

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: Auditorium

May 12, 2015

Minutes

Call to Order

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Andrew Brockway called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and Andrew Brockway led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

☒ Eric Anderson
☒ Andrew Brockway
☒ Cathy Buckley

☒ Michael Hagadorn (*arrived @ 6:18 pm*)
☒ Leonard King
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Debbie Passno
☒ Pauline Stone

☒ Jack Hurwitz, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

Others Present

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☒ Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools
☒ Gerald Blair, Interim HS Principal
☒ Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
☐ Amy Campbell, MS Principal
☒ Brittany Trybendis, MS Assistant Principal
☒ Elaine Dixon Cross, BE Principal
☒ Garth Frechette, CH Principal
☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
☒ Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
☒ Daniel Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
☒ James Chauvin, Head Bus Driver
☒ Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
☒ Eric Bell, District Treasurer
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Ted Morgan
Susan King
Patty LaFlam

Polly Tavernia
Robert Rock
Steve LaFlam

Robert King
Stella Rock
Gary Gudz

Approval of
Agenda

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It was moved by Debbie Passno, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda

Public Comment

Public Comment (10 minutes)

Reports/Presentation

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Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Updated the Board on prospective MS Assistant Principal applicants
- The courtyard is being utilized
- The CFES Flame Band was excellent
- Will be speaking tomorrow at the elementary building for career week.

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive updated the board on the grant acceptance, financial reports and bus lease on tonight's agenda.

Jack Hurwitz, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member report on the following:

- AP Exams are being held
- Saturday, May 16th - Junior Prom
- May 19th – HS Spring Concert
- Six students won at the regional competition
- Very happy to go to the courtyard.

The Board President stated that Jack Hurwitz would be attending SUNY Albany in the fall.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Ed Marin stated the audit reports were on the tonight's agenda and there was nothing unusual.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Minutes and CSE & CPSE Recommendations*):

Consent Agenda – Minutes

Board of Education Meetings	Committee Meetings
4/14/15	4/20/15 Audit
4/23/15	

Minutes

New Business

CSE & CPSE Recommendations

Consent Agenda – CSE & CPSE Recommendations

Approval of CSE & CPSE recommendations dated 5/12/15

It was moved by Debbie Passno, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Resignations, Appointments and Retirement*):

Resignations

*Turner, Cheryl
Collins, Patrick
Nephew, Todd*

Personnel

Consent Agenda - Resignations

Approve the following *resignations* on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Turner, Cheryl	Modified Track Coach	5/01/15
Collins, Patrick	Custodial Worker	5/22/15
Nephew, Todd	Building Maintenance Worker	5/28/15

Consent Agenda – Appointments

*Phillips, Jessica
Volunteer Assistant for
Track & Field*

Change the appointment of Jessica Phillips as a volunteer assistant for track & field to that of the assistant coach for track & field at a stipend amount of \$1,521.50 effective 5/1/15.

*Civil Service
Probationary
Appointment
Ko, Susan*

Approve the following *Civil Service probationary* appointment as indicated:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	2014-2015 Salary	Contact
Ko, Susan	School Bus Monitor	5/13/15 – 11/10/16	\$15.00/run	10 months

Substitute

Approve the following *substitute* appointment beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Withrow, Julie	Instructional	5/18/15

*Tavernia, Polly
Director of Pupil
Personnel*

Approve the appointment of *Polly Tavernia* in a three-year probationary appointment effective June 11, 2015 and ending on June 10, 2018 as a Director of Pupil Personnel in the tenure area of Director of Pupil Personnel at a salary of \$79,985 (prorate) for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Tavernia holds professional certification in the area of School District Leader, permanent in the area of Special Education and initial in the area of School Building Leader.

*Retirement Date Change
Bennett, Jeri*

Consent Agenda – Retirement

Change the retirement date of *Jeri Bennett*, Typist from 7/1/15 to 6/30/15 from the board meeting minutes of 12/16/14.

The Board welcomed Polly Tavernia.

Miscellaneous

*Class Trip to Biodome
in Montreal*

It was moved by Eric Anderson, seconded by Debbie Passno and unanimously carried, that upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Beekmantown Elementary School's 5th grade class trip to the Biodome in Montreal, Canada on June 23, 2015.

The PTO is sponsoring this trip.

Policies

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It was moved by Debbie Passno, seconded by Michael Hagadorn and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)	4526.3 (2 nd Reading & Adoption)
Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Student, Teacher and Parent Guide	4526.3-E (2 nd Reading & Adoption)
Use of District Telecommunication Systems	4526.4 (2 nd Reading & Adoption)
Photographing and Videotaping in the Schools	5500-R2 (2 nd Reading & Adoption)

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Eric Anderson that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (financial reports, grants, and bus lease):

Financial Reports

Accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

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

Acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for March 2015

Acknowledge receipt of the Budget Transfer Report for March 2015 and Due To & Due From Report as of March 2015.

