

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Work Session

Place: MS/HS Library

February 27, 2007

Time: 6:15 p.m.

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

at: 6:20 p.m.

by: Stan Kourofsky

##### A. Pledge of Allegiance

##### B. Roll Call

☐ Karen Armstrong

☒ Frank Hay

☒ Richard LaVigne

☒ Jane Donahue

☒ Leonard King

☒ George Palmer

☐ Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Steve Trombley

☒ Timothy Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

Also Present: Mark Sposato Ron Clamser Roxann Barnes Michelene DeBella

Visitors: Susan King Pat Gallagher Lucy Giroux Dave Witkowski Ann Robbins  
Earl Burnell

#### 2. Unfinished Business None at this time

#### 3. Reports/Presentations 6:20 p.m.

Project Lead the Way (HS Technology Program)

*Dr. Sposato presented Project Lead the Way due to the absence of Mr. Frechette. This is a pre-engineering course for the HS students. 1 FTE for Technology instruction is still in the budget. This would be a transition for the MS students into the HS. Dr. Sposato stated the district has the space and the finances to cover the program. If the Board accepts the curriculum, it would be implemented in one year (Sept. 08). Dr. Palmer asked what do the HS shop students currently do. Dr. Sposato said Mr. Frechette would have to answer that question. Dr. Palmer asked if technology is a requirement for regents or diploma. Dr. Sposato replied no. Dr. Palmer asked if the asbestos removal for that room is currently in the budget. Mr. LaVigne wants to know the cost difference of BOCES or having our own program.*

#### 4. Pre-Budget Public Forum 7:00 p.m.

*Ann Robbins commented about rising assessments and her hope to see the budget kept in line. She would like the Board to consider cuts to teachers & administrator contracts when they are due for renewal.*

#### 5. Reports/Presentations 7:05 p.m.

##### A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Mark A. Sposato

###### 1. Update on 2007-2008 Budget

###### a. Finances

###### 1. Revenues: Projected State Aid

*Dr. Sposato explained the projections for State Aid according to the Governor's proposed budget. There is a net gain of only \$78,000 in projected State Aid.*

###### 2. Expenditures: Projected Cost

*Dr. Sposato explained the projections for Employee Benefit costs. There is a projected additional cost of \$548,000.*

###### 3. Proposed Bus Proposition: Worksheet (Letter of Intent)

*Dr. Sposato asked the Board to give the ok to submit a letter of intent to purchase buses.  
{See: Additional Items to Discuss}*

###### 4. Building Allocation: Per Pupil

*Dr. Sposato explained these allocations are based on projected enrollment. These numbers represent the buildings base budget needs. Dr. Palmer asked about textbooks for new curriculum. Dr. Sposato replied this amount is for textbook replacements. New Curriculum purchases are under a separate code.*

*Mr. Trombley asked when does the Board get involved in making recommendations to the Budget. Dr. Sposato replied the Board is receiving all of the projections as we have them for their review and can comment and make recommendations.*

## 6. Financial

### A. Review of the financial reports: 6:28 p.m. *(This item was moved up on the Agenda)*

#### Appropriation Status Report – (January)

*There were no questions asked.*

#### Treasurer's Revenue Report – (January)

*Dr. Palmer asked what can be done with excess revenues. Mr. Clamser replied that certain restrictions apply to the use of excess revenues. These items would be approved at the Board level.*

#### Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (January)

*There were no questions asked.*

#### Treasurer's Monthly Report – (January)

*Mr. Kourofsky asked if the amounts for scholarships represented dollars received or value of grant. Mr. Clamser replied the amounts reflect actual dollars.*

#### Trial Balance – (January)

*There were no questions asked.*

#### Warrant Report – (January)

*There were no questions asked.*

#### Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (January)

*Ms. Donahue question why there were 2 Fitness Centers listed. Mr. Clamser pointed out that one is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade fitness club and the other is a BCS Fitness Center club. The Fitness Center club receives some revenue from a vending machine but has little activity.*

### B. Internal Audit Function 7:45 p.m.

*A discussion took place about the need to fulfill the Internal Audit Function. Mr. Clamser will develop an RFP for the Board to review. Mr. Clamser also gave an overview of the differences between the Internal Audit Function and the Audit Committee.*

### C. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following North Country Teacher Resource Center (NCTRC) grants and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$1,473.

Title	Amount
Cruising Kids Cuisine	\$723
Sensational Spring Science Fair	\$750

Motion: RL      Seconded: LK

Roll Call Vote:

☐ Karen Armstrong

☒ Jane Donahue

☐ Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

☒ Frank Hay

☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Richard LaVigne

☒ George Palmer

☒ Steve Trombley

Yes: 7

No:

Abstain: (Accept   Reject   Table)

## 7. Additional Items to Discuss 7:52 p.m.

### ❖ Policies

#### 1) Interscholastic Athletics Regulations 5280-R

*The changes to the Interscholastic Athletics Regulation were accepted and moved to the next Board meeting to be voted on.*

#### 2) Time-Out Room (Special Education)

*Mr. Trombley wanted to know if the current use and design of the time-out room comply with the new policy. A motion was made to accept the Time-Out Room policy as written.*

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

#### 3) School Meal Charges

*A motion was made to accept the policy as amended.*

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

4) Bomb Threats

*A motion was made to accept the policy as written.*

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

❖ Bus Purchase – Letters of Intent

*A motion was made to allow the Superintendent to send letters of intent for the purchase of buses.*

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

*Mr. Trombley also wanted to receive an update on the Climbing Wall project and if there are any reasons why it can't be moved on this year. Dr. Sposato discussed some of the problems with moving forward on the project, mainly the lack of a written curriculum.*

*Dr. Palmer asked about the possibilities of using a Pay Pal type service for Extra-curricular activities.*

8. **Executive Session** *To discuss contract negotiations.*

In: 9:05 p.m.    Motion: RL    Seconded: ST    Yes: 7    No:    Abstain: (Accept    Reject    Table)

Out: 9:22 p.m.    Motion: ST    Seconded: LK    Yes: 7    No:    Abstain: (Accept    Reject    Table)

9. **Adjournment**    *9:23 p.m.*

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