

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Meeting

Place: MS/HS Library

May 10, 2016

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

Andrew Brockway called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Michael LaFountain led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Members Present

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hagadorn	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Marsh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Passno
<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Graziane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone

☒ Michaela LaFountain, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

#### Others Present

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☒ Daniel Mannix, Superintendent  
☒ Justin Gardner, HS Principal  
☒ Amy Campbell, MS Principal  
☒ Michael Johnson, MS Assistant Principal  
☒ Garth Frechette, CH Principal  
☒ LeeAnn Short, Interim BE Principal & Director of Special Services  
☒ Polly Tavernia, Director of Pupil Services  
☒ Sarah Paquette, Elementary Assistant Principal/BCSD Grants Coordinator  
☒ Gary Lambert, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning (*arrived @ 6:50 pm*)  
☐ Mary Swanson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive  
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

#### Visitors

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Robert King	Sue King	Ken Maurer
Tarra Judge	Brian Tousignant	Patty LaFlam
Steve LaFlam	Barry Matthews	

#### Approval of Agenda

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It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

#### Public Comment

##### Public Comment (None at this time.)

## Beekmantown Poet Laureate

### *Beekmantown Poet Laureate*

WHEREAS, poetry tells the history of human feeling and can sustain the emotional memory of a community; or community members; and

### *Giroux, Benjamin*

WHEREAS, poetry allows us to perceive our experience with greater richness and complexity; and

WHEREAS, poetry can carry us to the frontiers of linguistic imagination so that we can articulate our experiences and vision of the world in unique and creative ways; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Giroux is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Cumberland Head Elementary School and has written an amazing poem for the world to enjoy; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District recognizes Benjamin Giroux as Beekmantown's Poet Laureate for the 2015-2016 school year

Benjamin Giroux read his poem and was formally recognized by the Board and presented with a plaque as Beekmantown's Poet Laureate for the 2015-2016 school year

### *1<sup>st</sup> Place HS Technology Section of the 2016 Champlain Valley Regional Science Fair*

**Topic:** 1st Place High School Technology Section of the 2016 Champlain Valley Regional Science Fair

**Presenter:** Joseph Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

### *Judge, Joseph*

Joseph Judge explained to the board the Eagle Pride ON the Sky Weather Camera which he built and is mounted onto the school's roof and the Code Cats offered through the ELT program after school on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Joseph Judge was formally recognized by the Board and presented with a plague for demonstrating excellence in the field of science and creativity, champions of both the 2015 and 2016 Champlain Valley Regional Science Fair.

### *Reports*

#### Reports

*Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools and Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive* had no reports at this time.

*Michaela LaFountain, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member* report on the following:

- Cumberland Head Elementary Family Fun Night is scheduled for 5/12/16
- Junior Class Prom is 5/14/16
- Sophomore trip to Washington DC is 5/24/16 – 5/26/16
- HS Concert is scheduled for 5/17/16, CH on 5/18/16, BE on 5/25/16, & MS on 6/2/16
- Adventure Club will be hiking Indian Head Mountain
- Elementary and middle School will be taking science tests.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Pauline Stone and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution on this consent agenda (*Minutes, CSE, CPSE & 504 Recommendations*):

*Minutes*

Consent Agenda - Minutes

<b>Board of Education Meetings</b>
4/19/16
4/21/16

New Business

*CSE, CPSE & 504  
Recommendations*

Consent Agenda – CSE, CPSE and 504 Recommendations

Approval of CSE, CPSE and 504 recommendations dated 5/10/16

*Board Member Michael Hagadorn departed the meeting at 6:46 pm.*

It was moved by Debbie Passno, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Appointments*):

*Appointments*

Personnel

Consent Agenda – Appointments

*Belrose, Vickie*

Approve Vickie Belrose as a ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) teacher to provide English language instruction to a student for two (2) hours per day Monday – Thursday from 5/2/16 – 6/23/16 at \$35.00 per hour.

*Countermin, Bradley*

Approve Bradley Countermin as the summer school driver education teacher from 6/27/16 - 8/12/16 at \$40 per hour.

*Armstrong, Keith*

Approve Keith Armstrong, Teaching Assistant to fill the maternity leave of Tiffani Light, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Cumberland Head Elementary School on or before 5/31/16 until 6/23/16 with no change in salary. Mr. Armstrong holds professional certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and presently serves as an AIS instructor.

*Donahue, Elizabeth*

Approve Elizabeth Donahue, long term substitute to replace Keith Armstrong as an AIS instructor on or before 5/31/16 until 6/23/16 with no change in salary. Ms. Donahue holds initial certification in the areas of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6).