Grants

Accept the following grant and approve amending the budget for the 2014-2015 school year to reflect the following changes:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child Abduction Prevention Education	\$10,000.00
Prof Wages	\$2,433
Materials & Supplies	\$7,567

Approve the School Bus Lease Agreement with the following organization:

School Bus Lease Agreement

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Number of Buses</u>
Town of Beekmantown Youth Commission	6/29/15 – 8/28/15	Summer Programs	2 Regular (1 spare)

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hagadorn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Passno
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	

Additional Items to Discuss

May Board Meeting

- May Board Meeting

The board scheduled Thursday, May 28, 2015 @ 6:15 pm to interview potential candidates for the HS principal and possibly the MS Assistant Principal.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Executive Session (for the purpose of employment and/or possible discipline of a particular certified employee)

Executive Session

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Debbie Passno and carried, that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of employment and/or possible discipline of a particular certified employee and that Attorney Douglas Gerhardt and Joanne Menard, District Clerk attend the executive session. Time 6:27 p.m.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Eric Anderson and carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 7:03 p.m.

Budget Hearing

Budget Hearing (7:03 pm)

The Superintendent started the budget hearing with a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015-2016 Budget Progressive Programming. It's the district's mission statement that drives BCSD. "It is the mission of the district and its community to educate every individual to be a quality contributor to society and self."

The Cornerstones Driving the Budget Priorities are:

- 1) Improving student achievement
- 2) Providing a safe and caring environment.
- 3) Producing a sustainable system with continuous improvements.

We cross referenced all priorities with our mission and conducted a cost benefit analysis.

The Beekmantown Central School District submitted what it believes to be satisfactory evidence and documentation proving over 1% efficiencies in operations to enable taxpayers to receive their tax break rebate as outlined by Governor Cuomo.

How does the 2015-2016 budget impact me? Estimated increase on the tax rate per 1,000 - \$0.08 increase

Will BCSD exceed the Tax Cap?

- No! BCSD Tax Cap is 4.90%
- The BOE may be increasing the levy by 3.29% to 3.57%
- Our projected tax caps for the next two years are 2.03% and 2.33%

The Superintendent showed a PowerPoint indicating:

- Tax Levy Percentage Change from the 2004-2005 school year to 2014-2015 school year.
- The four year tax rate average increase was 2.52% with a six year tax rate average increase of 2.06%.
- Revenue sources come from the following areas: 45% State Aid, 49% local share and 6% other
- A breakdown of the detailed State Aid 2015-2016 Estimated Aid run on 3/30/15 as compared to the Estimated Aid run on 3/28/14 for the 2014-2015 Estimated Aid

used for the budget. Discussed detailed line by line revenue aid (Foundation Aid; BOCES; High Cost Excess; Private Cost Excess; Hardware & Technology; Software, Library & Textbooks; Transportation including summer; GAP Elimination Adj GEA; Building Aid; Total SA to General Fund; UPK Grant; SA Run total and Change in AID). This showed the percentage of changes and the changes per State Aid runs

- A breakdown on the State Aid from 2014-2015 Estimated Aid used for budget aid run release 3/28/14 for 2014-2015 recent (based upon most updated data for 2014-2015, still in progress – latest estimate vs. budgeted SA revenue)
- Pie chart demonstrating allocations by administration at 7.44%, program at 75.22%, athletics at 0.94%, and capital at 16.40%
- Over the last 5 years, 80 offerings have been reduced including a total of 60 positions.

Academic Achievement and Student Engagement powers the following priorities:

- Provide AIS to all Elementary Levels
- Project Based Learning for MS Students
- Curriculum Coordination
- HS Business and Consumer Math Offering
- Career and Technical Education
- 1:1 Technology Integration Across the District
- Business Office Support
- Offer Gifted and Talented Opportunities
- Summer Professional Development Institutes
- Full Day PreK

The Superintendent showed the following statistics:

- District's Enrollment Comparison to other districts
- District's Budget Comparison to other districts
- How we compare locally and around New York State
- Clinton County Class Size Rankings by districts

Areas of Continuous Improvement:

- Received Additional Title I Grant Allocations
- Improved Fiscal Stress Rating
- Improved Bond Rating (Highest BCSD Level)
- \$1.5 Million Allocation from Smart Schools Bond
- Units moved to Platinum Plan 2
- Shared Services – NCCS and CVES
- Energy Performance Contract = Millions

The Busing Proposition indicates:

- The district is asking voters to approve the sale of four (4) buses while purchasing three (3) buses, a van and a school vehicle.
- The district will receive roughly 71.3% of this money back in state aid.
- The BOE resolution and budget notice proposition asks for an amount not to exceed \$435,000 and we will receive 71.3% of this money back in NYS aid.

The School Business Executive reviewed the summary page of the 3 part budget (administrative, program and capital). Eric Bell, District Treasurer reviewed the increases in the administrative part of the budget with Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive reviewed the details in the program portion of the budget. The District Treasurer then reviewed the details of the capital part of the budget.

No one had any questions on the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Eric Anderson, seconded by Debbie Passno and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk