

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The meeting was held on August 17, 2023 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
Rachel Wright, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
Kevin Keane, Secondary Principal/Technology Director
Denise Wist, School Business Official

Three Visitors

Laura Carson, District Clerk

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

President Garretson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for the District Wide Safety Plan. Ms. Snyder spoke about the plan being available on the school website and a hard copy in the District Office. Lock boxes and a remote learning plan have been added.

A student shared his request to play football for Cooperstown, the request was granted with the required paperwork to be completed. Mrs. Wright spoke about the successful Summer Program held in July, lots of professional development occurring, with thank you's to CV-S staff for being presenters and there is lots of data review happening. Mr. Keane shared the June Regents results, hiring needs that have occurred over the summer, Rick Wormeli will be presenting to staff next week, and he spoke about a safer schools together video. Mrs. Wist spoke about uploading lots of information for the audit which is set for August 28th, the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRSSA) grant has been submitted and the final touches are being completed with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant and still waiting to hear about the desk review. Mrs. Wist also spoke about the need to purchase a tractor with the plan for the Resolution to be on the agenda on September 21st. Mrs. Wist also spoke about the need to move forward with planning for electric buses and discussion was held. Discussion was also held regarding assigned (in the budget) versus unassigned funds (4% cap).

Additions to the Agenda – RESOLUTIONS 22-8-2023 through RESOLUTION 26-8-2023

Correspondence Received – President Garretson read a thank you letter to the Board of Education for a scholarship.

Superintendent Snyder spoke about the student numbers for football and discussion was held to grandfather in the students from 4th grade forward with no new players only the students that are currently playing. This will be posted in the newsletter and on the athletic website page. Ms. Snyder spoke about the retreat going well with the goals to be shared with the staff and posted on the school website. She spoke about attending a safety summit that was informative. She met with the coaches to update the handbook and ideas to get kids involved in sports and to plan for new coaches expectations. Ms. Snyder shared that she had reached out to the attorney and insurance company regarding the prom being held off campus and they advised the need to transport students. A bus route concern has been revisited after road work has been completed but there still seems to be a concern with visibility. There is still an open 2nd shift cleaner position and a Sr. student is interested in working 3-6 PM. There's an Elementary Special Ed. position still open. The speech position may need to be filled virtually, discussion was held regarding individual education plans versus speech improvement. There is also a need for a bus monitor. The School Based Health Center meeting was held yesterday and the HVAC system is scheduled to be shipped August 30th. The new bus lift is expected to be delivered mid September. In order to not impact taxes it looks like the capital project would need to be at 5.1, Ms. Snyder would like a Building Committee meeting to be held. The main entrance is being reworked, starting tomorrow, with new windows. Superintendent Snyder then spoke about the new communication tool, ParentSquare. Ms. Snyder then spoke about reviewing the student attendance data at the September Board meeting and the August Newsletter will be sent out on August 28th.

President Garretson shared information regarding public comment at Board meetings and she then recognized the visitors and one visitor explained they are an observer on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

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Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by E. Johnson to enter into Executive Session to review matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by G. Lowry to come out of Executive Session at 8:07 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS 1-8-2023 through RESOLUTION 20-8-2023.

RESOLUTION 1-8-2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 5, 2023 and July 31, 2023

RESOLUTION 2-8-2023

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER’S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – June 2023 and July 2023

RESOLUTION 3-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the tax levy in the amount of \$5,522,386 plus \$60,000 (library) and review the equalized tax rates as per Attachment III C.

RESOLUTION 4-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent does hereby acknowledge the following request to move to Reserves:

Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Reserve Equipment \$159,010

RESOLUTION 5-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District hereby approves the participation of eligible students in grades 7-12 in the New York State Clay Target League, and authorizes the use and association of the District’s name and likeness with the League to allow for team play in the 2023-2024 school year.

RESOLUTION 6-8-2023

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

7th & 8th Grade Social Studies Map Set - \$1375.00

RESOLUTION 7-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby approve the Extension of Vendor Contract to Provide Meals and/or Snacks for the Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school years as per Attachment III G.

RESOLUTION 8-8-2023

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 Johannah Mollitor, Secondary Earth Science Teacher, effective August 7, 2023.

RESOLUTION 9-8-2023

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 Timothy Fish, Full-time Bus Driver, effective July 17, 2023.

RESOLUTION 10-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the retirement of Charles Alex, Technology Teacher, effective August 1, 2023.

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RESOLUTION 11-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Matthew Druse to a position as the Water System Operator.

RESOLUTION 12-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Matthew Sanders to a position as a student cleaner for the 2023 summer.

RESOLUTION 13-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Skyler Babcock, who is professionally certified Early Childhood (B-2) and Childhood Education (1-6), on tenure as an Elementary Teacher effective August 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION 14-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Maxine Antunes-Reiff who is Permanently Certified English 7-12, to a position as an English Teacher beginning October 2, 2023 through June 26, 2024.

RESOLUTION 15-8-2023

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 pairings for the 2023-2024 school year:

Elisabeth Wathen - Donna Ahrens	Megan Richards - Traci Waterman
Sara Valenta - Crystal Pierce	Lisa Shaffer - Erin Seales
Celia Rathbun - Beth Spaulding	Cassie Clegg - Kristie Fassett

RESOLUTION 16-8-2023

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:

Boys Modified Soccer - Christopher Barown
Chaperone - Dances, Basketball Games, Concerts, Drama Performances & Track - Amanda Cade

RESOLUTION 17-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Jodi Mravlja as a weight room monitor for the 2023-2024 school year.

RESOLUTION 18-8-2023

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 Support Staff Substitute for the 2023-2024 school year:

Linda Hurley Timothy Fish

RESOLUTION 19-8-2023

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 an Instructional Substitute for the 2023-2024 school year:

Linda Hurley

RESOLUTION 20-8-2023

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 2023- 2024 school year:

Celia Rathbun

Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 21-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of Policies, Regulations and Exhibits: 0100 Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, 0110.2 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, 1740 Relationship with Nonpublic Schools, 2210 Board Reorganizational Meeting, 2382 Broadcasting and Recording of Board Meetings, 4321 Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities, 4772 & 4772-R Graduation Ceremonies, 4821 School Ceremonies and Observances, 5040 Student Religious Expression (CV-S title is Prayer in the Schools), 5225 Student Personal Expression, 8413 Transportation for Nonpublic Students, 8414.5, 8414.5-R & 8414.5-E.1 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Drivers, and 9101 Employee Religious Expression. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 22-8-2023

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 and Modified Football athletic competition during the 2023-2024 school year. Cherry Valley-Springfield students are responsible for their own transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 23-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the Merger Contract between the Sharon Springs Central School District and the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, for Varsity Boys Soccer athletic competition during the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 24-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Cassie Clegg, who is initially certified Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a position as an Elementary Teacher for a probationary period effective September 1, 2023 through September 1, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 25-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Megan Richards, who is Transitional A certified Agricultural Production, Science And Business 7-12, to a position as an Agricultural Teacher for a probationary period effective September 1, 2023 through September 1, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 26-8-2023

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 assignment for the 2023-2024 school year:

Girls Modified Soccer - Ken Whiteman

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

RESOLUTION 27-8-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints TheriJo Snyder to the position of Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to direct oversight by the Board of Education. This appointment may be terminated at any time by resolution of the Board of Education and upon notice to Ms. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by A. Aramini to enter into Executive Session to review the employment history of particular individual(s). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Snyder spoke about the upcoming conference days on September 5th and 6th.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:02 PM.

Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by E. Johnson to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by A. Aramini to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Carson, District Clerk