*Substitutes*

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Macey, Mandy	Instructional	5/16/16

### Temporary On-Call

Approve the following *temporary on-call* appointment beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
LaVenture, Ashley	Non-Instructional	5/16/16
Favreau, Jennifer	Non-Instructional	5/16/16
King, Chelsey	Non-Instructional	5/16/16
Perry, Mary Jane	Non-Instructional	5/16/16

### Permanent Appointment

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

*Stiff, Jeffrey*

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Stitt, Jeffrey	Bus Driver	1/14/15 – 5/27/16	1/13/15	5/28/16

### Change appointment of Eleanore Inhelder

Approve to change the appointment of *Eleanore Inhelder* as an Election Inspector at \$10/hr. for the May 17, 2016 Annual District Election and Budget Vote from the board meeting minutes of 4/19/16 to that of Chief Election Inspector at \$12/hr.

### Miscellaneous

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*School Bus Lease Agreement*):

### School Bus Lease Agreement

Approve the School Bus Lease Agreement with the following organization:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Number of Buses</u>
Town of Beekmantown Youth Commission	6/27/16 – 9/02/16	Summer Programs	2 Regular (1 spare)

### Financial

It was moved by Pauline Stone, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Transfers & Disposal of District Property*):

### Transfers

Approve the following transfers over \$5,000:

<u>To transfer funds for traffic safety control projects</u>			
From: A1621 160 00 00 Maintenance of Plant – Wages		\$10,000	
To: A1620 477 00 00 Operation of Plant – Safety			\$10,000
 <u>To transfer funds to replenish consumable workbooks K-5 @ CHES</u>			
From: A2110 480 00 00 Districtwide Textbooks/Consumables	\$	419.14	
From: A2110 480 01 00 BES Textbooks/Consumables	\$	355.37	
From: A2110 480 03 00 BHS Textbooks/Consumables	\$	9,834.29	
From: A2110 480 11 00 BMS Textbooks/Consumables		\$10,983.13	
To: A2110 480 02 00 CHES Textbooks/Consumables			\$21,591.93

*Disposal of District  
Property*

Approve the following as surplus equipment and materials which is deemed unusable by the district consistent with the Board Policy #6900 *Disposal of District Property*.

Description	Condition
Smaller Cutting Torch Set with Gauges & Cart	Fair
Larger Cutting Torch Set With Gauges & Cart	Fair
Older Homelite Model245 Chainsaw	Fair
Older Homelite Model Super XL Chainsaw	Fair
Large Air Compressor with Motor	Fair
2000 John Deere LX 255 w/42" Deck	Fair & Runs
1991 John Deere 318 w/50" Deck/Tiller	Fair & Runs
1994 Toro Proline 120 W/52" Deck	Fair & Runs
1998 Toro 269H w/48" Deck	Fair & Runs

*Award of Bids*

WHEREAS, the Board of Education invited sealed bids for “*Obsolete/Surplus Equipment*”, which bids were publicly opened on 5/5/16 and

WHEREAS, 99 bids were received; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District hereby determines that the following bids be award to the highest bidder for “*Obsolete/Surplus Equipment*”

Item #	Description	Highest Bidder	Bid Amount
1	Small Two Stroke Engine Snow Blower	Patty Krupka	\$ 20.00
2	Coleman 4000Watt Generator	Ramiro Ribeiro	\$ 103.00
3	Older Model Power Auger for concrete	<i>VOIDED due to incorrect description- no bids opened</i>	
4	Smaller Cutting Torch Set with Guages & Cart	Larry Ebere	\$ 25.00
5	Larger Cutting Torch Set With Guages & Cart	<i>No Bids Received</i>	
6	Older Homelite Model245 Chainsaw	Ramiro Ribeiro	\$ 43.00
7	Older Homelite Model Super XL Chainsaw	Ramiro Ribeiro	\$ 53.00
8	Large Carolina BandSaw	Norman Davis	\$ 217.00
9	Weedeater Leaf Blower Electric	John Smith	\$ 25.00
10	Small Transmission Jack	Victor Venne	\$ 57.00
11	Large Air Compressor with Motor	Tom Peryea	\$ 126.00
12	Craftman 3.5hp Edger	Larry Ebere	\$ 25.00
13	Large Bench Grinder	Ramiro Ribeiro	\$ 53.00
14	Coats Model 40-40a Tire Changer Station	Smith Auto Exchange	\$ 210.00
15	2000 John Deere LX 255 w/42" Deck	Carl Schweikert	\$ 287.78
16	1991 John Deere 318 w/50" Deck/Tiller	Dan Noonan	\$ 518.00

Item #	Description	Highest Bidder	Bid Amount
17	1994 Toro Proline 120 W/52" Deck	William Irwan	\$ 326.00
18	1998 Toro 269H w/48" Deck	Carl Schweikert	\$ 387.78
19	1973 Kaiser 2.5tn 6by6 673 Mack Tow Truck (9 bids)	Norman Davis	\$ 1,617.00
20	1999 Crown Vic 120314 miles	Smith Auto Exchange	\$ 210.00
21	2001 Mitsubishi Fuso Box Truck 99600 miles	Carl Schweikert	\$ 1,287.78
22	2003 International/Bluebird 65 Passenger Bus 149,542 miles bus 210	John Smith	\$ 605.00
23	2003 International/Bluebird 65 Passenger Bus 166,861 miles Bus 213	Smith Auto Exchange	\$ 701.00
24	2004 International 65 Passenger Bus 153,916 miles Bus 215	John Smith	\$ 605.00
25	2004 International/Bluebird 65 Passenger Bus 132,865 miles Bus 216	Smith Auto Exchange	\$ 801.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hagadorn	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Marsh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Passno
<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Graziane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone

