

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: MS/HS Library

January 5, 2016

Minutes

Call to Order

Andrew Brockway called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm and Cathy Buckley led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hagadorn (<i>arrived @ 6:24 pm</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Marsh |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King | <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Passno |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Graziane | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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
- ☐ Elaine Dixon Cross, BE Principal
- ☒ Garth Frechette, CH Principal
- ☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services & PreK-5 Curriculum & Instruction Director
- ☒ Polly Tavernia, Director of Pupil Services
- ☒ Gary Lambert, Director of 21st Century Learning
- ☒ Sarah Paquette, Elementary Asst. Principal/BCSD Grants Coordinator
- ☒ Mary Swanson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- ☒ Eric Bell, District Treasurer
- ☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
- ☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Sue King	Adam Facteau	Michele Friedman
Jennifer Parker	Joshua Parker	Samantha Parker
Betsy Morrow	Josh Pierce	Renee Ahrent
Melvin Jaquish	Ashleigh Ahrent	Austin Stone
Mike Relyea	Ted Morgan	Patty Gallagher

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 (None at this time.)

Presentations

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Topic: Vermont Green Line Project

Presenters: Joe Rossignoli, National Grid

Vermont Green Line Project - Delivering Renewable Energy and Economic Benefit

- Bringing clean and affordable onshore wind and hydropower to New England via new HVDC transmission projects
- National Grid is one of the world's largest transmission companies with customers in New England and New York and deep experience with similar projects
- 400 MW HVDC project delivering proposed NY wind and new Canadian hydro power
- Total Investment - \$650 M
- Cost allocation entirely to New England procuring utilities
- 60 miles, buried and submerged line
 - Six miles of underground cable in New York, 13 miles in Vermont, in existing public rights-of-way
 - 40 miles of sea cable under Lake Champlain
 - 2 converter stations – one each in Beekmantown, NY and one in New Haven, VT

Michael Hagadorn arrived at 6:24 pm.

Timeline for Vermont Green Line Project

- Bids submitted end of month
- Selection mid 2016
- Construction 2017, 2018 & 2019
- Operation 2020

A question and answer period followed.

The Superintendent stated the Board passed a resolution on Payment in Lieu of Tax (Pilot) Agreements. There has been a change in regulation since this resolution was adopted by the School Board. However, the regulation is not out yet. Pilot Agreements do have a negative effect on school districts. The local IDA and Development Corporation have embraced the Beekmantown Central School District.

Topic: CV-TECH

Presenters: Dr. Mark Davey, District Superintendent
Michele Friedman, CV-TEC Director
Adam Facteau, Principal – Main Campus

Dr. Davey gave a special thank you to Ed Marin for his integral role on the CVES Board, his leadership at the State level, and the support for BCSD education, students and parents in the North Country.

Michele Friedman, CV-TEC Director informed the Board of following:

- 13,500 students enrolled in Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- 17 component districts
- 5 Camps – Plattsburgh Main Campus, Plattsburgh Satellite Campus, Mineville,

Marine Academy located at Ticonderoga High School & OneWorkSource located on the Oval (Adult Literacy & HS Equivalency Instruction and Job Skills Training programs for adult post-secondary learners)

- 23 Career & Technical Programs
- 3 Levels of Graduation Certificates – CTE Program Completion, CTE Program Completion with NYSED Technical Endorsement, and CTE Program Completion with NYSED Technical Endorsement with Honors
- CTE students achieving certificates with NYSED Technical Endorsement by passing a rigorous state or national skills exam will earn a special NYSED Career & Technical Education Endorsement seal on their Regents Diploma.
- All programs are NYS approved
- More opportunities for post-secondary
- 3 years National accreditation credited at the post-secondary level
- NYS Board of Education recognizes on FAFSA and parents & community members opportunities to apply for Financial Aid.
- FAA on satellite campus – exceeds FDA requirements of 2200 hours – Aviation Technology at Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute (PAI) is a 3 year program
- New Vision Medical Program – application only
- BCSD has 89 students at the two Plattsburgh campuses

Adam Facticeau, Principal of Plattsburgh Main Campus introduced the Beekmantown's CV-TEC students who were present this evening. The following students thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend CV-TEC.

Hannah Jolicoeur – Medical Office Assistant

Bryanna Trumble – Culinary Arts

Ashleigh Ahrent – Environmental Conservation/Forestry

Austin Stone – Digital Design Class

Reports

The following CV-TEC teachers were introduced to the Board: Josh Pierce, Betsy Morrow and Jennifer Parker.

The Board thanked everyone for the presentation.

Reports

Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Grant Award
 - the district has been awarded a \$37,925 Technology Enrichment grant
- State & Federal Aid
 - The Board of Regents is asking the legislature and Governor Cuomo for over 2 billion dollar increase in state aid. Outside evaluators from various associations have stated that this is the minimum amount needed to keep districts at level with last year's budget. Therefore, we are hopeful for a greater than 2% increase in NYS aid.
 - The Governor will make an announcement within weeks. We received our state aid runs at the end of the budgeting process last year.
- UPK & Title I
 - No increase in funding
- Positions
 - We will need a 5th grade teacher at BES as we have 4 fourth grade classrooms.
 - Anticipating 7 retirements

Eric Bell, District Treasurer reported on the following:

- Tax Cap
 - Calculation on the Tax Cap is -1.5% as of 1/5/16
 - Currently using CPI estimate of 0%
 - CPI with 11 month calculation is .08% which equates to \$15,000
 - Christine Crowley of Fiscal Advisors will be at the next board meeting.
 - Waiting on 2015 CPI number

A question and answer period followed.

- Energy Performance State Aid, Capital Projects & Strategic Planning

Superintendent Mannix commented that we asked the Board of Education and Operations Committee to take the appropriate steps to present the public with a capital project that would be totally funded through NYS aid and reallocating existing budget lines. We need to take active steps to safeguard our taxpayers from dramatic spikes in tax increases, be great stewards of our facilities while providing an outstanding progressive education system for our students. The district could do an \$18M - \$20M building project with no increase to taxpayers. This would address areas of safety/concern: parking lots, bus garage, athletic fields, large group meeting area and priorities established in our 5-year building condition survey. We submit to the Board of Education that we can complete this task at a high level this May if we commit to completing the work now.

School Business Blaine commented that Tetra Tech is working on updating the 5-year Building Condition Survey. The district has reached out to SED and Fiscal Advisors. The capital project, debt service and building aide would be combined to eliminate future increases to taxpayers.

The Superintendent commented that for three years, taxpayers have received a tax decrease.

District Treasurer Bell stated the State reimbursement rate is 80%. Therefore, the district will receive 80¢ on a \$1.00. This is good stewards with money and reallocating monies for no increase to taxpayers.

A question and answer period followed.

District Treasurer Bell presented on the following:

- Long Term Budget Projection
 - The multi-year budgeting is based on a 2% increase in State Aid and -1.5% tax levy increase.
 - Using \$1.2M of Fund Balance and appropriating \$150,000 of reserves.
 - Budget short term debt for a potential capital project and funding of capital reserve.

A question and answer period followed.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan was posting today and will be posted for 30 days before adoption.

Committee Reports

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Operations Committee

Operations Committee

Michael Hagadorn informed the Board the 12/15/15 Operations Committee Meeting was very productive. He thanked the Superintendent, School Business Executive and Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds for prioritize items for the 5-year Building Condition Survey. The committee went through the report building by building and set priorities. The plans will be submitted to SED but can still grow and change. The Operations Committee

will meet again on 1/28/16.

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Joseph Graziane and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Minutes, CSE, CPSE & 504 Recommendations*):

Minutes

Consent Agenda - Minutes

Board of Education Meetings	Committee Meetings
12/8/15	12/15/15 Operations

New Business

CSE, CPSE & 504 Recommendations

Consent Agenda – CSE, CPSE & 504 Recommendations

Approval of CSE, CPSE & 504 recommendations dated 1/05/16

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Joseph Graziane and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Appointments & Retirements*):

Appointments

Consent Agenda - Personnel

Appointments

*Stahl, Jennifer
Increase FTE*

Approve to increase Jennifer Stahl from a .75 FTE Accountant (12 months) to a 1.0 FTE Accountant (12 months) effective 1/4/16 at a salary of \$30,000 (prorated).

*Buska, Frank
Increase FTE*

Approve to increase Frank Buksa from a .50 FTE Accountant (12 months) to a .60 FTE Accountant (12 months) effective 1/4/16 at a salary of \$18,000 (prorated).

CPSE Stipends

Approve a stipend in the amount of \$4,750 (grant funded) for *Debra Bruno* (12-month employee) and a stipend in the amount of \$4,355 for *Kimberly Gilmore* (11-month employee) for the 2015-2016 school year for CPSE related duties.

