

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Work Session

Place: MS/HS Library

April 24, 2007

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

at: 5:48 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley (<i>arrived at 6:07p.m.</i>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member		

Also Present: Mark Sposato Ron Clamser Gary Lambert Scott Cutaia Mike Nystoriak
Kathie Johnston Julie Moschelle Alison Brown John Chapman Sue Coonrod
Sandra Gardner Diane Fox

Visitors: Pati Gallagher Lucy Giroux Sharon Nephew Dave Witkowski Cheryl Turner
Kara Turner Josh Turner Earl Burnell

2. Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a particular person or person's employment history.

In: 5:49 p.m. Motion: RL Seconded: FH Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

Mr. Trombley arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Out: 6:18 p.m. Motion: RL Seconded: KA Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 (Accept Reject Table)

3. Reports/Presentations 6:18 p.m.

Topic: Overview of Instructional Programs Grades K-12

Presenters: Curriculum Council

Dr. Sposato distributed revised copies prior to the presentation. Dr. Sposato introduced the members of the Curriculum Council who were on hand to answer questions to the Board. The members of the Curriculum Council include:

Area

Chair

Business, Driver Education & Technology

Family & Consumer Science, Health, & Physical Ed.

English Language Arts (ELA) & Library

Fine Arts: Art & Music

Languages other than English (LOTE): French & Spanish

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Name

Mark Sposato, Superintendent

Gary Lambert

Edward Cook

Scott Cutaia

Michael Nystoriak

Catherine Johnston

Julie Moschelle

Alison Brown

Jonathan Chapman

The Curriculum Council focused on identifying current curriculum offerings and the impact they have on student achievement. Specifically, the committee established baseline data in order to evaluate current programs based upon student outcomes.

The presentation included a review the following:

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)

At 7:43 the Board took a recess.

4. Miscellaneous

7:58 p.m.

- A. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve the law firm of Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, Surowka & DeWind, LLP of Binghamton, NY to provide legal services in regards to pending special education and related matters effective April 4, 2007.

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

- B. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to adopt the 2007-2008 School Calendar. *(See Attached)*

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

Discussion: Dr. Palmer asked if the Superintendent Days correspond with BOCES. Dr. Sposato replied that it was taken into consideration, but there were difficulties in accomplishing that.

- C. Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the following changes to the policy as indicated:

Name	Policy #
Charging School Meals <i>(Revision)</i>	TBA

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

Discussion: Mr. LaVigne wants to make sure that all of the kinks are worked out of the point of sale regarding delinquent accounts.

5. Financial 8:15 p.m.

- A. Review of the financial reports:

Appropriation Status Report – *(March)*

There were no questions asked of this report. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Revenue Report – *(March)*

Dr. Palmer asked why the \$750,000 has not been recorded from the Fund Balance. Dr. Palmer also asked why there was a balance of \$806,174 in the Real Property Taxes. Mr. Clamser replied that he would discuss with the District Treasurer and report back to the Board. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - *(March)*

Ms. Donahue asked if there has been any discussion to raise the prices in September. Mr. Clamser replied that there have been no discussions at this time to raise prices as the Cafeteria has been doing well. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Monthly Report – *(March)*

There were no questions asked of this report. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Trial Balance – *(March)*

There were no questions asked of this report. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Warrant Report – *(March)*

There were no questions asked of this report. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

Extra-Curricular Activities Account – *(March)*

There were no questions asked of this report. The report is moved to the Business Meeting for approval.

- B. Recommend to the voters of the District at the Annual District Meeting on May 15, 2007 the following proposition:

Proposition III – Board of Education Election

Acceptance of four (4) petitions as listed below to fill two (2) expired five-year terms (7/1/07 to 6/30/12) on the Board of Education.

Earl B. Burnell

G. Falcon *(formally withdrew his petition)*

Stan Kourofsky

David F. Witkowski

Christopher Waterbury

Motion: RL Seconded: KA

Discussion: Mr. Falcon submitted a letter to the Board of Education to formally withdraw his petition from the ballot. The Board accepted his withdrawal.

Roll Call Vote

☒ Karen Armstrong
☒ Jane Donahue
☐ Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

☒ Frank Hay
☐ Leonard King
☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ George Palmer
☒ Steve Trombley

6. **Additional Items to Discuss** 8:23 p.m.

• Superintendent Search (Request for Proposals)

The Board had a discussion about the Superintendent search and decided not to due an RFP, but rather to pursue using BOCES. The Board also decided not to do an RFP for the Interim Superintendent but to pursue discussions with Mike Derrigo. Dr. Palmer would like to interview more than one person and see if others are interested, but he would support the direction the Board decided. The Board agreed to have a regularly advertised meeting on Monday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Craig King from CVES to initiate the Superintendent search process.

Mr. Kourofsky reminded the Board of the meeting on Thursday, April 26 to vote for the CVES Budget of nominees for the Board.

Ms. Donahue asked if there was a Board policy that addresses who has the power to grant a leave of absence without pay. Dr. Sposato mentioned that this is addressed in negotiated contracts. He stated that an extended leave with pay would be approved by the supervisor, the Superintendent, and then the Board.

Mr. Hay brought up an item that was in the Board packet from State Ed. regarding State Performance Plan Indicators. Mr. Hay asked the Board President if he had met with the Superintendent to discuss. Mr. Kourofsky replied no. Dr. Sposato said this will need to be addressed with the Board, district Administrators and the community.

The Board discussed what the contents and topics of the District Newsletter could be. Mr. Kourofsky will get with Gary Lambert to work out the format.

7. **Late Items** 9:06 p.m.

Impartial Hearing Officer

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education appoint **James Walsh** as an impartial hearing officer in reference to case number 255609.

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

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education appoint **Joan Alexander** as an impartial hearing officer in reference to case number 255766.

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

Appointments

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointments as indicated:

Name	Title	Probationary Period	Salary (04-05)	Contract
*Gebo, Norman	Custodial Worker	04/25/07 – 10/24/07	\$14,872	12 months
* Shappy, Brandon	Custodial Worker	04/25/07 – 10/24/07	\$14,872	12 months

* Pending Fingerprinting Clearance

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

8. **Adjournment** 9:10 p.m.

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