BOARD OF EDUCATION

The business meeting was held on January 18, 2007 in Room 145 in the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

Members Present:
Ellen Johnson, President
Steve Schneider, Vice President
Peter Freehafer
Donald Drake
Christopher Graham
Frank McGrath
Kathleen Taylor

Members Absent:

Others Present
Nicholas Savin, Superintendent
Grace Coddington, Elementary Principal
Charles Strange, High School Principal – Arrived 7:08 PM
Victoria Gaughan, School Business Official

Laura Carson, District Clerk

Approximately 25 Faculty, Staff, Community Members & Students

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

President Johnson led the board and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by C. Graham, seconded by P. Freehafer to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2006, January 3, 2007 and January 4, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by C. Graham, seconded by F. McGrath to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants for December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 were reviewed. No questions were asked.

Mrs. Gaughan reviewed the Financial Reports.

The Community Advisory Council presented the potential building project. All the areas of the potential project were reviewed including: safety and security, maintenance and repairs, energy efficiency, educational excellence, operational efficiency and the cost and estimated state aid of the potential project. They also reviewed the estimated impact on the school budget and school taxes. Discussion was held and concerns were shared regarding past building projects and the SEQR resolution that the Board would be voting on.

Superintendent Savin gave an update on the "Bully Buster Program" with regards to scheduling a Superintendent's Conference Day in late February/early March for staff training. Mr. Savin also spoke about the Board Members receiving a copy of the CV-S Endowment Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. Annual Report in their packets and the Foundation Members will be coming to the April Business Meeting to make a presentation to the Board of Education.

President Johnson recognized the visitors and welcomed the students present. Mrs. Susan Ethington shared her concern with a student not being recognized for her vocal music accomplishments. Mr. Daley shared his concern regarding a letter that should be sent to parents when students are being taught by an instructor that is not highly qualified. This was addressed by Mr. Savin.

Ms. Taylor gave the report from the Teaching and Learning Committee. The Committee reviewed scheduling & singletons and the bullying program with Mr. Savin. In the Advisor's Handbook arena, they discussed that a bus driver should not also be a chaperone. Computer Technology and Keyboarding was discussed. The VADIR & the Guidance Department were discussed. The Committee will be starting the Superintendent's Evaluation. The advisory council for Gifted and Talented was discussed. The Committee hopes to devote the next meeting to the Policy Manual and Ms. Taylor spoke about the Bullying Seminar she attended.

Mr. Schneider gave the report from the Operations and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee has really been focused on the potential Building Project. They have reviewed the Admin. Policies. They examined the Committee Meetings and would like to start their Committee Meetings at 6:30 PM, the Teaching and Learning Committee to begin their meetings at 7:00 PM and to have a Business Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 PM for about one-half hour. Then if necessary the Committees can continue to meet after the Business Meeting.

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Motion made by S. Schneider, seconded by F. McGrath.
RESOLUTION 1-1-2007
WHEREAS, the School District is considering undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) the reconstruction, in part, and the construction of improvements to various District buildings (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department and the acquisition and installation of furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus for the foregoing purposes; and (B) the financing of all or a portion of the costs of the foregoing by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the School District in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to pay the cost of undertaking the Project, together with necessary incidental costs in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations", and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Board of Education desires to determine whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA) and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, to aid the School District in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the School District has prepared an environmental assessment form (the "EAF") with respect to the Project, a copy of which EAF was presented to and reviewed by the School District at this meeting and a copy of which is on file at the office of the School District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the School District has examined the EAF in order to make an initial determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project does not appear to constitute a "Type I Action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA), and therefore coordinated review and notification is optional with respect to the actions contemplated by the School District with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project and to make its initial determination of significance with respect to the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon an examination of the EAF, and based further upon the recommendation of the School District's architect and the School District's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the School District has deemed appropriate, the School District makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

A. The Project consists of the following: (A) the reconstruction, in part, and the construction of improvements to various District buildings (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department and the acquisition and installation of furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus for the foregoing purposes; and (B) the financing of all or a portion of the costs of the foregoing by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the School District in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to pay the cost of undertaking the Project, together with necessary incidental costs in connection therewith.

B. No potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF, and none are known to the School District.

Section 2. Based upon the foregoing investigation of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of each environmental impact therein indicated, the School District makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

(A) The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) and therefore coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional. The School District hereby determines not to undertake a coordinated review of the Project, and therefore will not seek lead agency status with respect to the Project;

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(B) The Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which will not cause significant damage to the environment. Therefore, the School District hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and accordingly, the School District will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and

(C) As a consequence of the foregoing, the School District has decided to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project.

Section 3. Pursuant to the requirements of 6 NYCRR 617.12(b)(1), the School District Clerk of the School District is hereby directed to file and circulate a negative declaration with respect to the Project as follows:

(A) A copy of said negative declaration shall be filed in the main office of the School District.

(B) A copy of said negative declaration shall be mailed to the chief executive officer of the political subdivision in which the Project is located.

(C) A copy of said negative declaration shall be mailed to all "involved agencies" (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations).

(D) A copy of said negative declaration shall be mailed to the Environmental Notice Bulletin accompanied by a request that same be published.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution roll call vote.

Donald Drake	VOTING	YES
Peter Freehafer	VOTING	YES
Christopher Graham	VOTING	YES
Frank McGrath	VOTING	YES
Kathleen Taylor	VOTING	YES
Steve Schneider	VOTING	YES
Ellen Johnson	VOTING	YES

Motion carried unanimously and noted to take effect immediately.

Motion made by S. Schneider, seconded by C. Graham.

RESOLUTION 2-1-2007

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, in Otsego County, New York (the "District"), as follows:

Section 1. That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the policies of this Board, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise.

Section 2. That the Board takes note of the fact that the District has been in the process of planning for a capital project involving the improvement of various building facilities and sites within the District, all as described in greater detail below (the "Project"), and, since the Project consists of in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities and is a routine activity of a school district, it is considered to be an unlisted action as defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations, and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 3. That a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the "Special District Meeting and Vote") shall be held in the foyer of the Central School District Building located on 597 County Route 54, Cherry Valley, New York, on _____, March ___, 2007, at 12:00 o'clock P.M., local time, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. That the notice of the Special District Meeting and Vote, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit: NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING and vote

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CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Board of Education of Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "District") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting and Vote of the qualified voters of the District will be held on _____, March ___, 2007, in the foyer of the Central School District Building located at 597 County Route 54, Cherry Valley, New York at 12:00 o'clock P.M., local time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock P.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., local time. In the event that the District's schools are closed on March ___, 2007 due to inclement weather (or for any other reason), the date of the Special District Meeting and Vote shall be changed, without further notice, to the day on which the District's schools are next open.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (CAPITAL PROJECT)

Shall the following resolutions be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District improvement program consisting of the reconstruction, in part, and the construction of improvements to various District buildings (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital project and various other measures identified in the plan prepared by the District with the assistance of William Taylor Architects, PLLC (the "Project Plan"), which is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Clerk (collectively, the "Project"), such work to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required: plumbing, heating, mechanical, electrical, health, safety, accessibility, code compliance, instructional space reconfiguration and technology infrastructure improvements, interior and exterior reconstruction and various related site and recreational area improvements, all at an estimated maximum cost of $7,788,000, the foregoing to include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of $7,788,000, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project (as set forth in the Project Plan) may be reallocated among such components if (i) the Board shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and (ii) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed $7,788,000 and (iii) no material change shall be made in the overall scope of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance such maximum estimated total cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed $7,788,000, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $7,788,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Building Aid (including EXCEL Aid funds) expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that such Proposition No. 1 shall appear on the ballot used for voting on such Proposition in substantially the following abbreviated form:

