

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Work Session

Place: MS/HS Library

January 9, 2007

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

at: 5:30 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member		

Also Present

Mark Sposato	Ron Clamser	Roxann Barnes	Diane Fox	Garth Frechette
Sue Coonrod	Gary Lambert	Joe Lavorando	Sandra Gardner	Michelene DeBella

Visitors

Tracey Corey	Lucy Giroux	Marlene Rollier	Judy Quint	Chari Racine	Katie Konstanty
Dan Drown	Patty Gallagher	Dianna Lavene	Deborah Mesec	Susan King	David Witkowski
Bonnie Criss	Claribell LaPier	Earl Burnell	Robert King	Laura Fountain	Elizabeth Brasachio
Betty Heywood	Ron Howard	MaryJo Jubert	Sharon Nephew	Jeri Bennett	Gail Giroux
Julie Jock	Kathy Hay	K. LaVernway-Ales			

2. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time.

3. Financial 5:31 p.m.

Review of the financial reports:

Appropriation Status Report – (November)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (November)
Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (November)
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (November)
Trial Balance – (November)
Warrant Report – (November)
Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (November)

Being no questions asked from the Board, the financial reports were moved forward to the Business Meeting.

4. Additional Items to Discuss 5:34 p.m.

- ❖ Study Abroad Trip to Quebec City (6/25/07 – 6/27/07)
Ms. Konstanty was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the trip.
- ❖ 6th Grade Fitness Club
Ms. Redmond was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the club.
- ❖ School Lunch Cashier
No questions were asked by the Board.
- ❖ Bus Driver
Mr. Kourofsky pointed out the appointment is a term appointment. Dr. Sposato stated the appointment is due to an employee on medical leave.
- ❖ Senior Citizens Exemption
Dr. Sposato pointed out that this is not a revision of the Board policy, but a change to the current income limit established at the board meeting of December 18, 2000 from \$20,500 to that of \$26,000.
- ❖ Budget Calendar
Ms. Armstrong read the following statement:

As one Board Member, I do not think it is appropriate for this Board to receive the presentation of the proposed budget on March 13, 2007 and then have it scheduled to be presented to the public starting the next day. It is not possible to know detail in one presentation. What input do we currently have in the budget process? The School Law Handbook states "The school board must complete the proposed budget document at least seven days before the public hearing at which the board will present the budget to the voters". I emphasize school board must complete. I do know the school board does not complete the proposed budget, but the school board, at a minimum, has a responsibility to know what is in the budget and to determine what will be included and what will not be included in the proposed budget. I, therefore, submit that the school board in public session (this would allow the public an opportunity to share their opinions with the Board) should receive the proposed budget in various segments at work sessions and Board of Education meetings. Example: In January receive a presentation on the proposed budgets such as Board of Education, District Clerk, District Meeting, Chief School Officer, Transportation, Operation & Maintenance of Plant, Legal, a total of 17 budgets, and the estimated revenues for the proposed budget. In February -- Proposed budgets for Sports, Co-Curricular, Health Services (all of the remaining budgets). We would have Administrative Reviews. We would receive estimated total tax levy and tax rate. This would allow for Board of Education discussion and to provide any required direction for the total proposed budget. The Board of Education would review the total proposed budget and the Board would start receiving the first monthly estimate of Fund Balance for the year ending June 30, 2007.

A discussion ensued about the amount of time the Board would like to have to review the budget documentation before public presentation. Changes that were agreed upon include: pre-budget public forum on Feb. 27th, BOE budget work session on Mar. 6th, public presentation at HS on Mar. 19th, and public presentation at CH on Mar. 26th. The Board also wanted to add to the Budget Calendar when people can get Board petitions.

❖ **Reschedule Meeting with New York State School Boards Association**

After some discussion, the Board agreed to cancel the meeting with NYS Schools Boards Association.

5. Adjournment 6:28 p.m.

Motion: RL Seconded: LK Yes: 9 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)