

Boquet Valley CSD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Mountain View Campus - Elizabethtown, NY
Unofficial Minutes

1. **Call to Order** **At: 6 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 [X] Paul Fenton [X] Darlene Hooper
[X] Sarah Kullman [X] Debra Spaulding [A] Jason Welch [X] Sadie Burgess

5. **Attendees**

Present:

Dr. Joshua Meyer, Superintendent
Bridget Belzile, District Clerk

Hayden Reidy, Business Manager
Melisa Lucia, Treasurer

Visitors:

Sarah Rice
Bob Rice
Jim Jackson
Stites McDaniel
Angela Wallace
Paul Hooper
Patti Doyle
Mike Doyle
Mary Lou Morgan

Sheera Broderick
Donald Beaton
Brooke Beaton
Andrya Heller
Julie Bisselle
Mary McGowan
Olive Stewart
Andrew Denton
John Looby

6. **Recognition of Courage**

Dr. Meyer recognized staff members and students for their courage in an adverse situation.

7. **Capital Project Update - see attached.**

a. Resolution - Lead Agency Designation

WHEREAS, the Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education is considering to undertake a capital project within the District that involves renovations, reconstruction and improvements to its existing Middle School/High School building, the

decommissioning of the current K-5 facility, construction of a 22,000 +/- square foot elementary classroom addition to the existing 95,000 +/- square foot Middle School/High School facility, and related site work including new and reconstructed parking areas and walkways, and upgrades to the existing on-site septic field, hereinafter referred to as the Boquet Valley Central School District Capital Project (the “Project”); and
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and
WHEREAS, to aid the District in determining whether undertaking the Project may have a significant impact upon the environment, the District, with the assistance of BCA Architects Engineers, has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form (the “EAF”) with respect to the Project, a copy of which is on file in the office of the District; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and 6 NYCRR §617.5, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted Action;
WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted Action is optional, and was not undertaken by the Board of Education; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

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

b. Resolution - Adoption Of Negative Declaration

WHEREAS, the Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education is considering to undertake a capital project within the District that involves renovations, reconstruction and improvements to its existing Middle School/High School building, the decommissioning of the current K-5 facility, and construction of a 22,000 +/- square foot elementary classroom addition to the existing Middle School/High School facility, hereinafter referred to as the Boquet Valley Central School District Capital Project (the “Project”); and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4);
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has also caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) – Parts 1, 2 and 3, to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and has reviewed the aforesaid SEAF and agrees with the contents thereof; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and BCA Architects Engineers, the Board of Education hereby determines that the proposed Project is an Unlisted Action under the SEQRA Regulations; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon the information contained in the SEAF, and other relevant information, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines

that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment, and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

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

8. Board Discussion

a. Old Business

i. Tax Exemption Proposals:

Information provided on the discussed possible propositions. The Board clarified that any exemptions would be put out to a public vote for the community to decide.

b. New Business

i. Committee updates:

Joint Study continued discussion regarding NYS Portrait of Graduation implementation.

Youth Commission notes the conclusion of the winter season and preparing for the Spring season.

Policy Committee updated the policy revisions included on the agenda.

9. 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.

Floor was opened for public comment, none voiced.

10. Executive Session

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

- a. (#6) To discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or persons.
- b. (#8) To discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

In: 6:16 PM Motion: Broderick Second: Fenton Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

Out: 7:28 PM Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Feton Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No action taken.

- a. Motion to return to regular session at 7:30 PM

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

11. Ex Officio Student School Board Member Report - see attached.

12. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- a. Approve the revision of the agenda, removing item 22. Execution Session

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

- b. Approve the adoption of the agenda.
c. Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented.

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

13. Financials

- a. Approve the following financial reports:
i. Payroll Distribution Report dated 01/01/2026 & 01/31/2026
ii. Warrant 0045-AP dated 01/23/2026
iii. Warrant 0042
iv. Revenue Status Report dated 01/31/2026
v. Budget Status Report dated 01/31/2026

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

14. 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: Fenton Second: CotterSaltamach Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

15. Action Items - Consent Agenda

- a. Accept and approve the proposed licensing and maintenance fee for the 2026-2027 school year as received from Educational Data Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,050.
b. Approve the Section VII Combining of Teams Application with Keene CSD for the combining of Flag Football for the 2025-2026 school year.
c. Approve the Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) agreement(s) from the ~~Stearn~~ Stern Center as presented for students identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).

Motion: CotterSaltamach Second: Spaulding Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept
Discussion regarding the combining of Flag Football teams and the number of expected participants.

16. Personnel - Consent Agenda

- a. Accept and approve the letters of resignation as submitted by:

- i. Scott Holland, Driver/Maintenance, effective January 23, 2026.
 - ii. Dennis Mitchell, Part-Time Bus Driver, effective January 14, 2026.
- b. Approve the appointment of Scott Holland to the full-time (10-month) civil service position of Bus Driver, effective January 26, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$21.00, with a 120-day probationary period effective on December 8, 2025, through approximately June 24, 2026, fingerprint clearance on file.
- c. Approve the following substitute at the current substitute(s) rate unless otherwise noted:
 - i. Dennis Mitchell, Bus Driver, effective January 15, 2026
- d. Approve the appointment of Eric Schultz as OASIS Program Assistant at the hourly rate of \$20.00 paid through the Extended School Day Grant, effective January 22, 2026.
- e. Approve the following extracurricular appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - i. David Kirkby, Golf Volunteer Assistant (no stipend)
 - ii. John Looby, Senior Class Chaperone
 - iii. Krisen Larkin, Senior Class Chaperone
- f. Approve the following employee(s) to be compensated at their hourly rate for their participation in TA Academy for the 2025-26 school year:

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| i. Jean Dickerson | iv. Marci Oliver |
| ii. Codia Crandall | v. Kristy Quaglietta |
| iii. Serene Holland | vi. Brandy Rosselli |
| | vii. Kelly Gough |
- g. Accept and approve the letter of request submitted by Adele Jesmer for maternity leave with an anticipated start date of April 27, 2026 and an anticipated end date of June 26, 2026.
- h. 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. Julie Bisselle

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

17. Policy

- a. As recommended by the BVCS Policy Committee, approve the revision of policies:
 - i. Policy #5321 - District Credit Card Use
 - ii. Policy #5410 - Purchasing: Competitive Bidding And Offering
 - iii. Policy # 5661 - Wellness
- b. As recommended by Erie I Policy Services, approve the revision of policies:
 - i. Policy #1620 - Annual Organizational Meeting
 - ii. Policy #1640 Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots
 - iii. Policy #7513 Medication and Personal Care Items
 - iv. Policy #7521 Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis

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

18. Administrator/Director Report

- a. Lake View Campus Principal - Lee Kyler - see attached.

19. Superintendent's Update

- a. Superintendent's Report - see attached.
- b. District Grants Update: ESSA, ESD, 611/619, Title I/II/IV, UPK - see attached.

20. Public Comment

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21. Next Meeting

- a. Budget Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00 PM Mountain View Campus.
- b. Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2026, 6:00 PM Lake View Campus.

22. Executive Session

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~~In: Motion: Second: Yes: No: Abstain: Accept Reject Table~~

~~Out: Motion: Second: Yes: No: Abstain: Accept Reject Table~~

23. Adjournment

Time: 8:06 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:

Bridget Belzile, District Clerk