

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CATTARAUGUS-LITTLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School Board of Education was called to order in the MS/HS Library at 6:31 p.m. by Ben Stoll, Board President.

Members Present: Ben Stoll, Board President
Christopher Shattuck, Vice President
Stacey Aguiar
Carrie Colburn-Mozes

Members Absent: Jim McDonnell
Jason Opferbeck
Tim Walsh

Administration: Sharon Huff, Superintendent
April Preston, Middle School Principal
Tina Maines, High School Principal
Amy Blair, Director of Special Education; via Zoom
Robert Miller, Director of Technology
Megan Brown, Educational Support Learning Loss Coordinator
Paula Jones, District Clerk

Participants: Anthony Nagel

Mr. Stoll led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

Grades 3-8 ELA Exams & Math Regents/Enrollment Numbers; Principals—

This presentation has been rescheduled to a March meeting.

Capital Project Technology Updates; Rob Miller—

Mr. Miller reported that, about 30 months ago, the district applied for Smart Schools Bond Act funding, requesting that the \$1.4 million allocated for our district be used primarily to upgrade the security systems.

Currently, the district is in the midst of setting up VOIP phones. ComSource, the company installing the phones, was in district last week and positioned phones in every classroom and office with a few exceptions.

Mr. Miller showed the Board one of the new phones and explained some of its features. The bus garage is the only area of the district that remains on its own phone system for the present.

Integrated in the Smart Schools Bond Act project is also a crisis notification system. Screens will be located in rooms and will be able to be taken over in the event of an emergency other than a fire. Fire regulations mandate a stand-alone fire notification system.

Another aspect of the Smart School Bond Act that is currently being implemented is a wireless card access system for all doors. This is about 80% installed and provides a card swipe on every classroom and office door. These card swipes can be customized with availability for times and users. This will be much easier to regulate and keep track of than the current key system. The security camera system will also be updated using the same system as the card swipe system.

Most of the wires for the notification and signage that will replace the clocks in the classrooms have been run. The district is using ComSource for the phone upgrades and Stark Enterprises for everything else.

Dr. Huff thanked Mr. Miller for his work on this project and noted that it has been a long 30 months from when the district received the allocation of funding to get to this

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point. She also thanked SEI for being gracious to align the use of the Smart Schools Bond Act funds to the current capital project as this was a wise use of the funds. Thanks were also issued to Dale Balwin for all his help with the project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOCES Call for Nominations

STUDENT REPORT:

Miss Maguda was unable to attend the meeting as she had musical practice. Mrs. Maines presented her report. The principal read about several activities that are taking place in the High School/Middle School including preparations for the musical, NTHS inductions (Evelyn Janora, Morgan Rosario, Madalyn West and Loren Maguda—congratulations!), solo fest, winter sports play-offs, preparations for NHS inductions, field trips, and FFA events. At the Elementary level, there was recently a Student Council vote and 4th grade projects and there will be a Leap Year dance on the 29th.

STUDENT REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Elementary Principal, Molly Wallschlaeger—

Mrs. Wallschlaeger was unable to attend the meeting this evening. The Board received her written report.

Middle School Principal, April Preston—

Mrs. Preston reported on some of the Middle School activities that have been, or will be, taking place this winter. NJHS sponsored a 7th/8th grade dance, there will be a 5th/6th grade activity night coming up on February 29th, on February 15th the 8th grade will be taking a trip to the Riviera Theatre, Winter Sports Awards are coming up on February 28th, and 50 8th grade students, along with 7 adults, are preparing for their upcoming trip to Washington, D. C. on March 11th -13th. There are a very small number of students not planning to go on this trip and the team is in the process of planning what those not attending will be doing on the trip dates.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Preston also reported on the Olweus program, which will be a major focus in the Middle School once it has been fully implemented. It was the topic of the MS faculty meeting after school today as it will be rolled out for students the week that they come back from Mid-Winter break. The kick-off will be an assembly with Jared Campbell who will focus on anti-bullying through the use of music. This will take place in the early afternoon and will be followed by students heading back to their classrooms and having their first class meetings about the program. This will be followed by a full week of activities with the aim of getting students as involved as possible in the program that aims to teach them how to respond in real-life situations.

