2855150	\$15,000	To A2855160	\$15,000

**RESOLUTION 4-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the removal/disposal/recycling of six sewing machines.

**RESOLUTION 5-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby accept the donation from the Cherry Valley-Springfield Endowment Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc.:

FFA Official Dress Chapter Jackets - \$985.00

**RESOLUTION 6-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby adopt the cooperative purchasing resolutions with DCMO BOCES, Cooperative Purchasing, Cafeteria Supplies and Food Bid and Generic, as per ATTACHMENT III F.

**RESOLUTION 7-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby adopt the school calendar for the 2024- 2025 school year as per Attachment III G.

**RESOLUTION 8-4-2024**

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 with the Otsego County as per ATTACHMENT III H.

**RESOLUTION 9-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Mark Hitt, who is initially certified Chemistry 7-12, to a position as a Science Teacher for a probationary period effective September 1, 2024 through September 1, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 10-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Ryan Johnston, who is initially certified Physics 7-12, to a position as a Science Teacher for a probationary period effective September 1, 2024 through September 1, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 11-4-2024**

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 as a student cleaner for the 2023-2024 school year: Matthew Freer

**RESOLUTION 12-4-2024**

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 as Tellers for the Annual School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to be held on May 21, 2024: Kathryn Lane - Head Teller Ruth Schultz Dolores Weeks Paula Weaver Anne Lennebacker

**RESOLUTION 13-4-2024**

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 as a Substitute Teller for the Annual School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to be held on May 21, 2024: Janet McCarty

The meeting was held on April 18, 2024 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

**RESOLUTION 14-4-2024**

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 as Instructional Support Staff Substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:

Tessa Clapper      Greg Andersen

**RESOLUTION 15-4-2024**

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 2024 Summer Program positions: \*Summer Program is contingent on the enrollment figures.

Elementary - Teachers: Skyler Babcock, Kayla Barnes, Katie Bullinger, Kristie Fassett, Robin Horne,  
Tracy Lowry, Joslyn Mabie, Somer Russell, Tammie Waterman, Vanessa McCord, & Jennifer O'Leary

Elementary - LTAs: Deb Whiteman, Molli McCarty, & Jodi Mravlja

**RESOLUTION 16-4-2024**

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 as Volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:

John Kinard      Bryan VanScooter

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent to cast one vote on the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2024-2025 school year and cast three votes for BOCES Board of Education members. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 18-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District approves the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote.

April Aramini – Yes    Ellen Johnson – Yes    Erin Seeley – Yes    Greg Lowry – Absent    Amy Garretson – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by E. Seeley, seconded by E. Johnson.

**RESOLUTION 19-4-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District elects three (3) candidates who have been nominated for four (4) vacant seats to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education:

Dr. Deborah Fox    Yes   4      No   0  

Marion Mossman    Yes   4      No   0  

Jacqueline Parry    Yes   4      No   0  

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 20-4-2024**

**Proposition I - BUDGET AMOUNT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby adopt the budget, in the amount of \$14,768,325, for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 21-4-2024**

**Proposition II- BUSES PURCHASE**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two school buses - one sixty-five (65) passenger and one thirty (30) passenger with the total cost not to exceed \$236,000? The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was held on April 18, 2024 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by E. Seeley.

**RESOLUTION 22-4-2024**

**Proposition III- VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase one seven passenger vehicle with the total cost not to exceed \$43,000?

The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-4-2024**

**Proposition IV- TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Shall the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District be authorized to (1) establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of renovating and improving School District facilities for the purpose of technology related improvements and to finance the acquisition of furnishings, wiring, computers, equipment, or apparatus related thereto; (2) deposit into such fund the ultimate amount of \$5,000,000; and (3) annually deposit into the Technology Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the General Fund, unallocated fund balance, state aid reimbursement, other reserves, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount. The probable duration of this Technology Capital Reserve fund is ten (10) years. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-4-2024**

**Proposition V- AUTHORIZATION of ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 2024**

Shall the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to finance construction, reconstruction and renovation projects of the School District pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund 2024 for the Undertaking of Various Building Projects of the School District," that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall not be greater than \$10,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall not be longer than fifteen (15) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) unappropriated fund balance moneys from the School District's General Fund authorized by the Board to be deposited in the Fund, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the School District in connection with School District capital improvements, (c) such other moneys from the School District's General Fund as approved by the voters, and (d) any remaining balance in the current Capital Reserve Fund upon expiration? Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by E. Johnson to enter into Executive Session to review matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s), employment history of particular individual(s) or corporation(s), review collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), review recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by E. Seeley to come out of Executive Session at 10:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 25-4-2024 to approve the following recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education:**

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>
879930310	Preschool w/Disability	Speech
879930323	Preschool w/Disability	OT
879930273	Learning Disability	Resource Room, Indirect Consultant Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by E. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 PM. Motion carried unanimously.