

Charter School for Applied Technologies

Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026



Public Comments Minutes

- Minutes from 01.13.2026
 - Motion to Approve – Andrea Pasiaka
 - Second – Kevin Cornacchio
 - Motion approved.

Presentation:

- 7 Mindsets – Mr. Sterns, K-5 Asst. Principal
- Mr. Sterns highlighted the strengths of the program 7 Mindsets, an SEL program that the ES is using to prepare students for learning.
 - Attendance, behavior, engagement, resilience, belonging are conditions for learning
 - Daily culture, explicit instruction, and data (“insights” or measurement) – three components that work together as a whole
 - Students’ social emotional readiness to support learning, strong collaborative language
 - Mental health lessons delivered by counselors (“Base Curriculum”)
 - Differentiated K-2, 3-5, curtailed to the developmental age of students
 - Students take a baseline Insights assessment at the beginning of year and at the end as well to measure essential social emotional skills such as self-awareness, feelings about safety, feelings about culture, climate, and sense of belonging. The assessment yields data to monitor the impact of the program.
 - Mr. Sterns responded to some questions about how the program is used and how the program is communicated with parents. The vision is to support the teachers to be able to have these conversations alongside counselors and social workers.

Administrative Reports – Mr. Lyle

- **Administrative Report** – Mr. Loveria
 - **Recruitment:** Visit today went really well and the Council Member (Vincent Cully) from Niagara Falls was impressed with what CSAT is doing in many areas especially in areas of career readiness.
 - **Susan Gibbons** will visit on March 18. She plans to be at CSAT all day, waiting for an itinerary.
 - **Community concern** with traffic flow: BPS and Tonawanda PD were contacted and some improvements were made as a result.
- **Principal’s Report** - Mrs. Jurewicz
 - Mrs. Jurewicz reported about the progress at the ES in various areas of importance.
 - **Attendance:** youngest students are struggling the most with attendance, trying to push the parents and inform them of the importance of school attendance.
 - **Behavior:** ES adopted the RALPH Code of Conduct this year. In process of organizing and adapting the way the high school uses behavior data. Seeking information from the staff to look at the data in a strategic way; meetings with the staff are occurring now.
 - **Tier 2 Practices:** Looking at behavior data to see which students need which supports. Goes hand in hand with 7 Mindsets program. Mrs. Jurewicz described the 6 approaches to support students in meeting the behavior and SEL thresholds – HUG, SAIG groups, Check and Connect, Informal Counseling, Mandated Counseling, Gateway Counseling (therapeutic counseling during the school day)
 - **Tier 3 Practices:** Students who have specific targeted behaviors that are tracked and monitored due to high, intense needs. Measures: Behavior Intervention Plans, Student Support Plans, Safety Plans
 - Some discussion about what would cause a suspension for an elementary school student and the measures taken to support the student and the parents.

- **PLC Implementation:** Mrs. Jurewicz discussed a summary of where the K-5 building is regarding working in PLCs. All essential learnings are identified for ELA and Math and teams are in process of deconstruction of these. ES has a Guiding Coalition as required by CSAT K-12 goals – team meets every two weeks after school to ensure continued support of program.
- **Middle of the Year Testing:** Still in progress, due to be finished for the end of this week (2/13). NYS Simulation assessments provided opportunities for use of the software as a teaching tool for how to take the assessment online. Will also take NYS practice assessments. NYS Assessment Preparation plan using last year's data and projections for current year. Implementation of techniques and strategies during instruction.
- **Schoolwide activities and events** were highlighted from November to February. Many events brought by Lindsay Gress in support of the career focus of CSAT as a whole.

Permanent Board Committees

- **Quality Assurance** – None
- **Finance** – Mr. Cinquino (executive)
- **Career Readiness** – None
- **PTO** – Mr. Campbell
 - We are working on the meat raffle, is being postponed for about a month. We are doing a movie night for K-5, date TBD and a skate party – date TBD.

Ad Hoc Board Committees

- **Appeals** – Mr. Donnelly – 1 appeal that was denied.

Old Business

- **Transportation** (*executive*)

New Business

- **Enrollment** – Mr. Loveria p. 5 - We are 6 students up from last month. We are still taking new students for the year.
- **Personnel Report** – Mr. Loveria
 - Mr. Loveria discussed the personnel report.
 - Motion to Approve – Ian Donnelly
 - Second – Lisa Smith
 - Motion approved.

5:37 pm - Executive session to discuss matters related to Contracts and Personnel.

- Motion – John Cinquino
- Second – Bryan Carlo
- Motion approved

Motion to leave executive session with no items requiring Board approval and adjourn.

- Motion –
 - Second –
- Meeting adjourned at pm.

Agenda Setting

Next meeting is **March 10, 2026**

Attendance in person: Joseph Berti, Bryan Carlo, Andrea Pasioka, John Cinquino, Steve Kottakis, Jason Campbell, Kevin Cornacchio, Ian Donnelly, Lisa Smith

Others: Garrick Loveria, Tanya Moore, Ann Morgante, Sue Jurewicz, Brett Lutterbein, Dara Seeley, Sarah Monaco, Chris Bigouette, Lindsay Gress, Shane Lynch, Dan Scholze, Nicole Killion, Tara Puff