High School Principal, Tina Maines—

In her report, Mrs. Maines touched on several happenings at the High School level. This week is National School Counselor Week. She thanked CLV's school counselors—Mandy Shaw, Jeff Goodridge, Sheryl Williams, Jen Smith, Stacey Lindner and Alyssa Carlson. The principal also thanked the Student Council for putting on another amazing pep rally and Spirit Week, capped off with the winter "Snow Ball." Some TIES students attended the dance with their buddies and some spent a day at the BOCES winter carnival together. Mrs. Maines thanked Stacey Lindner for putting together a grant that was awarded to the GSA Club by Niagara Pride.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL REPORT

She also mentioned that three FFA members were selected by the National FFA to receive an SAE grant (Adeline Wright, Quincey Whitmore and Amelia Wolf). The FFA has been extremely busy as of late and is hosting a district competition this evening at the school.

Mrs. Maines congratulated the NTHS inductees (named in Miss Maguda's report). The principal ended her report with showing the Board members a sample of the textbooks that are on the agenda for approval to be purchased for AP European History and English 12.

Director of Special Education, Amy Blair—

Ms. Blair presented to the Board via Zoom. She noted that the Special Education department is still in search of a School Psychologist and a 0.5 to 1.0 FTE Speech

Language Pathologist. The district is hoping to appeal to some retirees to possibly assist with current needs in this area.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

The Director of Special Education thanked Ann Pajak for her work on the State Compliance review of indicator 13, Student Transition, while she was out on leave. The review looked at five different areas of transition—postsecondary goals, activities to achieve goals, services needed (such as counseling and on-the-job training), measurable goals and notice to students. Ms. Blair noted that the department knows what needs to be fixed to be in full compliance and has come up with a corrective action plan to meet the May 22, 2024 deadline.

It continues to be a challenge to find out-of-district placements. Currently three students are receiving home instruction through A+ Tutoring, which Megan Brown has coordinated.

Ms. Blair reported that Unified Bowling is currently ongoing and the Unified Basketball season is approaching. The district will be posting for a 1:1 aide to assist a student during the basketball season.

The Director of Special Education concluded her report by thanking the Board for their patience while she was out on maternity leave.

Director of Technology, Robert Miller—

Mr. Miller noted that a big concern recently has been with internet filtering in the district. Currently, the district’s internet is being double filtered causing BOCES to be on-site for five days in the last two weeks to work on the issue. The district is, however, ahead of other districts with the filters that are in place.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The rest of Mr. Miller’s report was covered through the presentation at the beginning the Board meeting.

Educational Support Learning Loss Coordinator/AP, Megan Brown—

Mrs. Brown reported that students have finished their mid-year diagnostics with iReady. She would like to break down the findings for the Board the next time that she presents.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR/ AP REPORT

The Educational Support Coordinator noted that Dr. Huff submitted the final ARP documenting and monitoring survey today. The reviewer provided some feedback on best practices to show the district is using and tracking funding appropriately in case the district is audited on use of these funds.

Dr. Huff thanked Megan Brown for her extensive work on the survey.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Eclipse—4/8/24—

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

On April 8, 2024 there will be a solar eclipse and the district is in the path of 95% totality. It will start at 2:08 p.m. and continue until after 3:00p.m. Dr. Huff proposed to a change in the calendar to the Board, taking the Parent/Teacher conference day scheduled for March 15th and making it a student day, and extending spring break for students by one day (the day of the eclipse).

ECLIPSE DAY

The Superintendent will have a revised calendar for reapproval at the next BOE meeting.

EPIC—

Dr. Huff shared with the Board some information on EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) Family Opportunity Center, which has a satellite campus in Salamanca. The center provides opportunities for family engagement and professional development. The Superintendent shared that she is excited about looking into some of their parenting classes, which could be virtual or in person, for our families. She first connected with the program at the Cattaraugus County job fair.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

CASA Trinity Program—

Another program, CASA-Trinity, offers Say Hello to, Teen Intervene, an intervention program for high-risk teens who have begun experimenting with drugs and/or alcohol. This could possibly be recommended as a condition of early return for students who have had a Superintendent’s hearing in response to a related behavior. A student could also be referred to the program by parents who are concerned about their child. Dr. Huff will be working with administrators and counselors on rolling out this collaboration.

