

Charter School for Applied Technologies

Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2025



Public Comments

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Berti recognized that Mr. Lyle has determined a retirement date and thanked him for his work and service at CSAT. Mr. Cinquino also recognized Mr. Lyle for his efforts and accomplishments.

Minutes

- Minutes from 10.14.2025
 - Motion to Approve – Mr. Kottakis
 - Second – Mr. Carlo
 - Motion approved.

Presentation:

- **Athletics Update:** Mr. Burzynski gave an update about CSAT athletics. He discussed the various sports offered at CSAT. CSAT is adding football, with Maritime, Tapestry – mod A football team, 7-9th grades. There is a Varsity team at the 10-12th grades. There is also a flag football team (club) currently at the high school. Overall participation is up on the sports teams. Recognized the cross-country student who is currently going to states for track/cross country, Tadios Eyasu (senior). Mr. Burzynski thanked the board for their support of the athletics program at CSAT.
- Mr. Berti discussed the consideration for football as part of how we keep our students at CSAT. Mr. Burzynski brought up the possibilities of being able to create a culture as a part of this investment.

Administrative Reports – Mr. Lyle

- **Administrative Report** – Mr. Lyle
 - Mr. Lyle presented a personal message for the board and teachers at CSAT from Dion Dawkins of the Buffalo Bills. Susan Gibbons was here and Mr. Lyle had a meeting with her; she will be back in the spring. She clarified that there is no “rubric” – it’s just a measurement, a formula, a method of calculating Benchmark 1. Over the term of the charter period the ELA and Math scores must be 45% - district of location. So all board approved charters in NYS are using the same calculation for Benchmark 1. We are down to 19 uncertified teachers from 35. We are in close contact with the teachers, working with them. Can only apply a “waiver” to a teacher for **one** year. Many schools are having a hard time making progress with this certification issue.
- **Principal’s Report** - Mrs. Jurewicz
 - Mrs. Jurewicz discussed an overview of what has been going on at the elementary school. Reviewed the PD from August. New program for SEL – Seven Mindsets – focuses on the climate and S/E indicators of our students, focus on the social emotional aspects that get students ready for every school day. Building the “Guiding Coalition” as the roll out for changes in PLC, essential learning, and culture. Use of data for intervention with students through the PLC. Ongoing struggle is transportation, takes up a lot of time.
 - Community events: K-5 carnival, K-5 movie night, donations of 100 backpacks, Braids, Fades, & Waves, Buffalo Bills pep assembly, 5th grade middle school experience, Fall Festival (PTO), Pink Day, Celebration of Reading, Snow Day field trip (aquarium), greenhouse collaborations, 6 head start pre-school events, planetarium experience for grade 3, preschool tour visit for those interested in CSAT.

Permanent Board Committees

- **Quality Assurance** – Ms. Pasieka
 - Ms. Pasieka discussed data from the ES, the MS, and the HS. Making sure the students have what they need to move onto the next grade level. Discussed the culture and climate program (7 mindsets) at the ES and reviewed the survey given to students. Reviewed the data for beginning of year academics in reading and math. Discussed oral reading fluency. Discussed increasing

trends and chronic absenteeism for the ES. Working on bringing in parents/families as partners and increasing communication with home through meetings and personal phone calls.

- Brief updates from the MS and HS and alignment to keep all schools on the same page.
- **Finance** – None
- **Career Readiness** – None
- **PTO** – Mr. Campbell
 - Mr. Campbell discussed Fall Fest (10/18). There were 16 staff volunteers, 25 student volunteers, 10 volunteers from M&T, 6 PTO members. Pumpkins, tattoos, gaming truck, trunk or treat, donuts and cider, bounce houses, picture booth. Ended up with 300 students, 145 parents/family members. Next event is a meat raffle in the spring. Would like as many people as possible to donate and become a member.

Ad Hoc Board Committees

- **Appeals** – Mr. Donnelly
 - Mr. Loveria noted that there was one appeal that was declined, related to aggressive conduct at the HS.

Old Business

- **None.**

New Business

- **Enrollment** – Mr. Loveria
 - We are at 2296. Continuing to recruit and get CSAT's name out. Empower Schools recently visited the HS and the NYS Director of Community Relations. The HS was honored in the report by Empower Schools as one of the schools in their report for the ECCP program. Discussion of the process of accessing and calling on students on the waiting list.
- **Personnel Report** – Mr. Lyle
- Mr. Lyle discussed the personnel report.
 - Motion to Approve – Mr. Kottakis
 - Second – Mr. Cinquino
 - Motion approved.

5:38pm - Executive session

Motion – Mr. Cinquino

Second – Mr. Carlo

Executive session – The Board exited executive session at 6:50 with no decisions requiring Board approval or vote taking occurring. Motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 6:50pm by John Cinquino, seconded by Lisa Smith. Meeting adjourned.

Agenda Setting

Next meeting is **December 9, 2025**

Attendance in person: Joseph Berti, Bryan Carlo, Andrea Pasioka, John Cinquino, Steve Kottakis, Jason Campbell

Others: Andy Lyle, Ann Morgante, Garrick Loveria, Tanya Moore, Lindsey Harrington, Sue Jurewicz, Patrick Heyden, Brett Lutterbein, Dara Seeley, Chris Bigouette, Shane Lynch, Nicole Killion, Tara Jefferson, Lindsay Gress