

# CHAZY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## AGENDA

(DRAFT Subject to Change)

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM in the Boardroom

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

### IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the following meeting minutes as presented by the District Clerk:

1. July 14, 2026 (organizational and regular meeting)

### V. DISCUSSION

A. Title 1 Grant Public Hearing

### VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the following Service Agreement with North Country Kids, Inc. for the 2026–2027 School Year

**WHEREAS**, the Chazy Central Rural School District is authorized to contract with qualified providers for related services required to meet the educational needs of students; and

**WHEREAS**, North Country Kids, Inc. has agreed to provide Behavior Analysis, Music Therapy, and Speech-Language Therapy services to school-aged students of the Chazy Central Rural School District during the 2026–2027 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Chazy Central Rural School District hereby approves the agreement with North Country Kids, Inc. to provide the following services for the 2026–2027 school year at the rates set forth below:

| Service | Rate |
|---------|------|
|---------|------|

|                                            |                           |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBA) | \$90.00/hour              |
| Travel                                     | \$60.00/hour              |
| Music Therapy                              | \$55.00/30 minute session |
| Speech Language Therapy- Individual        | \$67.00/30 minute session |
| Speech Language Therapy- Group             | \$85.00/30 minute session |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the necessary agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Chazy Central Rural School District to implement this resolution.

- B. Approve the Code of Conduct for School Clubs and Interscholastic Athletics with revisions.
- C. Approve the following updates/additions to the Middle/High School Student Handbook:
  - 1. Electric Scooters/Bikes/Vehicles
  - 2. Lockers (Part 6)
  - 3. Water Bottles & Drinks During Classtime and in Hallways
  - 4. Consequences: Academic Recovery and Academic Detention
  - 5. Attendance
- D. Approve the updates to Policy 4772: Commencement Exercises.
- E. Approve the updates to Policy 5280: Interscholastic Athletics.
- F. Approve the updates to Policy 5280-R: Interscholastic Athletics Regulation.
- G. Approve the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.
- H. Approve the Middle/High School Student Handbook/Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.
- I. Approve the 2026-2027 CCRS Safety Plan.

## **VII. FINANCIALS**

- A. Recommend approval of the following Financial Reports from June 2026:
  - 1. Monthly Financial Summary Memo
  - 2. Treasurer's Monthly Reports
  - 3. Appropriation Status Report
- B. Adopt the following resolution pertaining to the 2026-2027 tax levy:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Chazy Union Free School District has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2026-2027 school year a sum not to exceed \$6,087,820.00 (this amount includes omitted taxes in the amount of \$0.00, and STAR) and library levy in the amount of \$39,000.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education fixes the equalized tax rates by towns and confirms the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax rolls:

Valuation By Equalized Tax By Towns (Not Including Library):

| <i>Town<br/>(Parcels)</i> | <i>Taxable<br/>Value</i> | <i>Equalized<br/>Tax Rate</i> | <i>Total Tax Levy by<br/>Town</i> | <i>Tax Rate per<br/>\$1,000 of<br/>Assessed Value</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Beekmantown<br>(72)       | \$9,574,254              | 100%                          | \$141,870.82                      | \$14.817950                                           |
| Champlain<br>(409)        | \$68,260,518             | 100%                          | \$1,011,480.97                    | \$14.817950                                           |
| Chazy<br>(1,379)          | \$333,006,123            | 100%                          | \$4,934,468.21                    | \$14.817950                                           |
| Total<br>(1,860 parcels)  | \$410,840,895            |                               | \$6,087,820.00                    |                                                       |
| STAR                      |                          |                               | To Be Determined                  |                                                       |
| Omitted Taxes             |                          |                               | \$0.00                            |                                                       |
| Total                     | \$410,840,895            | 100%                          | \$6,087,820.00                    | \$14.817950                                           |

Valuation By Equalized Tax By Towns (Library)

| <i>Town<br/>(Parcels)</i> | <i>Taxable<br/>Value</i> | <i>Equalized<br/>Tax Rate</i> | <i>Total Tax Levy by<br/>Town</i> | <i>Tax Rate per<br/>\$1,000 of<br/>Assessed Value</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Beekmantown<br>(72)       | \$9,574,254              | 100%                          | \$908.86                          | \$0.094927                                            |
| Champlain<br>(409)        | \$68,260,518             | 100%                          | \$6,479.78                        | \$0.094927                                            |
| Chazy<br>(1,379)          | \$333,006,123            | 100%                          | \$31,611.36                       | \$0.094927                                            |
| Total<br>(1,860 parcels)  | \$410,840,895            |                               | \$39,000.00                       |                                                       |

**AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT** at such future date as the detailed breakdown of tax levy between School Tax Bills and STAR reimbursement become available from a county issued tax roll, the tax warrant of this Board will be so modified to split out the taxes from the STAR reimbursement;

**AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT** the tax warrant of this Board, duly signed, shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2026 and end October 31, 2026 giving the

tax warrant an effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the Tax Collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

**AND BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED THAT** the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

9/1/2026 to 9/30/2026: 0%

10/1/2026 to 10/31/2026: 2%

C. Adopt the following resolution pertaining to the 2026-2027 tax warrant:

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended Section 1318, subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

**WHEREAS:** the unencumbered, unreserved fund balance at the close of the last fiscal year must be applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy except for an amount not to exceed 4% of the current school year budget; and

**WHEREAS:** this latter amount may be held as surplus funds during the current school year; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education retain as surplus funds \$623,480.00 from the fund balance and apply \$990,610.00 to the reduction of the tax levy.

**BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:** To the collector of Chazy Union Free School District, Towns of Chazy, Champlain, and Beekmantown, County of Clinton, New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on 9/01/2026 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on 10/31/2026.

To collect taxes in the total sum of \$6,087,820.00 in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail,

without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to add three per cent interest penalties to all taxes collected during any part of the third month of the tax collection period and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file exact carbon copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law

#### **VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Director of Special Education Report
- B. Elementary Principal Report
- C. Secondary Principal Report
- D. Superintendent Report

#### **IX. POINTS OF INFORMATION**

- A. Start of fall sports: Monday, August 24, 2026
- B. Return of faculty & staff: September 1 & 2, 2026
- C. First Day of School: Thursday, September 3, 2026
- D. District Closed: Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day
- E. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6 PM.

#### **X. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Resolve to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular person or persons, or matters leading to the

appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension dismissal, or removal of a particular person, and student matters (#6).

B. Resolve that the Board of Education returns to regular session. Time \_\_\_\_\_

## **XI. PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

- A. Appoint the following individuals to substitute teacher/substitute aide positions for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$150/day certified or \$140/day non-certified:

|                 |                |                |                    |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Georgia Belrose | Lenny Bechard  | Liam Perkins   | Brent Chateaufneuf |
| Jennifer Baker  | Eric Morton    | Kevin Cleary   | Catherine Green    |
| Melissa Dudyak  | Kourtney Cook  | Annette Hosler | Kassidy Turek      |
| Annika Lizardi  | Samantha Gonyo | Cathy Matott   | Olivia Barnett     |
| Sydney Barnett  | Ryan Johnston  | Kelsey Reif    | Judy Lavigne       |
| Becky Hubbell   |                |                |                    |

- B. Approve David Clausen as the PM Custodian, at \$18.13/hour, pending discussion with Jeff in regards to start date.
- C. Accept the letter of retirement for Debra Thomas, Bus Driver, effective August 27, 2026.
- D. Approve Tessa Parent as the Full Time Bus Driver, at a Step 1, \$29.42/hour, effective September 1, 2026.
- E. Approve the following individuals for the 2026-2027 school year advisor positions at the stipend listed:

|                        |                     |         |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Drama Club             | Kathryn Brown       | \$1,559 |
| Junior Class           | Amanda Thew         | \$1,946 |
| Senior Play            | Kathryn Brown       | \$1,780 |
| Chorus                 | Sarah Poirier       | \$2,938 |
| Band                   | Michael Lewandowski | \$2,938 |
| National Honor Society | Misty Dickinson     | \$763   |
| Leo Club               | Steve Cross         | \$763   |
| Running Club           | Saania Brindisi     | \$623   |
| Ski Club               | David Miller        | \$623   |
| Model UN               | Steve Cross         | \$1,780 |
| Newspaper              | Grace Potthast      | \$1,780 |

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| Public Speaking | Emilee Wysko                     | \$1,109 |
| SADD            | Cory Thompson                    | \$763   |
| Little Leos     | Karissa Devins                   | \$637   |
| Recycling       | Kathryn Brown                    | \$623   |
| Eagle Buddies   | Lena Tregan                      | \$623   |
| Spelling Bee    | Kathryn Brown                    | \$623   |
| Math Counts     | Cory Thompson                    | \$623   |
| Yearbook        | Sam O'Hagan and<br>Steve Patnode | \$3,195 |

**XII. ADJOURN**

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.