CASA-TRINITY

Reports—ARP, Civil Rights—

Mrs. Brown reported to the Board earlier on the ARP monitoring process. These funds will not be completely expended until September of 2024, so the district will continue to need to have some forums for the community about their use. Currently, Dr. Huff is working on the Civil Rights report. REPORTS

Budget Updates—

Dr. Huff shared with the Board the State Aid 3-Year BEDS Day Enrollment Summary. BEDS day takes place on the first Wednesday of October and drives state aid to the district. On that day, districts submit the number of enrolled students according to different categories. BEDS DAY
 The Superintendent reviewed what the different numbers on the report reference and the enrollment trends over the past three years for CLV.

Little Valley Building—

December was the initial goal to get over to the Little Valley building and start obsoleting items. Some items there will need to be disposed of. One day over February break Dr. Huff plans to head over to the old school and mark items for disposal. LITTLE VALLEY BUILDING

STREAM Fair—

Thanks to Amy Nagel the upcoming STREAM Fair currently has 32 exhibitors lined up and the numbers are growing. More have been added in the last few days. STREAM FAIR

Workplace Violence Prevention—

The Superintendent is working diligently on the recently released requirements for Workplace Violence Prevention. Legislation was passed that schools must adopt a policy (which was adopted last meeting) and create a plan to have in place by March 19th. Dr. Huff will meet with a committee about this on Thursday. Some steps in the implementation require reporting past incidents of violence and Worker’s Comp cases. WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Other Items—

There are two MOAs on the agenda related to the power outage in Cattaraugus last month. MOAS

The district insurance company agreed to cover the damage to the projector in the theatre. Mr. Miller just submitted a purchase order to order a replacement for around \$14,900. PROJECTOR COVERAGE

The appointments of assistant football coaches are on the agenda for board approval tonight. Dr. Huff noted that over 50 6th -11th grade students came to the fitness center during activity period today to learn about the weight training program. Mr. Benton is excited about working with the football program and is planning to hold a pancake breakfast for a fundraiser. FOOTBALL

Hodgson Russ is looking into a possible title issue for the Winship playground. Dr. Huff will inform the village of Little Valley about where we are in the process of handing over the property. WINSHIP AVE

A third MOA on the agenda this evening is for the CLVTA because the district is using ProCare Therapy for psychology services. MOA FOR PSYCH SERVICES

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

FYI: Financial Warrants FINANCIAL REPORTS
 FYI: Extraclassroom Activities Reports—November, December
 Treasurer’s Reports—November, December

POLICY:

Policy 5620—Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting, and Tracking; 3rd Review POLICY 5620
 First review of policies 5230, 5630, 5730, 5740 and 8320 was postponed until next meeting.

BOARD MINUTES/CONSENT ITEMS:

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to approve consent items as presented:

- a. Approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
- b. Approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

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MOTION: Carried 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to approve the Regular Business Items as presented:

- a. Approve the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2024-25 fiscal year. BASIS OF SERVICE CHARGES
- b. Approve the CSE/CPSE Action Items dated January 6, 2024 - February 8, 2024. CSE/CPSE
- c. Approve the overnight field trip request to the Adirondacks for the Fish & Wildlife Club, departing June 21, 2024 and returning June 26, 2024. FIELD TRIP REQUEST
- d. Adopt Policy 5620—Fixed Assets, Inventories, Accounting and Tracking. POLICY 5620
- e. Approve the School Business Executive to establish a GSA account in the ExtraClassroom Fund upon the Superintendent’s recommendation. GSA ACCOUNT
- f. Accept the Donation of \$750 from Niagara Pride for the GSA Club. DONATION
- g. Approve the purchase of the following textbooks:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Course</u>	
European History	AP European History	TEXTBOOKS
Everyone’s an Author	English 12	
- h. Approve the Treasurer’s report for November 2024. TREASURER’S REPORTS
- i. Approve the Treasurer’s report for December 2024.

MOTION: Carried 4-0

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Stacy Aguiar, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION

RESOLUTION FOR SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION

WHEREAS, this Board of Education is aware that for many years interactive technologies have been made available to the public to facilitate the creation and sharing of content, ideas, interests and other forms of expression through virtual communities and networks; and

WHEREAS, this Board has also come to learn that over time social media platforms can become addictive, particularly among our youth; and

WHEREAS, this Board has become aware that certain Big Tech companies have intentionally created addictive platforms specifically designed to hook student audiences by designing algorithms to maximize company revenues by increasing usage without regard to the harm suffered by students as a result of such usage; and WHEREAS, these tech products, designed to hook young users into compulsive use, have taken a heavy toll on today's youth, whereby they face unprecedented levels of severe mental health issues like anxiety, depression, eating disorders and suicidal ideation, and with so many students in turmoil, schools have had to divert crucial resources to help them; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a public advisory that social media could have a profound risk of harm on the health of children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Children's Hospital Association have all declared child and adolescent mental health a national emergency; and