*Gary Lambert, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning arrived @ 6:50 pm.*

### **Additional Items to Discuss**

*Biodome  
Montreal, Quebec*

- *Biodome – Montreal, Quebec*

The Superintendent informed the Board that the middle school will be going to the Biodome on 6/20/16. The information will be forwarded to the Board at the 6/14/16 board meeting.

*Public Comment*

**Public Comment** (None at this time)

*Break*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Debbie Passno and carried, that the board break until 7:00 pm. (Time 6:52 pm)

*Budget Hearing*

**Budget Hearing** (High School Auditorium @ 7:00 pm)

The Superintendent, School Business Executive and District Treasurer presented a PowerPoint on the 2016-2017 proposed budget “*More with Less*”.

### **Beekmantown Central School District Facts**

- The largest district in the county PreK-12
- The lowest per pupil expenditure

- The highest free and reduced lunch rate in the county
- We are doing more with less!

#### Eagle Pride

- Student achievement is up K-12
- Student programming has increased
- Class sizes are adjusted
- Taxes are down

#### Essential Questions

- Are we creating the school environment that works for students?
- Will BCSD be a better place for our kids than when we arrived?

*“It is the mission of the district and its community to educate every individual to be a quality contributor to society and self.”*

#### The 2016-2017 Budget Will Allow Us To:

- 1) Improve student achievement and engagement; and
- 2) Provide a safe and caring environment so students and parents feel comfortable learning; and
- 3) Produce a sustainable and progressive system centered around students.

Will BCSD Exceed the Tax Cap? No! BCSD Tax Cap is 0.63%

#### Good News! We Will:

- Decrease class size in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at BES
- Continue to increase 1:1 initiative (*1,000 chromebooks in students hands*)
- Increase learning opportunities at all schools (Library Media Specialist)
- Improve student interventions offerings (*We’re in the middle of the study.*)
- Enhance our facilities (Cap Outlay)
- Increase student safety (School Resource Officer)
- Continue with food program
- Low taxes!

The PowerPoint showed:

- Tax Levy Percentage Change from 2004-2005 to 2016-2017
- How Does the 2016-17 Budget Impact Me?
- Where Does our Money Come From?
- 2016-2017 Revenue Breakdown
  - 45% State Aid
  - 49% Local Share
  - 6% Other

#### Capital Reserve Proposition

The 2016-17 Budget includes a Capital Reserve Fund Proposition which will:

- Safeguard taxpayer monies for a Capital Project
- The project will include upgrades to the parking lots, bus garage, athletic fields and create a large group instructional area
- There will be no increase to the taxpayers!

The Superintendent commented that Comparing School Enrollments (2015 via NYS Education Department through School Meter), Beekmantown is the second highest in the area.

The PowerPoint showed:

- Budget Comparisons 2015-2016 Budget
- Comparing Per Pupil Expenditure, which shows BCSD is the lowest in the county

#### Fiscal Improvement Areas

- Negotiated \$66 million PILOT to reduce taxes with Vt. Green Line Project
- Received millions in grants allocations
- Improved our fiscal stress rating
- Improved bond rating (highest BCSD level)
- \$1.5 million allocation from Smart Schools Bond Act through our investment plan
- Shared Services – NCCS, Chazy and CVES
- Energy Performance Contract = million in utility costs savings for BCSD over 18 years

#### Bussing Proposition

- The district is asking voters to approve the sale or trade in of four (4) busses while purchasing four (4) busses planned with appropriations within the proposed budget.
- The BOE Resolution and Transportation Notice Proposition asked for an amount not to exceed \$454,000 and we will received 70% of this money back in NYS aid transportation aid reimbursement.

The district is still trying to catch up and stabilize the reliability of the overall bus fleet as a result of not purchasing buses for three consecutive years in the past and getting of the bus replacement cycle. The District continued to incur high expenses for bus repairs this school year.

The ELT grant purchased mobile hot-spots for student's to sign out and use at home. Additionally, the district has Wi-Fi hot spots on six (6) buses which will allow students to stay connected to Google Apps for Education. Beekmantown is the first school in the area to provide this new learning tool and access for students.

The Superintendent commented that the ELT data is strong and hats off to everyone for our first year. When the final ELT agreement is reached, the Superintendent will give a copy to the Board.

A question and answer period followed.

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Leonard King and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

*Adjournment*