

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The meeting was held on January 26, 2023 in the School Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

Members Present:

Amy Garretson, President
Gregory Lowry, Vice President
April Aramini
Erin Seeley
Robert Tabor

Members Absent:

Others Present

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent of Schools
Rachel Wright, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
Kevin Keane, Secondary Principal/Technology Director
Bonnie Georgi, Director of Special Education
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.

There were no students who shared their experiences with volunteering, what they got out of it and their future plans. Lydia Lusk, the student liaison, was not present due to playing in a basketball game. Mrs. Georgi stated that she really didn't have much to report except that the Committee on Special Education (CSE) annual review meetings will be held earlier this year-beginning in March and hopes to be completed by the end of May so that she can make sure that everything is in good order before the end of the school year. Mrs. Wright spoke about starting to work on the Summer Program, grade level meetings, master schedule for next year, reteaching PBIS, computer based state testing, PAX training, Branching Minds training, math benchmarking, and working on the second round of observations. Mr. Keane spoke about Regents occurring this week, reports cards being sent out Thursday, computer based state testing, Work Based Learning, Sr. Night and the upcoming sectional play in basketball. Mrs. Wist shared that budget development is well underway and the department meetings have been occurring, Mr. Timbs (long range financial analysis) will be presenting at the March 16th Board meeting, salaries and health insurance rates are being reviewed, a tractor purchase is being looked into, the hope is to lock in for fuel prices through BOCES, there is also a need for a small lift to be purchased for the bus garage, purchase a floor cleaner, purchase Branching Minds (data tracker), and purchase Parent Square (communication tool). Mrs. Wist also spoke about the foundation aid, transitioning out of the federal grants, transportation aid and reviewing the insurance costs. Ms. Waterman and Mr. Rhodes shared information regarding the mentor/mentee program and then Mr. Rhodes shared information from the English Dept. There were no Board of Education Committee Reports. Ms. Snyder shared that the School Based Health Center bids will be opened on Feb. 9th at 3:00 with a Capital Project meeting being held prior to the bid opening at 2:00. The lift project resolutions (\$170,000) are on tonight's agenda.

Additions to the Agenda – RESOLUTION 12-1-2023

Correspondence Received – An email was received today and then Mr. Tabor spoke on behalf of the area fire departments regarding the 10% volunteer tax deduction that the Governor signed on December 9, 2022.

Superintendent Snyder spoke about the Adult Education Fall Report, CV-S is in good standing with the Every Student Succeeds Act, there is a conference day planned for Jan. 30th with no school for students and there is a monthly morale breakfast planned for the morning of the 30th. The expected combined (Sharon Springs) spring sports team numbers were shared, the practice/game plan and quality uniforms are needed for the varsity teams. Budget work is underway and transitioning the grant money without putting the grant monies into salaries so the positions can be kept once the grant funds are no longer received. Ms. Snyder then spoke about Parent Square, a communication tool that she would like the district to purchase and utilize.

President Garretson shared information regarding public comment at Board meetings.

Visitors were recognized and a visitor shared his contact information with Mrs. Wist and Ms. Snyder.

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Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by R. Tabor.

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

RESOLUTION 1-1-2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 15, 2022 for the Special and Regular Meetings

RESOLUTION 2-1-2023

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – December 2022

RESOLUTION 3-1-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the agreement with the Community Health Center of Cherry Valley for the 2022-2023 school year as per Attachment III C.

RESOLUTION 4-1-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the equipment inventory removal list 12142022 as per Attachment III D.

RESOLUTION 5-1-2023

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.: High School Art visiting artist - \$500.00

RESOLUTION 6-1-2023

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 2022-2023 school year:

SAT Prep - Jordan Rhodes and Terri Santillán

Modified Boys Basketball - David Mayton

RESOLUTION 7-1-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Molli McCarty, who is certified as a Level III Teaching Assistant, on tenure as a Licensed Teaching Assistant effective February 13, 2023.

RESOLUTION 8-1-2023

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 2022-2023 school year: Eliza Cechnicki
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Tabor, seconded by A. Aramini.

RESOLUTION 9-1-2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District (the "Board") is considering to undertake a capital project consisting of improvements, renovations, rehabilitations, and replacements to the School District's existing transportation/bus facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay, the installation of a new vehicle lift, and related work ("the Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the Proposed Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The Proposed Action involves certain improvements, renovations, upgrades, and replacements to the School District's existing school building and grounds as set forth above.
2. The Board hereby declares the School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the Proposed Action.

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3. The Proposed Action represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1); and/or the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(2); and/or a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(10).
4. The Proposed Action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
5. The Proposed Action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the Proposed Action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5, and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

Roll call vote. April Aramini ___ Yes ___ Erin Seeley ___ Yes ___
 Robert Tabor ___ Yes ___ Gregory Lowry ___ Yes ___
 Amy Garretson ___ Yes ___

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Tabor, seconded by A. Aramini.

RESOLUTION 10-1-2023

WHEREAS, the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District (the "School District") has discovered that the vehicle/bus lift at its transportation facility is damaged, deteriorated and/or malfunctioning; and

WHEREAS, the damaged, deteriorated and/or malfunctioning condition of the vehicle/bus lift would subject the School District's property to further damage if the vehicle/bus lift malfunctioned during use; and

WHEREAS, the damaged, deteriorated and/or malfunctioning condition of the vehicle/bus lift would create a risk to the health and safety of employees working at the transportation facility if it malfunctioned during use;

WHEREAS, the damaged, deteriorated and/or malfunctioning condition of the vehicle/bus lift interferes with the School District's ability to service and maintain its vehicles/buses, which could create a risk to the safety of the individuals operating or using School District vehicles/buses for transportation; and

WHEREAS, immediate remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work, is required to preserve the property of the School District and to assure the health and safety of individuals operating and using the School District's vehicles/buses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education determines that the current condition of the transportation facility at the School District affects the health and safety of students and staff, and that the remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work, requires emergency, immediate action to preserve the School District's property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff operating and using the School District's vehicles/buses.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby further determines that the remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work, is a non-recurring, ordinary contingent expense that is necessary to preserve the School District's property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff.

Section 3. The School District is hereby authorized to undertake the remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work, and to expend an amount not to exceed \$170,000 from the School District's General Fund for such purpose.

Section 4. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to file any necessary and proper paperwork with the State Education Department to proceed with the emergency remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work, and to work with the School District's architect, legal counsel, and other resources to immediately accomplish this action.

Section 5. Due to the emergency situation, a contract for the remediation and replacement of the vehicle/bus lift at the School District's transportation facility, including renovations of the bus/vehicle bay at the transportation facility and related work must be awarded immediately. Therefore, competitive bidding may not be utilized.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll call vote. April Aramini ___ Yes ___ Erin Seeley ___ Yes ___
 Robert Tabor ___ Yes ___ Gregory Lowry ___ Yes ___
 Amy Garretson ___ Yes ___

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by R. Tabor.

RESOLUTION 11-1-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby conduct a first reading of Policies and Regulations - 4321.12 Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives, 4327 Homebound Instruction, 6240 Investments, 6830 Expense Reimbursement and 9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy). Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 12-1-2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Johannah Mollitor, who is initially certified Earth Science 7-12, to a position as a Science Teacher for a probationary period effective January 17, 2023 through January 16, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:21PM.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by E. Seeley to come out of Executive Session at 9:14 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 13-1-2023 to approve the following recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education:

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>
879930292	Preschool w/Disability	Speech

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Aramini, seconded by R. Tabor to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Carson, District Clerk