

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

May 22, 2012

Minutes

Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and Stan Kourofsky led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

☒ Karen Armstrong
☒ April Bingel
☒ Cathy Buckley

☐ Leonard King
☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne

☒ Ed Marin
☒ Pauline Stone
☒ Steve Trombley

☒ Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member (*arrived at 6:17 pm*)

Others Present

☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
☒ Diane Fox, HS Princip
☒ Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
☒ James Knight, Jr., MS Principal
☒ Tracy Corey, MS Assistant Principal
☒ Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
☒ Garth Frechette, CH Principal
☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
☒ Ed Cook, Dir. of PE, Athletics, Health & Health Services (*late*)
☒ Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
☒ Daniel Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
☒ Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
☒ Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
☐ Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Susan King
Debbie Passno
Gary Gudz
Frank Hay
Kenneth Devse
John Sims

Robert King
Renée Hall
Barb Stone
Kathy Hay
Eric Anderson
Patrick Sullivan

Holly Sims
Lucy Giroux
Micheline DeBella
Charlie Stone
Marilyn Dwyer
Ken Maurer

Parker Sims
Patty Gallagher
John Giroux
Sharon Roraback
Diane Kwarta

Approval of Agenda

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda with the addition of CPSE recommendations, instructional substitute and 15 minutes for public comment at the end of the meeting.

Public Comment

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Eric Anderson read a letter dated May 21, 2012 which was submitted to the Board of Education regarding tabling the extension of the Superintendent's contract.

Marilyn Dwyer commented that the extension of the Superintendent's contract should be tabled.

Reports

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- The Junior Prom and After Prom Festivities were held this past Saturday night. Board members Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Stone, Mr. King and I were able to attend and were again impressed with the organization for this event by Junior Class Advisors Linda Distefano and Keith LaPier as well as the overall behavior of our students. The evening continued beyond the dinner as the majority of students also attended the After Prom celebration in the high school through 4 AM. The comments from the students and staff alike were very positive and there were no incidents to report. Again, an incredible amount of volunteer work by the parent/school After Prom committee made this another successful and safe event. Through the generosity of Knight's Automotive, a reliable and safe car was again donated for drawing. This is the 5th year Knight's Automotive has donated a car to our district in support of the After Prom concept. Congratulations are in order for Miranda Arthur.
- Mrs. Leeann Short, Director of Special Services is pursuing two separate grants that, if awarded, will provide welcomed resources to our district and students. Ms. Stacy Maggy, High School Transition Coordinator, is submitting a grant application that would span three years. The first would enable the district to have the services of a part-time school Resource Officer. The Resource Officer grant, provided through SED, would enable our district to have a Resource Officer was discontinued several years ago. However, since our district is eligible to apply for School Improvement grants, we would like to seek this out again. The second grant would enable the district to have services of a Mental Health specialist specifically assigned to work with some of our special needs population students. This population is often challenged by anger, troubled home environments, attendance, and drop-out issues. In-house Mental Health services for MS/HS students could help address these and other challenges. Finally, Stacy Maggy is submitting a three-year grant application to increase opportunities for work skill development for high risk/identified students. This could involve job-site training opportunities/assignments. If approved, this could amount to \$100,000 per year for each of three years.
- I have been in conversations with an agency that helps districts arrange for placement of exchange students to our district for a school year. I completed an application of interest and learned that students placed in public schools are responsible for obtaining a Visa different from a cultural exchange Visa. The district must also register an I-17 form on the Student Exchange Visitor

Information System with the Department of Homeland Security, submit to a building inspection, and file the application fee of approximately \$1,500. This entire process could take a full year.

- As a reminder, school will not be in session on May 25 – May 29. May 25 and May 29 are unused snow days and May 28 is Memorial Day. BOCES has informed our area districts that BOCES will operate on an afternoon early release on Thursday, May 25 and that BOCES will not be in session on Friday, May 25 or Monday, May 28.

