

Boquet Valley CSD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Mountain View Campus - Elizabethtown, NY

Official Minutes

1. **Call to Order** At: 6:00 PM By: President Hooper

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **District Vision**

- a. The VISION of the Boquet Valley Central School District is to become the best rural school in New York State. We will accomplish our vision by providing exceptional opportunities to all learners and preparing them to set and reach their future goals by embedding our core values into their student experience.

4. **Roll Call**

[X] Tom Broderick [X] Paige Cotter-Saltamach [A] Paul Fenton [X] Darlene Hooper
[X] Sarah Kullman [X] Debra Spaulding [X] Jason Welch entered at 6:03 PM [X] Sadie Burgess

5. **Attendees**

Present:

Joshua Meyer, Superintendent

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk

Elaine Dixon-Cross, MVC Principal

Visitors:

Robyn LePage

Pete Castine

Shawn Strack

Courtney Lee

Sarah Rice

Amanda Jones

LuAnn Pulsifer

Stacy Pulsifer

Kelly Ecker

Levi Williams

Heather Reynolds

Jodi Thompson

Rhonda Sloper

Zachary Micholas

Paul Hooper

Bob Bradley

Andrya Heller

Marsha Fenimore

Muriel Kerr

Gabe Kerr

Nate Kerr

Julie Bisselle

Jennifer Peck

Skylar Bisselle

Harry Caldwell

Kerry Mero

Sheera Broderick

Bob Rice

Erica Loher

Marcaill Miller

Jack Rice

Brandi Rosselli

Shari Morris

Jason Fiegl

Kristin Fiegl

Olive Stewart

Alyssa Carroll

Mary Lou Morgan

Hedy Merrihew

Stites McDaniel

Brooke Beaton

Donald Beaton

Cena Abramo

Liv Hathaway

Ryan Hathaway

Cecile MacFarlane

Bridgett Allen

Jori Wekin

Andrew Denton

6. Introduction of New Employees - Meet & Greet Reception

- a. Following the introduction of new employees by Superintendent Meyer, a brief reception was held allowing the Board and community members the opportunity to meet the new faculty members.

7. Executive Session

Specifically, the Board anticipates entering into Executive Session for the following reasons:

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In: 6:22 PM Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Broderick Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept
Out: 7:02 PM Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No action taken.

- a. Motion to return to regular session at: 7:04 PM

Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

8. Ex Officio Student School Board Member Report - See attached.

9. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- a. Approve the adoption of the agenda.
- b. Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Spaulding Second: Broderick Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

10. Public Comment

- a. Our agenda offers two Public Comment sections; opinions, ideas and concerns that are offered by the public will be considered and taken under advisement. We have set aside a 15 minute period giving the audience time to share their thoughts with us. Please raise your hand to be acknowledged by the Board President. When called upon, please identify yourself and give your address, limiting your comments to three minutes.

Josh Kingzack inquired about public comment times.

Megan Ostroski commented on board meetings and the anticipated Capital Project.

Heather Reynolds commented on recommendation from the Facilities Committee.

Sheera Broderick inquired about agenda items.

11. Financials

- a. Approve the following financial reports:
 - i. Payroll Report: 006 dated 09/12/2025
 - ii. Payroll Report: 007 dated 09/26/2025
 - iii. Warrant Report dated 09/19/2025
 - iv. Warrant Report dated 09/05/2025
 - v. Budget Status Report dated 09/30/2025
 - vi. Revenue Status Report dated 09/30/2025

Motion: Welch Second: CotterSaltamach Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

12. CSE, CPSE, and 504 Recommendations

- a. Accept and approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education, Committee on Special Education, and Committee on 504 Plan recommendations, as presented.

Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Welch Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

13. Action Items - Consent Agenda

- a. Upon review of proposals received, the Board of Education will appoint Guerico & Guercio LLP to serve as School Attorney for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Spaulding Second: Broderick Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- b. Accept the donation from The Depot Theater in the amount of \$1,433.50 and amend the 2025-2026 school district budget line A 2110-130-03-0000 (Teaching – Regular School, Salaries) by \$1,433.50 to reflect this donation.
- c. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between College For Every Student Inc. (DBA Brilliant Pathways) And Boquet Valley Central School District as presented.
- d. Approve the Section VII Combining of Teams Application with Willsboro CSD for the combining of bowling for the 2025-2026 school year.
- e. Approve the Section VII Combining of Teams Application with AuSable CSD for the combining of wrestling for the 2025-2026 school year.
- f. Approve the certification of the CVES Regionalization Plan Draft as presented.
- g. Approve the decommissioning and request to place the following buses out for bid upon receipt of new buses:
 - i. 2015 Bluebird diesel bus (#49) VIN 1BAKF3CPA9FF309697
 - ii. 2018 International diesel (#84) VIN 4DRBUC8N8JB098551
- h. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Health Insurance Consortium (the “Consortium”) has prepared an Amended and Restated Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the “Amended MCA”) to govern each district’s participation in the Consortium; and to replace the 2019 agreement that currently governs Consortium operations; and

WHEREAS, the Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education has reviewed the Amended MCA and has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Boquet Valley Central School District to remain a participant in the Consortium subject to the Amended MCA; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Boquet Valley Central School District recognizes that effective January 1, 2026 its participation in the Consortium is to be bound by the Amended MCA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Joshua R. Meyer, Superintendent, be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Amended MCA on behalf of the Boquet Valley Central School District.

Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Welch Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

14. Personnel - Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the appointment of the following substitutes as listed at the current substitute rate effective October 13, 2025 unless otherwise noted:
 - i. Matthew Brankman, non-certified teacher, teacher assistant and teacher aide pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.
 - ii. Colin Loher, non-certified teacher, teacher assistant and teacher aide pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.
 - iii. David Butler, non-certified teacher, teacher assistant and teacher aide pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.
 - iv. Elissa Castelli, nurse, fingerprint clearance on file.
 - v. Jamie LaBarge, principal at a daily rate of \$350, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.
 - vi. Vanessa Cross, bus aide, at the hourly rate of \$18.00, effective October 6, 2025, fingerprint clearance on file.
 - vii. Zachery Hall, non-certified teacher, teacher assistant and teacher aide pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.
- b. Approve the appointment of Kathy Moore to serve as a consultant to the District, providing support and assistance in the review of district data and related matters, at an hourly rate of \$75.00.
- c. Approve the probationary appointment of Michael Reusser to the full-time 12 month civil service position of Mechanic at an hourly rate of \$27.50, granted vacation time based on year two of the BVSSA agreement, effective on or about November 3, 2025 with a 120 day probationary period commencing on or about November 3, 2025 and anticipated to end on May 28, 2026.
- d. Approve the appointment of Diana McGuigan, Teaching Assistant, per the Feinerman agreement for the 2025-26 school year.
- e. Approve the appointment of the following employee(s) to serve as OASIS teacher(s) for the 2025-26 school year paid at their hourly rate through the Extended School Day Grant:
 - i. Zoe Brugger

- f. Approve the appointment of the following employee(s) to serve as Family Literacy and Math Night support for the 2025-26 school year paid at their hourly rate through the Adirondack Foundation Grant:
 - i. Joseph (Stites) McDaniel
 - ii. Julie Bisselle
- g. Approve the appointment of the following employee(s) to serve as tutor(s) per the current BVFT agreement for the 2025-26 school year:
 - i. Zoe Brugger
 - ii. Jason Fiegl
 - iii. Samantha Meachem-Hughes
 - iv. Erica Loher
 - v. Julie Bisselle
 - vi. Ellen Kiely
 - vii. Eric Schultz
- h. Approve the following extra-curricular appointment(s) and stipend(s) per the current BVFT agreement for the 2025-26 school year:
 - i. Weightlifting Coach - Paul Buehler
- i. Approve the following employee(s) to be compensated up to an additional 30 minutes per day at their hourly rate for morning and/or afternoon student bus duty for the 2025-26 school year:
 - i. Brad Egglefield
 - ii. Shannon Baumann
 - iii. Jason Colby
- j. Approve the appointment of the following as detention monitor(s) for the 2025-2026 per the current BVFT agreement for the 2025-26 school year:

i. Jackie Chan-Seng	viii. Lily Whalen
ii. Ellen Saccone	ix. Robyn LePage
iii. Erica Loher	x. Zachary Micholas
iv. Karen Reynolds	xi. Samantha Meachem-Hughes
v. Marci Oiver	xii. Kayla Dempsey
vi. Zoe Brugger	xiii. Rhonda Sloper
vii. Kristen Larkin	

Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Welch Yes:6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

15. Policy

- a. Committee update - the committee reported that it has met, established a plan of work, and initiated a review of all District policies.

16. Administrator/Director Report

- a. MVC Principal, Elaine Dixon-Cross - remarked on five-week benchmark, field trips, fall sport Senior Nights, and emergency drills.

17. Board Discussion

- a. Old Business
 - i. Future of facilities discussion postponed.

Discussion ensued regarding the support for the recommendation from the Facilities Committee and NYSED funding.

b. New Business

i. Agenda revisions.

Discussion regarding the addition of the District Vision to board meetings.

ii. Public comment procedures.

Discussion regarding public comment policy and proposed suggestions to the Policy Committee.

iii. Committee updates.

Discussion regarding updates that committee members will provide at meetings.

iv. Upward Bound Program

Discussion regarding the termination of the Upward Bound Program.

During discussion of the Upward Bound Program, a motion was made to draft a letter from the Board of Education in support of the program and to express concern regarding the negative impacts of its termination.

Motion: Welch Second: Spaulding Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

18. Superintendent's Update - see attached.

a. Superintendent's Report

i. Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Development Timetable as presented.

Motion: Welch Second: Broderick Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

b. District Grants Update: ESSA, ESD, 611/619, Title I/II/IV, UPK.

c. Capital Project Update.

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Jason Fiegl remarked on the District and administration.

Andrew Denton thanked the Board for their support of the Upward Bound Program.

Kristin Fiegl commended a student for their advocacy efforts related to program funding.

Alyssa Carroll commented on public comment procedure.

Ryan Hathaway inquired about property tax exemptions for veterans.

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In: 7:48 PM

Motion: CotterSaltamach

Second: Spaulding

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

Out: 8:44 PM

Motion: CotterSaltamach

Second: Broderick

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No action taken.

21. Next Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 6:00 PM, at the Lake View Campus
- b. Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6:00 PM, at the Mountain View Campus

22. Adjournment

Time: 8:48 PM

Motion: Broderick

Second: CotterSaltamach

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Accept

Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Date approved by the BOE: November 12, 2025

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk