

Date: March 11, 2024
Type: Regular Meeting
Location: Board Room
Present: Craig Giroux; Mary LaPierre; Jason Bruce; Chris Demers; Tim Howley; Lee Barcomb
Others: Robert McAuliffe, Superintendent; Krista Ringer, Elementary Principal; Megan Walls, Secondary Principal; Kerry Adams, Director of Special Education; Kait Breton, District Clerk; Kaitlin Tetrault, Business Manager

Call to Order	<p>Mr. Giroux, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Public Comment	<p>No public comment.</p>
Minutes	<p>Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes as presented by the District Clerk:</p> <p>A. February 11, 2025 (regular meeting agenda)</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Discussion	<p>A. Update from the Superintendent and Business Manager on the school budget.</p>
Executive Session	<p>Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to enter into Executive Session at 6:31PM.</p> <p>A. Discuss matters pertaining to the employment history or particular person or persons, or matters leading the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person(#6).</p> <p>B. Resolve that the Board of Education returns to regular session. Time: 7:33PM.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Discussion	<p>B. Review Regents and Grades 3-6 State Testing Results</p>
Proposed School Budget Resolutions	<p>Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to adopt the following resolution authorizing the submission propositions to be voted upon by the qualified voters of the District Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election(Annual Meeting) thereof to be held on May 20, 2025, and BE IT RESOLVED that the District Clerk is directed to advertise these propositions, in accordance with the law, in the District's Notice of Annual Meeting, which notice shall contain the full text of such propositions:</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION #1</u></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby establishes that the Annual Meeting, the following proposition shall be put before eligible voters of the District as Budget Proposition No. 1:</p> <p>Shall the Board of Education of the Chazy Union Free School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed (an amount to be determined) for the 2025-2026 school year, and</p>

<p>Action Items</p>	<p>to levy the necessary tax thereof?</p> <p>RESOLUTION #2 BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby establishes that at the Annual Meeting, the following proposition shall be put before eligible voters of the District as Budget Proposition No. 2:</p> <p>Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Chazy Central Rural School, Town of Chazy, County of Clinton, be authorized to raise by tax levy, a sum not to exceed \$38,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the Chazy Public Library.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>A. Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to approve the 2025-2026 CCRS School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>B. Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to establish Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM in the CCRS Music Room as the date and time for the Annual School Budget Vote & Election of the Chazy Union Free School District. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>C. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to appoint Joey Trombley as Chairperson of the annual School Budget Vote & Election. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>D. Mrs. LaPierre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers to appoint the following individuals to act as Inspectors for the annual Budget Vote & Election May 20, 2025: Nancy Vesco (Inspector), Diane Trombley, Beverly Bechard, Lisa Bulriss, Kim Howely. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>E. Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bruce to adopt the following resolution approving the following candidate for CVES Board of Cooperative Educational Services:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Bob Bourgeois’ term is expiring on the CVES Board of Cooperative Educational Services on 6/30/2024; and BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chazy Central Rural School District Board of Education nominate Bob Bourgeois as a candidate for the CVES Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>F. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to adopt the following resolution determining the proposed actions are type II actions for purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act:</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Chazy Union Free School District, Clinton County, New York (the “School District”) is considering undertaking the financing of an Energy Performance Contract whereby an energy service company will make energy improvements to various School District operations at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$1,222,191 (the “Project”); and</p> <p>WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the “SEQR Act”) and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of</p>
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	<p>Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the “Regulations”), the School District is obligated to comply with the SEQRA Act and regulations with respect to the Project;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the District as follows:</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> The Project constitutes a “Type II Action” pursuant to NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) and no further action under the SEQRA Act and Regulations is required.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>G. Mrs. LaPierre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to adopt the following resolution of the Chazy Union Free School District authorizing the negotiation, execution and delivery of an equipment lease/purchase agreement and other agreements relating to the acquisition, financing and leasing of certain equipment for the public benefit:</p> <p>WHEREAS, Article 9 of the New York Energy Law (the “Act”) authorizes municipalities and school districts to enter into energy performance contracts for the provision of energy services, including but not limited to, electricity, heating, ventilation, cooling, steam or hot water, in which a person agrees to install, maintain or manage energy systems or equipment to improve the energy efficiency of, or produce energy in connection with, a building or facility in exchange for a portion of the energy savings or revenues; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Chazy Union Free School District (the “School District” or “Lessee”) a school district duly organized and existing as a political subdivision, municipal corporation or similar public entity of the State of New York, is authorized by the laws of the State of New York to acquire, finance and lease personal property for the benefit of the Lessee and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to acquire, finance and lease certain equipment with a cost not to exceed \$1,222,191 constituting personal property necessary for the Lessee to perform essential governmental functions (the “Equipment”); and</p> <p>WHEREAS, in order to acquire such Equipment, the Lessee proposes to enter into a certain Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement or similar agreement (the “Agreement”) with a commercial lender, financial institution or other eligible entity authorized to do business in the State of New York and experienced with energy performance contracts, as lessor, (the “Lessor”), the form</p>
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	<p>of which to be approved by the President of the Board of Education of the Lessee; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Lessee issued a Request for Proposals for a performance-based energy savings and operations plan for School District buildings; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, based on the School District’s evaluation of proposals, TD Equipment Finance, Inc. was selected to develop and implement a performance-based energy savings and operations plan; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, TD Equipment Finance, Inc. has provided the School District with detailed design plans for School District building retrofits, energy savings estimates and proposed financing plans; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the School District now intends to authorize the negotiation, execution and delivery of the Agreement and one or more Energy Performance Contracts in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$1,222,191; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Lessee deems it for the benefit of the Lessee and for the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Agreement and the other documentation relating to the acquisition, financing and leasing of the Equipment to be therein described on the terms and conditions therein and herein provided;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> In accordance with Section 9-103 of the Act, the School District is hereby authorized, subject to New York State Education Department approval of the energy performance contract and related matters, to enter into the Agreement, an escrow agreement and the other documentation relating to the acquisition, financing and leasing of the Equipment with the Lessor, in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$1,222,191.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the energy savings and operations plan presented to the Board of Education of Lessee at this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the acquisition, financing and leasing of the Equipment.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> The energy savings and operations plan is hereby approved as presented at this meeting, with such changes as shall be approved by the President of the Board of Education of the Lessee or other members of the Board of Education of the Lessee implementing such plan and the execution of the Agreement or such other documents as are necessary in connection with the plan, shall be conclusive evidence of such approval; and the President of the Board of Education of the Lessee is</p>
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hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Clerk of the Lessee is hereby authorized and directed to attest, the Agreement and any related Exhibits attached thereto and to deliver the Agreement (including such Exhibits) to the respective parties thereto, and to affix the seal of the Lessee to such documents.

