

Date:

August 11, 2026

Type:

Regular

Location:

Board Room

Present:

Craig Giroux, Daniel Bernard, Mary LaPierre, Chris Demers, Timothy Howley, Jason Bruce

Others:

Rob McAuliffe, Superintendent; Krista Ringer, Elementary Principal; Kaitlin Tetrault, Business Manager; Kerry Adams, Director of CSE; Kait Breton, District Clerk; Megan Walls, Jr/Sr High School Principal; Kim Howley, Representative for The Alice Museum

Call to Order	Mr. Bernard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.										
Public Comment	Kim Howley would like the Board's consideration on getting a rock from Rusty Creek Farm, and having it engraved in honor of David Martin. She would like the Board to consider the placement of the rock as she thinks it would look best near the cedar trees near the entrance of the Alice Museum.										
Minutes	Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to approve the following meeting minutes as presented by the District Clerk: A. July 14, 2026 (organizational and regular meeting) Motion carried unanimously.										
Discussion	A. Title 1 Grant Public Hearing										
Action Items	A. Mr. Giroux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bruce to approve 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: <table><tr><th>Service</th><th>Rate</th></tr><tr><td>Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBA)</td><td>\$90.00/hour</td></tr><tr><td>Travel</td><td>\$60.00/hour</td></tr><tr><td>Music Therapy</td><td>\$55.00/30 minute session</td></tr><tr><td>Speech Language</td><td>\$67.00/30 minute</td></tr></table>	Service	Rate	Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBA)	\$90.00/hour	Travel	\$60.00/hour	Music Therapy	\$55.00/30 minute session	Speech Language	\$67.00/30 minute
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Therapy-Individual	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.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mrs. LaPierre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers to approve the Code of Conduct for School Clubs and Interscholastic Athletics with revisions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to approve the following updates/additions to the Middle/High School Student Handbook:
- a. Electric Scooters/Bikes/Vehicles
 - b. Lockers (Part 6)
 - c. Water Bottles & Drinks During Classtime and in Hallways
 - d. Consequences: Academic Recovery and Academic Detention
 - e. Attendance

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Mr. Giroux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to approve the updates to Policy 4772: Commencement Exercises.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to approve the updates to Policy 5280: Interscholastic Athletics.

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Mr. Bruce made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to approve the updates to Policy 5280-R: Interscholastic Athletics Regulation.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to approve Elementary Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Mr. Barcomb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bruce to approve the Middle/High School Handbook/Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Mr. Giroux made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to approve the 2026-2027 CCRS District Safety Plan.

Financials	Motion carried unanimously.				
	J. Mr. Giroux made a motion, seconded by Mrs. LaPierre to approve the 2026-2027 CCRS Master Safety Plan.				
	Motion carried unanimously.				
	A. Mr. Demers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to approve the following Financial Reports from June 2026:				
	1. Monthly Financial Summary Memo				
	2. Treasurer's Monthly Report				
	3. Appropriation Status Report				
	Motion carried unanimously.				
	B. Mr. Barcomb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howley to 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:				
Adopt Resolution Pertaining to Tax Levy	Valuation By Equalized Tax By Towns (Not Including Library):				
	<i>Town (Parcels)</i>	<i>Taxable Value</i>	<i>Equaliz ed Tax Rate</i>	<i>Total Tax Levy by Town</i>	<i>Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</i>
	Beekmantown (72)	\$9,574,254	100%	\$141,870.82	\$14.817950
	Champlain (409)	\$68,260,518	100%	\$1,011,480.97	\$14.817950
	Chazy (1,379)	\$333,006,123	100%	\$4,934,468.21	\$14.817950
	Total (1,860 parcels)	\$410,840,895		\$6,087,820.00	
	STAR			To Be Determined	
	Omitted Taxes			\$0.00	
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	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% Motion carried unanimously.							
	C. Mrs. LaPierre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bruce to 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.								

Adopt Resolution
Pertaining to the Tax
Warrant

	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 Motion carried unanimously.
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Reports Director of Special Education Report	Mrs. Adams has been working on the 7-12 schedules with Mrs. Chapman and Ms. Walls. There will be one major change moving forward. There is going to be a Learning Lab which will hold 10 students who might need some extra support. She is also working on the schedules for the Teacher Aides/Teacher Assistants.					
Elementary Principal Report	Mrs. Ringer is finalizing information for UPK. We currently have 12 students enrolled. K-6 will have a meet the teacher night. The PTO is going to sponsor the event with an ice cream social inside. She would like to shout out to the custodian team for working hard to make sure the classrooms and floors are in good order. Mrs. Ringer is continuing prepping for the first few days of school as well as the Superintendent's Days.					
Secondary Principal Report	Ms. Walls has spent quite a decent amount of time prepping the handbook/code of conduct and updating some of the policies. Ms.Walls met with some of the teachers at the end of the year to discuss some updates regarding what should be in the attendance policy. Sarah Poirier, the new music teacher, is currently working on her masters this summer while also getting her classroom set up. Trevor Lang, the new math teacher, has been meeting with Misty Dickinson to get a lay of the land. Ms. Walls is looking at finalizing the schedule with a few adjustments. Eric Morton, Substitute, is going to cover Mr. Ryan Fessette for 6 weeks.					
Superintendent Report	The Pre-K program is ready to go! The contract was signed last night by the board. We will be giving CASP \$8,500 for each student with \$1,500 that will be towards supplies and Kathi Thume's stipend. Brandy Thompson accepted the director position for CASP. Mr. Cory Thompson has put in his resignation from the Board President and they nominated Heather Norcross to be the new Board President. All that is left to do is submit it to the State.					
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					
Executive Session	Mr. Howley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barcomb to enter Executive Session at 7:35 PM to A. 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 at 9:17 PM. Motion carried unanimously.					
Personnel Actions	A. Mr. Barcomb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demers to re-appoint the following individuals to substitute teacher/substitute aide positions for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$150/day certified of \$140/day non-certified: <table><tr><td>Georgia</td><td>Lenny</td><td>Liam</td><td>Brent</td><td>Jennifer</td></tr></table>	Georgia	Lenny	Liam	Brent	Jennifer
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	Recycling	Kathryn Brown	\$623
	Eagle Buddies	Lena Tregan	\$623
	Spelling Bee	Kathryn Brown	\$623
	Math Counts	Cory Thompson	\$623
	Yearbook	Sam O'Hagan and Steve Patnode	\$3,195
	Mr. Barcomb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giroux adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously.		