Proposition No. 1 (Capital Project)

YES NO

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

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RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a District improvement program consisting of the reconstruction, in part, and the construction of improvements to various District buildings (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures and various other measures included and described in the Project Plan referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed $7,788,000; (b) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed $7,788,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (c) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $7,788,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) New York State Building Aid (including EXCEL Aid funds) expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that since the Project consists of in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities and is a routine activity of a school district, it is considered to be an unlisted action as defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations, and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the Special District Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Special District Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Dated: Cherry Valley, New York
January 18, 2007

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: s/s Laura Carson
District Clerk

Section 5. That the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special District Meeting and Vote, in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the date of such Special District Meeting and Vote, the first publication to be at least 45 days (but not more than 49 days) before said Special District Meeting and Vote, in the Daily Star, which is the only newspaper having general circulation in the District, and by giving such other notice as in the District Clerk's discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution roll call vote.

Donald Drake	VOTING	YES
Peter Freehafer	VOTING	YES
Christopher Graham	VOTING	YES
Frank McGrath	VOTING	YES
Kathleen Taylor	VOTING	YES
Steve Schneider	VOTING	YES
Ellen Johnson	VOTING	YES

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Taylor, seconded by D. Drake.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS #3-1-2007 through #13-1-2007

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RESOLUTION 3-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby appoint Fiscal Advisors as the Financial Planner for the potential building project.

RESOLUTION 4-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby appoint Joseph Scott as the Bond Counsel for the potential building project.

RESOLUTION 5-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby establish a referendum date of March 13, 2007 for the Potential Building Project.

RESOLUTION 6-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby change the March 16, 2007 Superintendent's Conference Day to March 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 7-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby authorize the Medicare Part B payments as specified in the agreement dated September 8, 2006 with the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Teachers' Association.

RESOLUTION 8-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby authorize the establishment of the National English Honor Society.

RESOLUTION 9-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby accept a $3800 donation from the PTO (A2705)with an increase in appropriations for Arts in Education & Youth Concert $2800 (A2110.49), Writing Conferences $900 (A2110.400) and Presidents Challenge Fitness Certificates $100 (A2110.450).

RESOLUTION 10-1-2007
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 Teachers and Licensed Teacher Assistants (LTA) for the Reading First After School Program for the remainder of the 2006 - 2007 school year:

Kelly VanSchaick – Teacher Janet McCarty – Teacher Susan Hayes – LTA

RESOLUTION 11-1-2007
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 CROP Peer Tutor Substitute for the remainder of the 2006 - 2007 school year: Lucinda Baker Schenevus

RESOLUTION 12-1-2007
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby conditionally appoint the following as an Instructional Support Staff Substitute for the remainder of the 2006 - 2007 school year: Nancy Bukovsky Cooperstown

RESOLUTION 13-1-2007
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 Extra- Curricular assignment for the 2006-2007 school year:

Basketball Chaperone - Michelle Schmitt

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by E. Johnson, seconded by K. Taylor.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School has identified a need for an electronic device policy, therefore an interim policy has been proposed to take effect immediately. Also, the Teaching and Learning Committee will be charged with further review of this policy and bring back to the BOE any proposed revisions at the next BOE Business meeting (2/15).
Discussion was held and the above motion was amended to the following.
Motion made by S. Schneider, seconded by K. Taylor.
The Board of Education and the Acceptable Use Policy affirms the current rules developed by the Administration, and directs the Teaching & Learning Committee to review the attached draft and other proposed policies, and report a recommendation to the Board at the 2/15 Business Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by P. Freehafer, seconded by S. Schneider to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters for particular persons, to discuss collective bargaining with the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Teachers' Association, to 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 9:22 PM.

There were not any recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education or the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Motion made by C. Graham, seconded by F. McGrath to come out of Executive Session at 11:24PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Schneider, seconded by K. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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Laura Carson, District Clerk