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive reported on the following:

- Explained the budget transfers on the agenda.
- The district will be seeking RFP's for auditing services. The field work is completed in late July/early August.
- Discussed increases to reserve accounts and year-end budget transfers.
- Phase II of the 6.5 Million Capital Project was just submitted to SED for approval. The domestic hot water and fuel line were deleted from this Capital Project and established as two separate EXCEL Projects during the past year.
- Discussed continuing membership into the NYS CPA Society for Public Schools Committee.
- Received an invitation from NYSSBO to sit on the Task Force to rewrite the civil service exam for school business offices in New York State.

The Board concurred this is an honor and supported the School Business Executive participation with the Superintendent's approval.

Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio Student Board Member reported on the following:

- AP Exams are completed.
- The Variety Show was recently held.
- The final concerts for Band and Chorus will be this week, then they will prepare for graduation.
- Students are looking forward to the break.

The Board next discussed exit interviews for personnel. The Superintendent will submit a sample of an exit interview.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Pauline Stone, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

5/08/12 Board of Education Meeting
5/15/12 Annual Election & Budget Vote

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the committee meetings held on:

5/08/12 Audit Committee

New Business

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 5/22/12.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CPSE recommendations dated 5/22/12.

Personnel

Resignations

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following resignations on the date indicated:

Resignations

*Fragassi, Mark
Durney, Timothy
Vassar, Douglas*

Name	Position	Effective Date
Fragassi, Mark	Physical Education	5/09/12
Durney, Timothy	Teacher Aide/Student Aide	5/31/12
Vassar, Douglas	Custodial Worker	6/12/12

Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Appointments

Substitutes

Name	Type	Effective Date
Hamilton, Michelle	Non-Instructional	4/20/12
Ratliff, Shane	Non-Instructional	5/1/12
Bell, Sarah	Instructional	5/23/12

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following spring athletic appointments for the 2011-2012 season:

Spring Coaches

Sport	Name	Amount based on 2010-2011
Baseball - Modified (Team 2)	Criss, Steven	\$2,584

Miscellaneous

Superintendent's Contract Extension

Discussion followed on the Superintendent's contract extension. It was moved by April Bingel to table the extension of the Superintendent's contract for two weeks. The motion died for lack of a second.

It was then moved by April Bingel, seconded by Ed Marin that the Board enter executive session to discuss the Superintendent's contract. The motion failed for lack of a majority.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and carried, that the Board of Education hereby approves an addendum to the current employment agreement by and between Scott A. Amo, Superintendent of Schools and the Beekmantown Central School District to extend the period of employment of the Superintendent from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, and authorize the Board President to execute said addendum on behalf of the Board.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin
<input type="checkbox"/> April Bingel (abstained)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

April Bingel abstained.

Financial

Financial Reports

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

Appropriation Status Report – (March)
Revenue Status Report – (March)
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (March)
Trial Balance – (March)
Extra-Curricular – (March)

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for March 2012.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Budget Transfer Report for March 2012 and Due To & Due From Report as of March 2012.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Beekmantown Booster Club in the amount of \$2,961.50 for boys soccer uniforms.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April Bingel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following transfer over \$5,000:

Transfers

To reallocate available budget funds to accommodate 3 engine repairs
From: A1620-476-00-00 (Operation of Plant - Electricity)
To: A5510-301-00-00 (Transportation – Aided Parts)
Amount: \$25,000.00

To reallocate available budget funds to accommodate 1 more fuel refill

From: A1620-476-00-00 (Operation of Plant - Electricity)

To: A5510-307-00-00 (Transportation – Aided Diesel for Buses)

