

## Beekmantown Central School District

### Special Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**June 20, 2011**

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Members Present

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

#### Others Present

- ☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
- ☒ Tracy Corey, MS Assistant Principal
- ☒ Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
- ☒ Diane Fox, CH Principal
- ☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
- ☒ Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
- ☒ Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
- ☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
- ☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

#### Visitors

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Lucy Giroux	Lori Kashorek	Doug Kashorek
Marilyn Dwyer	Holly Sims	John Sims
Julie Moschelle	Bob Bennet	John Grybos
Barb Stone	Renee Julian	Charles Stone
Kim Ashlaw	Heather Bergevin	Frances Ford
Toni Mies	Ron Moss	Edie Reed
Patty LaFlam	Stephen LaFlam	Ron Leonard

### New Business

#### *Commissioner's Ruling regarding Propositions I & II*

The Superintendent stated the Commissioner of Education has ruled regarding The Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District (petitioner or board) seeks an order, pursuant to Education Law §2037, annulling the canvass of votes and certification of results on two propositions following the district's annual meeting. The Commissioner of Education has ordered a revote on Propositions I & Propositions II and the School Attorney received the Commissioner's decision by fax on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 3:24 pm. Because the School Attorney was on vacation, he notified the Superintendent upon his return on Saturday. The District has not received a copy directly from the Commissioner as of this meeting.

*The Commissioner's ruling states: "It is further ordered that petitioner is directed to immediately call a special district meeting to conduct a re-vote on its proposed school district budget for the 2011-2012 school year on or before June 30, 2011 ..."*

The Superintendent stated he met with the Board President earlier today, contacted State Ed, the District Superintendent, and the School Attorney.

The Superintendent stated the district may request an extension to the Commissioner's ruling, but due to the upcoming holiday and the district's financial obligations a vote could not be held that week.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education establish the date of Thursday, June 30, 2011 as the date for the revote consistent with the Commissioner of Education's ruling dated June 17, 2011 on Proposition I – 2011-2012 Budget and Proposition II – Bus Purchases.

*Date Set for Revote*

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted, that the public hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 budget be set for Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 6:15 pm in the auditorium.

*Date Set for Public Hearing*

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that that the Board of Education adopt the following Notice of Special District Meeting and approve posting said notice in 20 public locations within the Beekmantown Central School District, posting said notice on the district website, and placing a legal ad in the Press Republican for four consecutive days.

*Adoption of Notice of Special District Meeting*

**BEEKMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING**

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District, Clinton County, New York will hold a public hearing on the 2011-2012 budget on **Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 6:15 pm** in the high school auditorium.*

*A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2011-2012, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident or taxpayer of the District during business hours at any school building, the district office, West Chazy Library, and the school district website.*

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Special District Election of qualified voters of the Beekmantown Central School District of the Towns of Beekmantown, Plattsburgh, Chazy and Altona, will be held in the middle school gymnasium on **June 30, 2011 between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm** at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine upon the following propositions:*

- I. To approve the proposed 2011-2012 school budget in the amount of **\$38,721,107** and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.*
- II. To purchase (4) 65-passenger school buses to replace existing ten-year-old buses. The total cost not to exceed **\$424,811.66**, including trading in 4 buses, shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments and to issue obligations in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law. As part of the district's ongoing replacement plan, this purchase enables the district to obtain a potential State reimbursement rate of approximately 87.3%.*

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters may apply for absentee ballots at the district clerk's office. The District Clerk must receive applications for absentee ballots by at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; on or prior to **June 30, 2011** if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the district clerk's office between 7:30 am – 4:00 pm during each of the five days prior to the election, except Sundays.*

*The Board of Education has ongoing registration. You may register at the district clerk's office until **4:00 pm on June 27, 2011**. No person will be entitled to vote whose name does not appear on the School District Register or who has not registered with the Clinton County Board of Registration to vote at the general election. The register containing the names of qualified voters will be available for inspection in the Clerk's office during the hours of 7:30 am – 4:00 pm on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays.*

*AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a qualified voter is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days next preceding the annual district election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address*

*Authorization to  
retain workers for  
revote*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk to retain on behalf of the district qualified individuals necessary to proceed with the revote.

*Date for Special  
Meeting*

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education schedule a special meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 8:30 pm in the MS/HS Library following the revote.

*Payment to  
Clinton County Board  
of Elections*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and roll-call vote that the Clinton County Board of Elections bills the Beekmantown Central School District to remain open from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm on 6/30/11 at \$20.00 per hour for two individuals.

The roll call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong  
☒ Cathy Buckley  
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky  
☒ Richard LaVigne  
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Carole Race  
☒ Pauline Stone  
☒ Steve Trombley

*Volunteer Workers*

Because School Law allows Board of Education members to work the elections, Karen Armstrong and Pauline Stone volunteered to work. Any other Board members who would like to work should contact the District Clerk.

**Adjournment**

*Adjournment*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk