

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CATTARAUGUS-LITTLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
April 16, 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
Stacey Aguiar
Carrie Colburn-Mozes
Jason Opferbeck; 6:34 p.m. arrival
Tim Walsh

Members Absent: Christopher Shattuck, Vice President
Jim McDonnell

Administration: Sharon Huff, Superintendent
Paula Jones, District Clerk
Sally Hadley, Business Executive

Mr. Stoll led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Budget, 3rd Draft—

Dr. Huff noted that district officials continue to be in contact with Dave DiTanna from BWB and Fiscal Advisors on preparation of the budget. The budget from the Governor is late, but she has cited a 10% decline in enrollment across the state over the past decade and excess reserves of some districts as reasons for limited aid increases.

BUDGET 3RD
DRAFT

The Board will need to look into best options for the budget as adjustments have brought the proposal for next year down, but it is still showing an 8.97% increase. The Superintendent noted that she will be looking at the proposal line by line with Mrs. Hadley to find where items can be reduced.

Dr. Huff presented the Board with the 3rd draft of the budget, reviewing changes throughout the budget from the 2nd draft, but focusing on the revenue side. She noted that it is her goal between now and next Tuesday to be able to present the Board with a more favorable budget. She is hoping that the Governor will issue the state budget. Governor Hochul wants districts to use their reserve funds, but our district wants to be sure to use these in a way that makes sense for today, tomorrow and into the future. The Superintendent noted that one factor contributing to the increase in the budget is an influx of high-needs special education students. The district is looking into the feasibility of bringing some of these students back into the district, but issues are then

created by the fact that we do not have the ability to provide for the increased amount of OT/PT needs and needs for a School Psychologist.

Another factor is the rise in Health Insurance costs, which will go up by 24.25% next year. Dr. Huff noted that the consortium is looking into different options related to this. Contributing to the increase is elective surgeries that were not done during COVID as well as some high-cost medications, which cost over \$2,000,000 last year.

A Board member questioned if teachers get benefits immediately once they are hired. They do.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MOVED by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, seconded by Stacey Aguiar, to adopt the 2024-25 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES' Administrative Budget.

BOCES BUDGET

MOTION: Carried 5-0

MOVED by Stacey Aguiar, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to adopt resolution to cast one vote for Charles Bessette representing Area 2 in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Education Services for a three-year term.

BOCES BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION, AREAS: 2, 5, 6 AND 8

MOTION: Carried 5-0

MOVED by Stacey Aguiar, seconded by Jason Opferbeck, to adopt resolution to cast one vote for Andrew Caya representing Area 5 in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Education Services for a three-year term.

MOTION: Carried 5-0

MOVED by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, seconded by Stacey Aguiar, to adopt resolution to cast one vote for Michael Conroy representing Area 6 in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Education Services for a three-year term.

MOTION: Carried 5-0

MOVED by Stacey Aguiar, seconded by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, to adopt resolution to cast one vote for Dale Colton representing Area 8 in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Education Services for a three-year term.

MOTION: Carried 5-0

MOVED by Carrie Colburn-Mozes, seconded by Stacey Aguiar, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Carried 5-0

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Paula Jones
District Clerk
Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School