Amount: \$30,000.00

To reallocate available budget funds to accommodate teacher absences

From: A2550-490-00-00 (CSE – BOCES Services) \$80,000.00

To: A2110-140-01-00 (Substitute Teachers - BE) \$20,000.00

A2110-140-02-00 (Substitute Teachers – CH) \$20,000.00

A2110-140-11-00 (Substitute Teachers – MS) \$20,000.00

A2110-140-03-00 (Substitute Teachers – HS) \$20,000.00

To reallocate available budget funds to accommodate student medical absences

From: A2250-490-00-00 (CSE BOCES Services) \$10,000.00

To: A2110-140-09-01 (Home Teaching – Mandate Elementary) \$ 2,500.00

A2110-140-09-03 (Home Teaching – Mandate HS) \$ 7,500.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong

☒ April Bingel

☒ Cathy Buckley

☐ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Richard LaVigne

☒ Ed Marin

☒ Pauline Stone

☒ Steve Trombley

Additional Items to Discuss

• Operations Committee Update

*Operations
Committee Update*

The Board President stated the Operations Committee met with representatives from the Doge Library. The district owns the Dodge Library and the Dodge Library representatives are hopeful that when the building is sold, they could make arrangements with the new owners. There is no room for the Dodge Library to install their own water and sewer. The Operations Committee is ready to put the building on the market for sale. A resolution will be prepare for the next Board meeting allowing the district to sell the building.

• Outside Track

Outside Track

The Board President stated that due to budget constraints; the district has been putting off the maintenance of the track. The track should have been refurbished two years ago. Saranac spent \$65,000 to refurbish theirs. Our staff will do minor repairs. The Superintendent stated the warranty for the track was five years and we are going on ten years. If the district has to redo the lines, we will have to have the track recertified. The Superintendent to submit more information to the Board.

• Phase II of the Capital Project

Phase II

The Board President stated the district will receive the list of items for Phase II and some items will not be able to be completed when school was in session. Discussion also followed on the existing BAN and whether the project will be completed on time.

*Member of the
CVES Board*

- Member of the CVES Board

Richard LaVigne informed the Board he would be resigning from the CVES Board. Mr. LaVigne expressed his concerns with the Board.

Bus Engines

- Bus Engines

Pauline Stone commented that three school bus engines needed to be replaced. The bus proposition was defeated last year with an 87% State reimbursement and the district will spend approximately \$25,000 to replace these engines.

Workload

- Workload

Discussion followed on workloads in the offices (example: FOIL requests). The Superintendent explained the new APPR will consume more of the administrators time. The Educational Technology Coordinator stated School Messenger was implemented and is working nicely, thus alleviating a person from making telephone calls when a student is absent.

Exit Poll

- Exit Poll

Ed Marin reported on the Exit Poll results. He stated the district has 1,535 voters, with 588 voters completing the survey. Fifty-five voters did not vote either way on the budget.

Public Comment (15 minutes)

Public Comment

Ken Maurer, Sr. commented that he was not impressed with what he saw at tonight's meeting. He thanked Ed Marin and Stan Kourofsky for serving on the Board and wished them good luck in the future.

Debbie Passno commented that the exit poll was a good idea and some people were intimidated by the Board's presence. She suggested for the future, that forms be left for voters, use an office or other site, or have parent volunteers to man the station.

Eric Anderson commented that as a recently elected member he would like information on Phase II of the Capital Project. He has commented that he has done FOIL requests and the information was e-mailed to him. He recommended that the most common FOIL requests be posted on the district website. He commented that the district received a 33% feedback on the exit poll and that was fantastic and thanked Karen Armstrong, Pauline Stone, and Cathy Buckley for their time they devoted in doing this exist poll.

Diane Kwarta commented on the length of discussion on the outdoor track compared to the Superintendent's contract.

Marilyn Dwyer commented again on the Superintendent's contract.

Gary Gudz commented on the Superintendent's contract extension.

Clerk Pro-Tem

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Steve Trombley as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Executive Session

Executive Session (to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s))

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s). Time 8:04 pm.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 9:05 pm.

Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Trombley, President
Board of Education