

**UNATEGO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
TENTATIVE
APRIL 28, 2015
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:30 P.M.
UNATEGO MS/SR HIGH SCHOOL
ROOM #93**

1. ROUTINE MATTERS

- 1.1 Call to order**
- 1.2 Roll Call**
- 1.3 Pledge**
- 1.4 Adopt Agenda**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- 4.1 Approve BOCES proposed Administrative Budget (4-28-15 G1)**
- 4.2 Approve BOCES Board Members (4-28-15 G2)**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

8. ADJOURN

4.1

4-28-15 G1

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$2,168,698.

4.2

4-20-15 G2

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby cast a vote for three (3) of the following DCMO BOCES Board member candidates: Judith Breese, Jermaine Bagnall-Graham, Vanessa Warren and David Cruikshank as presented.

DCMO BOCES BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE INFO

1. Judith Breese

Judy was first elected to the DCMO BOCES Board of Education July 1, 2009. She has been a resident of Walton since 1977 and has been on the Walton Central School Board of Education since 1997, serving as its President since 2002. Judy is a speech-language pathologist and works for the Delaware County Public Health's Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs. She has also worked at Broome and Monroe Developmental Services and in private practice serving children and adults. From 1991-1996, Judy worked for DCMO BOCES, serving students with a variety of disabilities in the Oxford and Guilford areas, as well as at the Harrold Campus.

2. Jermaine Bagnall-Graham

I have been a resident of Sherburne for the past 10 years, by way of Binghamton. I served in the U.S. Army for over 5 years as a Personnel Administration Specialist and was discharged honorably. I have a 5 year-old son (Lyndan, who is in Kindergarten at Sherburne-Earlville elementary), a 3 year-old daughter (Iris, who will be entering Pre-K in the Fall) and am approaching my eight year anniversary with my beautiful wife, Annette, who grew up in Sherburne.

Currently, I am an Information Technology EPIC Certified Builder/Analyst with the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. I have earned a B.S. in Communication Arts from the SUNY College at Oneonta and a Masters in Public Administration from Binghamton University.

3. Vanessa Warren

Vanessa was first elected to the Afton Central School Board in 1999. She served as Vice-President for 10 years and was elected President in 2014. She represented the district at the Chenango County School Boards Association for 6 years and served as president for 3 terms. For many years, she also served as MC for the Legislative Breakfast joint program with DCMO BOCES and the CCSBA.

She runs her own tax, bookkeeping and accounting business and has worked primarily with non-profits, small businesses and individual clients in Broome and Chenango Counties. Vanessa and her husband have lived in the Afton district since 1992.

4. David Cruikshank

OV-Class of 1974, Married: Wife, Tina; Son, Cole
OVCS BOE: 2005-2011, BOE President: 2008-2011

Major achievements:

During my time on the OVCS BOE, the financial climate began to change. The first couple of years saw routine tax levy request in the 5-7% range. After repeated difficulty in passing a budget, it became apparent that this type of levy increase would not be tolerated by our tax paying voters. With the help of our Superintendent, staff, and students we achieved a balance that everyone could be comfortable with. This was accomplished with staff cuts around fiscal planning without dramatically affecting our academic programs or fund balances. This was also the time that we began the difficult process of convincing our voters that our Georgetown Elementary School would have to be closed sometime in the near future with a building project at the Junior Senior High School in South Otselic. Although this proposal was voted down initially, it set the stage for the following BOE to achieve this much needed goal as we no longer could afford to fund two buildings twelve miles apart with a declining enrollment. I was fortunate to be a fellow BOE member with some outstanding individuals that joined together to produce a very productive BOE. My experience with a small school environment should prove valuable to a BOCES board.

I believe in the times of financial instability it is going to be essential for our schools to explore any and all opportunities to share services, technology, etc. We should also help to improve communications between our schools to not only share services but perhaps extend this to convey ideas, thoughts, goals, and achievements. Together, I believe our schools will succeed. I believe it will be much tougher if schools are forced or choose to go it alone.

If I am fortunate enough to be considered as a BOCES Board member, I would listen, learn, and do my best to communicate effectively across all the component districts.