Section 4. The President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer of the School District, is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver on behalf of the School District the Agreement and all other certificates or instruments required in connection therewith; provided, however, that all amounts payable by the School District pursuant to the Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation of such payments by the Board of Education. The power to prescribe the terms, forms and covenants of the Agreement and the other documentation relating to the acquisition, financing and leasing of the Equipment, including the designation of the Agreement as a “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer.

Section 5. The officers and employees of the Lessee shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the parties to the Agreement to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby (including the execution and delivery of a final acceptance certificate, an escrow agreement, disbursement requests and any tax certificate and agreement, as contemplated in the Agreement) and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Agreement.

Section 6. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Agreement, an escrow agreement nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Lessee as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the Lessee or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Agreement, an escrow agreement or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Lessee or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the rental payments payable under the Agreement are limited obligations of the Lessee, subject to annual appropriation, as provided in the Agreement.

Section 7. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the Lessee’s “official intent” to reimburse the costs of the improvements described in Section 1 of this resolution with proceeds from the Agreement, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 8. In the absence of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education is

	<p>hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board of Education in this Resolution.</p> <p><u>Section 9.</u> This resolution is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.</p> <p><u>Section 10.</u> The Board of Education hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this resolution.</p> <p><u>Section 11.</u> This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>H. Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to adopt the following resolution:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Robert McAuliffe, and James Comegys of BCA Architects and Engineers, Brick-Tech be awarded the bid for Contract Number 09-06-01-02-0-001-025, General Construction as the low bidder in the amount of \$61,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Reports Director of Special Education Report	<p>A. Jeremy Kain and Marcus Meadow attended a training to learn more about IEP's and how to write their own early this month. Kelley Wilson-Stevens was trained earlier this year.</p> <p>B. 504 Meetings are continuing to happen. Mrs. Adams is really taking a look at whether Teacher Aides and Teacher Assistants are helpful in the middle/high school. She is thinking that maybe we could utilize them less in the middle/high school and use them more in the elementary more effectively.</p> <p>C. Annual Review meetings are going to start in April at CVES where Mrs. Adams will attend in person.</p>
Elementary Principal Report	<p>A. Grades 4-6 went to Titus Mountain and had a great,successful time.</p> <p>B. The Reading Campaign is being wrapped up on Monday.</p> <p>C. The Wellness Grant items are starting to come in, such as, life jackets, portable disc golf, kayaks, pool noodles, seeds and dirt for the grow carts.</p> <p>D. K-3 are going to be going to the movies as a sponsored PTO event.</p> <p>E. Grades 5+6 are going to be going over to the church hall to view the senior play.</p> <p>F. Morse Dance Academy will be performing in the gym on Monday for the students as a St. Patty's Day celebration.</p> <p>G. March 20th is the Spring Music Concert. It will be broken up into two separate groups due to the auditorium construction.</p> <p>H. Ms. Walls and Mrs. Ringer will be doing a refresher of TCIS during the Superintendent's Day on March 25th.</p> <p>I. April 4th will be the Kindergarten gym show.</p> <p>J. Proctor training will be happening for the Teacher Aides and Assistants.</p> <p>K. April 29th will be the start up of Running Club with Saania Brindisi.</p>

Secondary Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. 5-week marking period is just ending.B. B. June Regents Exams have been ordered.C. 8th graders went to Echo today, and they had a really great time.D. There were a total of 60 students who went to the Model UN in NCCS.E. Sweethearts and Heroes training is continuing throughout the next few weeks.F. Costa Rica planning committee is meeting next week to see how many students are interested in going. It will be for the April Break in 2027.G. Winter sports ended on quite the high with most teams moving to sectionals.H. Department Heads have started having meetings in regards to the plans for no cell phones next year. The plan is going to be solidified before the next school year starts.
Superintendent Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. There will be a faculty meeting for all staff on Friday and one of the things that is going to be discussed is the new standards for NYS Graduation, which will affect the current 6th graders.
Points of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. March 25, 2025: No school, Superintendent's DayB. March 14 and 15, 2025: Senior Play
Executive Session	<p>Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers to enter into Executive Session at 9:02PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Discuss matters pertaining to the employment history or particular person or persons, or matters leading the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person(#6).D. Resolve that the Board of Education returns to regular session. Time: 9:54PM. Motion carried unanimously.
Personnel Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to accept the letter of resignation for Taylore Bourdeau, Teacher Assistant, effective April 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.B. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to accept the letter of anticipated retirement for Kathi Thume. Motion carried unanimously.C. Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers to appoint Emma Eaton to per diem substitute teacher at \$140/day. Motion carried unanimously.
Adjourn	<p>Mr. Barcomb made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to adjourn the meeting at 9:55PM.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>