*Permanent Civil Service
Appointments*

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

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
McClatchie, Peggy	Custodial Worker	1/14/15 - 1/13/16	1/13/15	1/14/16
Bernard, Tara	Teacher Aide/Student Aide	9/2/14 – 1/14/16	8/12/14	1/15/16
Felio, James	Network & Systems Technician	9/1/15 – 1/19/16	6/9/15	1/20/16
Sellars, Cassie	Registered Professional Nurse	9/18/14 – 2/1/16	9/9/14	2/2/16

*Renadette, Dennis
Assistant Wrestling
Coach*

Approve Dennis Renadette as an assistant wrestling coach effective 1/5/16 at a stipend of \$3,535 (prorated).

*Substitute
Appointments*

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

Name	Type	Effective Date
Herfurth, Joy	Instructional	1//11/16
Zielinski, Sierra	Instructional	1/11/16

Temporary On-Call

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

Name	Type	Effective Date
Spoor, Erin	Non-Instructional	1/11/16
Kalvaitis, Ashley	Non-Instructional	1/11/16
Baker, Kaylah	Non-Instructional	1/11/16
Frennier, Christopher	Non-Instructional	1/11/16

*Barnes, Roxann
Change from
11 month to 12 month*

Approve to change Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager from 11 months to 12 months effective 2/1/16 at a prorated salary of \$58,750.48.

Consent Agenda - Retirements

Retirements

Accept the following intent to retire on the date indicated:

*Raffel, Marlene
Belrose, Lawrence*

Name	Position	Date
Raffel, Marlene	Technology	7/01/16
Belrose, Lawrence	Elementary	7/01/16

It was moved by Joseph Graziane, seconded by Michael Hagadorn and carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Content and Grade Level Liaisons, Salary Adjustments & Board Meeting Date Change*):

Consent Agenda - Miscellaneous

*Content Area & Grade
Level Liaisons*

Accept the Content Area and Grade Level Liaisons dated 12/23/15.

Side Letter with BSSS

Approve the Side Letter of Understanding between Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors' Association and the Beekmantown Central School District for the Extended Learning Time Grant dated 12/23/15.

Side Letter with SBE

Approve the Side Letter of Understanding between the School Business Executive and the Beekmantown Central School District for the Extended Learning Time Grant dated 12/23/15.

MOU - ADK P-TECH

Approve the ADK Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), ADK P-TECH Memorandum of Agreement dated 12/17/15 and the Memorandum of Agreement for ADK P-TECH's Operations Principles, Procedures, and Policies dated December 2015 and authorize the Superintendent to sign on behalf of the District.

*Municipal Cooperation
Agreement with Chazy*

Approve the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Beekmantown Central School District and the Chazy Central Rural School which will expire on June 30, 2016.

BOE Date Change

Approve to change the date of the 1/26/16 Board meeting to 1/19/16.

Consent Agenda - 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 approves the following resolutions on this consent agenda (*Settlement Offer & Posting of the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan*):

Acceptance – TDC

Accept the letter from The Development Corporation (TDC) of Clinton County in the amount of \$143,227.25 in full and final settlement as described in the TDC document dated 12/9/15. Said amount is in addition to the legally owed omitted taxes as calculated by the Town of Plattsburgh pursuant to Real Property Tax Law.

Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan

Approve the 30 day posting of the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan on the district website for purposes of seeking additional public input. A hearing will be held on 2/9/16 for public comment.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Andrew Brockway
☒ Cathy Buckley
☒ Joseph Graziane

☒ Michael Hagadorn
☒ Leonard King
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Jason Marsh
☐ Debbie Passno
☒ Pauline Stone

Additional Items to Discuss

CEWW Meetings

- *Reminder of the CEWW School Boards Association Meeting – College & Career Readiness for All Students – 1/7/16 @ Westside Ballroom (6:00 pm social with program @ 6:30 pm). No cost for this program due to a generous sponsorship from Harris Beach*

BCSD Boys Hockey Team

- *BCSD Boys Hockey Team*

Board Member Stone stated she was impressed with the BCSD Boys Hockey Team and parents for helping serve food at the local food shelf and packing backpacks for children.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time)

Clerk Pro-Tem

Clerk Pro-Tem

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley, and carried that Leonard King be appointed at Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting

Joanne Menard
District Clerk

*Executive Session
(to discuss the
employment history of a
particular person(s) and
proposed litigation)*

Executive Session

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and proposed litigation. Time 7:41 pm.

Leonard King and Cathy Buckley departed the meeting at 8:55 pm.

It was moved by Joseph Graziane, seconded by Ed Marin and carried, that the Board return to return session. Time 8:56 pm.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Joseph Graziane, seconded by Ed Marin and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Brockway, Board President