

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Work Session

Place: MS/HS Library

May 22, 2007

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

at: 6:16 p.m. by: Stan Kourofsky

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue (<i>absent</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes (<i>absent</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member (<i>arrived at 7:02 p.m.</i>)		

Also Present Ron Clamser, Jr. Garth Frechette Sue Coonrod Diane Fox Ed Cook

Visitors Pati Gallagher Lucy Giroux Earl Burnell Nancy Cote David Witkowski
Brian Kim Emily Son Janny Nguyen

2. Public Comment

(None at this time)

3. Reports/Presentations

(this section was done at 7:15 p.m. after Timothy Palmer arrived)

Topic: Survey Draft for MS/HS Extra-Curricular Activities

Presenter: Timothy Palmer

Timothy Palmer reported to the Board regarding the different types of Extra-Curricular clubs that exist. For each club, he gave a summary of how many members, types of officers, how often they meet, and if they follow NY State guidelines for Extra-curricular clubs. The Board requested Mr. Palmer introduce the new Student Council President at the first regular Board meeting in June.

4. New Business

6:18 p.m.

A. Personnel

Appointments

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the following three year probationary appointment as indicated:

Teacher	Tenure Area	Certification		Probationary Period	Salary
		Area	Form		
Cesar, Anna	Art	Art	Permanent	9/1/07 – 8/31/10	\$42,218

Motion: RL Seconded: LK Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

5. Miscellaneous

6:19 p.m.

A. Review of Instructional Programs Grades K-12 with Building Principals

Instructional Status Reports Grades 6-12

Elementary Textbooks (*Revised 4/16/07*)

MS/HS Textbooks (*Revised 4/18/07*)

MS/HS Required Reading (*Revised 3/21/07*)

MS/HS Supplemental Reading (*Revised 3/21/07*)

Software K-12 (*Revised 3/29/07*)

GED & Life Skills (*Revised 3/21/07*)

Discussion: The Board asked the Administrators questions regarding the curriculum project. Ms. Armstrong asked Mr. Frechette what the role of the Administrators was. Mr. Frechette replied they were involved from time to time to consult with the Department Chairs. Ms. Armstrong asked if he would support if the Board moved on this item. Mr. Frechette replied yes. Ms. Coonrod stated this is a starting point which can be added to. She said the Administrators reviewed the lists in pieces over the last 3 years. Ms. Fox stated the goal of the project is to combine the 2 Elem. Schools with a core curriculum.

Mr. LaVigne asked if supplemental materials could be used without Board approval. The Administrators replied yes. Mr. Kourofsky questioned the lack of Special Ed program in the project. Ms. Coonrod replied that Special Ed program was included but may not necessarily be listed as "Special Ed". She also

differentiated between Special Ed Services and Special Ed Program. Special Services are directed by a student's IEP.

Mr. Cook added he has submitted a middle school physical education curriculum to the Superintendent but has not heard back yet. The Board decided to move on the curriculum project after the discussion period.

Frank Hay motioned to adopt the Instructional Programs Grades K-12 as listed:

*Instructional Status Reports Grades 6-12
Elementary Textbooks (Revised 4/16/07)
MS/HS Textbooks (Revised 4/18/07)
MS/HS Required Reading (Revised 3/21/07)
MS/HS Supplemental Reading (Revised 3/21/07)
Software K-12 (Revised 3/29/07)
GED & Life Skills (Revised 3/21/07)*

Richard LaVigne seconded.

Motion: FH Seconded: RL Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

B. Discussion of Softball Fields with Athletic Director

Discussion: Mr. Cook reported on the poor condition of the softball fields. He was surprised to find the fields are not skinned. Mr. Cook has spoken with several people familiar with this type of work and is waiting to hear back on the cost. His estimate is about \$4,000 per field for 2 fields. The Town of Beekmantown may share the cost. The fields also need new fencing. Ms. Armstrong questioned the legality of spending school money on Town fields. Dr. Palmer and Mr. Trombley said it's been done in the past without being a problem. Ms. Armstrong asked if this would be a Capital Fund or General Fund expenditure. Mr. Clamser replied he believed the intent was a General Fund expenditure out of the athletic or buildings & grounds budget. Mr. Cook will report back to the Board with cost estimates.

The discussion turned toward the football field relocation and or repairs. Mr. Cook doesn't see a need to spend money to repair the field if it will eventually be moved. Dr. Palmer is uncomfortable with fixing softball fields that are not on school property while the football field which is on school property has been substandard for so many years. Dr. Palmer requested the football field relocation become a priority in the 5 year capital plan. The Board agreed by consensus not to spend money on fixing the field, rather make the relocation a priority as Dr. Palmer requested.

6. Financial 7:20 p.m.

Review of the financial reports:

*Appropriation Status Report – (April)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (April)
Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (April)
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (April)
Trial Balance – (April)
Warrant Report – (April)
Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (April)*

Discussion: Dr. Palmer asked why there was a negative balance for Incarcerated Youth on the Appropriations Status Report. Mr. Clamser replied the Incarcerated Youth program is grant funded and the journal entries most likely haven't been recorded yet. Mr. LaVigne asked about the rental expense on the Treasurer's Revenue Report. Mr. Clamser explained this was rental income and not expense. The Board agreed to move the Financial Reports to the next meeting for a vote.

7. Additional Items to Discuss 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kourofsky asked for Board direction regarding the community piece of the Superintendent search. The Board agreed that interested community members can submit their names to be drawn by lotto to fill remaining seats on the search committee. Mr. Trombley would get the word out to the various Fire Departments, Dr. Palmer will notify the Farm Bureau, and Mr. Kourofsky will notify other community groups. A notice will also be posted on the district website. Mr. Kourofsky will notify the Booster Club, BMA, FSO, and PTO groups and request a representative from each to serve on the Superintendent search committee.

Ms. Armstrong asked about the draft Board minutes that were in the Board packets. She asked why a statement that she made at the last Board meeting was not in the minutes. Mr. Clamser replied that he made reference to the statement, but did not include it because of its length. He said he would be happy to add the statement if she could email it to him. Ms. Armstrong said she would. Mr. Clamser asked the Board for direction in how much detail they would like included in the minutes. Mr. Kourofsky said the Board would discuss it at the next retreat.

Executive Session (to discuss pending litigation and personnel)

In: 7:47 p.m. Motion: RL Seconded: FH Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

Out: 8:19 p.m. Motion: FH Seconded: RL Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

8. Late Item Agenda 8:19 p.m.

Resolve that the Board of Education approve the separation agreement waiver and general release with the Beekmantown Central School District and Mark A. Sposato, Superintendent of Schools and that the Board President be allowed to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion: RL Seconded: LK

Roll Call

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Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

Resolve that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Derrigo to act as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Beekmantown Central School District at the per diem rate of \$500, on a day-to-day basis as determined by the Board of Education and to include a district vehicle with commencement date of May 29, 2007.

Motion: RL Seconded: KA

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Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

Resolved that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute a letter with the Pyramid Champlain Company & Champlain Centre North LLC regarding the Tax Certiorari litigation.

Motion: LK Seconded: GP Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

9. Adjournment 8:22 p.m.

Motion: GP Seconded: FH Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

Ron Clamser, Jr.
District Clerk