

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Special Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**April 17, 2013**

### Minutes

#### *Call to Order*

President Leonard King called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and Richard LaVigne led the pledge of allegiance.

#### *Members Present*

☒ Eric Anderson  
☒ April Bingel  
☐ Cathy Buckley

☒ Leonard King  
☒ Richard LaVigne  
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Debbie Passno  
☐ Pauline Stone  
☒ Steve Trombley

#### *Others Present*

☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools  
☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive  
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

#### *Visitors*

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Ken Maurer                      Gary Gudz                      Patty LaFlam  
Stephen LaFlam                Holly Sims

#### *Resignation*

*Fox, Diane  
Principal*

#### Resignation

It was moved by Debbie Passno, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Diane Fox as Principal of the Beekmantown High School effective June 30, 2013.

#### Miscellaneous

*2013-2014  
Budget Work  
Session*

- *2013-2014 Budget Work Session*

The Superintendent informed the Board he has readjusted the proposed 2013-2014 budget from the 4/9/13 budget work session to the following:

- Federal Sequestrations buffer amount was estimated at 20%, now it's projected at 10%.
- The tax levy increase was estimated at 4.22% (\$770,145), now it's estimated at 3.5% (\$638,715).
- NYS Teachers' Retirement System and NYS Employees Retirement System was recalculated based on retirees, new hires, attrition and breakage savings.
- The resulting budget to budget increase was estimated at 2.9%, now it's projected at 1.89%.
- The estimated tax rate was reduced from \$17.48 per 1,000 to \$17.36 per 1,000.
- Real Property Taxes were estimated at \$19,024,589 and now at \$18,893,157.
- The same amount of fund balance is still used in this proposed budget at \$1,065,000.
- The total proposed budget is now \$37,642,566 down from \$37,773,998.

The School Business Executive stated the Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors savings will be brought to the next Board meeting. The savings is a result of movement to Plan B health coverage.

Board Member Richard LaVigne requested an administrator position be added for the Special Education Department. If the district doesn't make APPR, then we will lose State Aid and the administrator is dedicating 53% of their year to APPR. Mr. LaVigne reminded the Board of the accumulated savings received over the last two years because of efficiencies identified and implemented within the department due to the expertise and leadership by the administrator. Considerable discussion ensued on a CoSER with BOCES, APPR Plan Deadline, restructuring, and dividing the APPR load amongst administrators. Mr. LaVigne commented he would like to see how the administrator's 80 people for APPR can be farmed out.

The School Business Executive informed the Board that the Board was voting on the spending plan. The tax rate is established at the end of July when the final assessment roll is completed. The Board has until August to finalize the Tax Levy.

Board Member Eric Anderson requested the district use one-half of the increase in State Aid to reduce the tax levy to 2.9%. Following discussion, this request was not supported by the Board due to projections for next year, safety issues, technology, art, music, athletics, and underfunded sick buyout.

Board Member Ed Marin suggested any savings realized through negotiations be expended or expensed to increase the UPK Program because the return of investment is very high.

The School Business Executive informed the Board that the district's Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve is approximately \$3.6 million with only \$1.7 million put aside in reserves. The district is approximately \$1.9 million short. The estimated sequestration decrease was based on e-mails received last Friday and earlier this week.

Board Member Richard LaVigne commented that he would not support the budget without increasing administrator's to address APPR.

### **Clerk Pro-Tem**

*Clerk Pro-Tem*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that Leonard King be and is hereby appointed as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

### **Executive Session**

*Executive Session  
(to discuss a  
particular person(s)  
employment history  
& collective  
bargaining  
negotiations)*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and collective bargaining negotiations. Time 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 7:48 pm.

### **Adjournment**

*Adjournment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leonard King, Clerk Pro-tem