

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Geoffrey Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held in the Board of Education conference room.

Present: Siubhan Bongiovanni, Louis Cianfrocco, Daniel Gibbons, Edward Gratien, Dana Kent, Daniel Mayer, Jason Thomas, Geoffrey Zimmer

Absent: Russell Wehner

Also Present: Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools  
Jason P. Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
Scott P. Mahardy, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Visitors: Melissa Stanek, Christine Smith, Joe Baker, Jen Baker, Camille Gruner, Anna Tarry, Paul Gloska, Alex Pappas, Arianna Sgarlata, Giana Sgarlata, Ron Jackson, Kyle Wehrin, Chris Dines

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

There was no Addendum to the Agenda.

**II. Public Comments**

The Chittenango Central School District Board of Education welcomes and encourages public input and comments. Board meetings are open meetings held in public, but are not public meetings in the sense of traditional town meetings. The Board accepts and understands its obligation to represent and to listen to the community. The time for public comments is offered at the beginning of every Board meeting. Members of the public are also encouraged to contact Board members before or after Board meetings to express concerns. The Board reserves the right to encourage or exclude comments at any other time. Public comments, at Board meetings, are welcomed within a controlled forum format, as facilitated by the Board President, which does not permit open discussion of confidential issues, such as, but not limited to, student discipline and personnel performance. Issues of a confidential nature would be forwarded to the Superintendent for further review and response.

There were no public comments at this time.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Cianfrocco, the following resolutions were offered:

A. Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting from September 17, 2024.

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**IV. Educational Presentation/Topics**

- A. New Teaching Staff Introductions: Michael Eiffe/Jason Clark – Information/Discussion
- B. New Bridgeport Playground: Melissa Stanek – Information/Discussion
- C. State & National School Character Re-Application Status: Melissa Stanek – Information/Discussion

**V. Old Business**

- A. Capital Project Update – Information/Discussion

**VI. New Business**

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Gibbons, to approve new business resolutions A-H:

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education declare the attached list of iMacs as surplus and authorize the disposition of same in the most economical manner. Discussion/Action
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a local share stipend per SPO covered under the Madison County Sheriff's Department agreement. Discussion/Action
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2023-2024 independent audit report. Discussion/Action
- D. (Required Policy) Policy 4526.1, Internet Safety: First Reading and Approval – Discussion/Action
- E. (Required Policy) Policy 4772, Graduation Ceremonies: First Reading and Approval – Discussion/Action
- F. (Required Policy) Policy 4850, Animals in School: First Reading and Approval – Discussion/Action
- G. (Required Policy) Policy 5550, Student Privacy: First Reading and Approval – Discussion/Action
- H. (Required Policy) Policy 5605, Voter Registration for Students: First Reading and Approval – Discussion/Action

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Tradition of Excellence, Celebrations, and Successes
- B. Special Olympics National Banner Status
- C. School Safety Update
- D. Athletic Senior Nights
- E. Board of Education Recognition Week – October 14 – 18, 2024
- F. Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at Bolivar Road Elementary

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**VIII. Board Members' Reports**

A. Member Reports

1. Audit Committee
2. Budget Committee
3. Facilities/Transportation Committee
4. Policy Committee

B. Board Member Comments

**IX. CSE Recommendations**

A. Motion by Gibbons, seconded by Mayer, to accept the following CSE recommendations:

610422976	610397047	610422881	610423137
610423104	610422032	610417470	610394988
610423091	610423069	610423128	610420612
610423112	610421565	610423132	610422419
610419320	610423098	610404139	610423124
610421203	610423037	610423117	610423118
610421474	610421006	610421929	

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**X. Personnel**

A. Motion by Gratien, seconded by Thomas, to accept personnel recommendations 1 - 10.

1. It is recommended that the resignation of Amy Berger, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be accepted effective October 1, 2024, at the close of business.
2. It is recommended that Vincent Buffolino be granted a probationary appointment as a Food Service Helper effective September 23, 2024, through November 22, 2024, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through March 22, 2025.
3. It is recommended that Amanda Preischel, Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities), be granted a permanent appointment effective September 16, 2024.

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Sandra Athans and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.
5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Monica Hamilton and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.
6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Robin Parente and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.
7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the consultant agreement between Ms. Nancy Starke and the Chittenango Central School District for the period of 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.
8. It is recommended that Bethany Mace be granted a probationary appointment as an Instructional Aide (Students with Disabilities) effective October 15, 2024, through December 14, 2024, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to extend the probationary period through April 14, 2025, pending fingerprint clearance.
9. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Teacher/Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:

Monica Hamilton  
Bryanna Jacobs  
Randy Pellis

Pamela Hobbs  
Samantha Just  
Erin Rode

Jill Horton  
Madison Malakie

10. It is recommended that the following names be approved for the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:

Pauline D'Eredita  
William Printup

Bryanna Jacobs  
Erin Rode

Carrie Nolan

VOTE:

AYES – 8

NAYS – 0

**XI. Executive Session**

CHITTENANGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bridgeport Elementary  
October 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Cianfrocco, that the Board adjourns into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the discussion of personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Gibbons, that the Board returns from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Gibbons, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: AYES – 8 NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Mahardy  
District Clerk