WHEREAS this School District and other School Districts around the country have had to hire additional counselors, develop resources and train staff to handle the burgeoning number of students succumbing to what best can be described as a youth mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, a number of other school districts have filed or will be filing legal claims in the Northern District of California against a number of social media companies, such as TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Google and their parent companies, seeking restitution for expenses incurred and the funds necessary to provide ongoing student support and changes to the platforms to make them less addictive;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Education hereby authorizes the following:

1. That this School District file and join claims in the Multi-District Litigation pending in the Northern District of California to recoup damages against students and the District inflicted by social media companies;
2. That this Board appoint the following law firms to represent the District's interests in this matter;
 - a. The Frantz Group ALPC (San Diego, California); and
 - b. Hodgson Russ LLP (Buffalo, New York)
3. That the Superintendent of Schools and Administrative Staff of this District be and hereby are directed to cooperate with the appointed attorneys to gather the necessary data and take other required actions needed to assist the law firms in representing the foregoing interests of the District; and
4. This District will expend no resources or funds for its participation in this litigation, other than the personnel time necessary to gather the data needed to participate in this litigation.

MOTION: Carried 4-0

PERSONNEL:

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to approve the following Personnel Items for the 2023-2024 school year:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approve the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District and the Cattaraugus-Little Valley School Bus Drivers’ Unit, as presented to the Board, which provides Cattaraugus-Little Valley School Bus Drivers’ Unit members with one emergency closing day to be used for one of the two days the District was closed as a result of the local power outages on January 10th and 11th 2024. | CLVBDO MOA |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Approve the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District and the Cattaraugus Little Valley Classified Employees’ Association, as presented to the Board, which provides Cattaraugus Little Valley Classified Employees’ Association members with an additional emergency closing day to be used for the two-day closure that resulted from the local power outages on January 10th and 11th 2024. | CLV CLASSIFIED MOA |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Approve Stacy Corbin to provide SEIT services after school for the 2023-2024 school year to be compensated at a rate not to exceed \$75.50/hour. | SEIT SERVICES |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Accept the letter from David Conner rescinding his intent to retire as of June 30, 2024. | RESCINDING INTENT TO RETIRE |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> e. Accept the letters of intent to retire as of June 30, 2025 from the following:
David Conner | LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETIRE |

Sherri Szczepanski

- f. Accept and approve the letter from John Janora, Business and Management teacher, amending his date of resignation for purposes of retirement from August 14, 2024 to August 16, 2024. RETIREMENT DATE AMENDMENT
- g. Approve Emily Johnson as the Business Club Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year, effective January 29, 2024. CLUB ADVISOR
- h. Approve the following as mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>	MENTOR
Jessica Schabloski	Emily Johnson	
- i. Approve the following as substitute teacher aides for the 2023-2024 school year: SUB TEACHER AIDES

Thomas Southwick
Kelcee Southwick
Tracy Gostomski
- j. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Joseph McMurdy as Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending fingerprint clearance. Mr. McMurdy will start at Step 10 of the coaching salary schedule of the CLVTA contract. ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES
- k. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Kory Gross as Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Gross will start at Step 1 of the coaching salary schedule of the CLVTA contract.
- l. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School District and the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Teachers’ Association, as presented to the Board, for use by the district of ProCare Therapy for the provision of school psychologist services virtually/remotely, effective October 11, 2023. CLVTA MOA
- m. Approve Heather Johnson as a mentor for Correne Goodenow from August 30, 2023 through February 13, 2024. MENTORS
- n. Approve Matthew Minnekine as a mentor for Correne Goodenow, effective February 14, 2024 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION: Carried 4-0

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, that the Board recess at 7:31 p.m. to conduct an executive session on matters related to negotiations and put to a vote which resulted as follows: EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Carried 4-0

7:31 p.m.—April Preston, Tina Maines, Robert Miller, Megan Brown and Anthony Nagel exited the meeting. The Zoom meeting was ended. Sharon Huff and Paula Jones attended executive session.

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to resume the regular order of business at 8:17 p.m. RESUMPTION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Carried 4-0

MOVED by Christopher Shattuck, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Carried 4-0

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Paula Jones
District Clerk
Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School