

Beekmantown Central School District
Board of Education Meeting/Work Session
Place: MS/HS Library
August 28, 2007

Minutes

Call to Order President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Board Member Steve Trombley led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earl Burnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

Others Present

Michael Derrigo, Interim Superintendent	Don Strong, Supt. of Bldg. & Grounds
Garth Frechette, HS Principal	Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
Ron Clamser, Business Manager	Joanne Menard, District Clerk
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney	

Visitors

Susan King
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Amo

**Approval of
Agenda & Late
Items**

Approved the Agenda and Late Item Agenda

It was moved by Earl Burnell, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda which includes the late item agenda

Public Comment **Public Comment** (5 minutes)

Presentation

The Thomas Group

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Craig Lamoreaux and Bob Grant from The Thomas Group attended the meeting to update the Board on the following:

- Apologized for not submitting the paperwork to SED for the renovations to the MS/HS heating system and renovations at the Cumberland Head entrance. They stated that within the last six months the company has had turnover with project managers. They stated everything has now been submitted to SED and approval is anticipated for September.
- Gave a presentation (handouts) on New Excel Aid Project showing how a zero impact to local taxpayers could result with excel aid.
- Informed the Board that the athletic complex would need to be included in a traditional project.
- Informed the Board on EPC "Energy Performance Contracting" on a potential project.

Discussion followed on whether The Thomas Group would submit a proposal to the Board for a excel aid project. Interim Superintendent Michael Derrigo stated that the new Superintendent should be involved with that decision. The Thomas Group was encouraged to submit a proposal with an understanding that it would be advisory only.

Resignations

*Varin, Aaron
Rogers, Kelly
Cate, Maureen*

Personnel

Resignations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne seconded by Earl Burnell and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following resignations on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Varin, Aaron	Mathematics 7-12	8/14/07
Rogers, Kelly	Music	8/31/07
Cate, Maureen	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	8/28/07 (Verbal)

Appointments

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*Fall Athletic
Positions*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approved the following fall athletic positions for the 2007-2008 school year effective August 13, 2007 as indicated:

Name	Title	Amount
Taylor, Steve	Modified Football Assistant	-0-
Castine, Edward	JV Football Assistant	-0-

Appointments Civil Service Probationary

*Fisher, Ronald
Brown, Thomas
Miner, Deborah*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried that the Board of Education appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointments as indicated:

Name	Title	Period	Salary (07-08)	Contract
Fisher, Ronald*	Custodial Worker	8/29/07 – 2/28/08	\$17, 500	12 months
Brown, Thomas*	Custodial Worker	8/29/07 – 2/28/08	\$17, 500	12 months
Miner, Deborah*	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	9/5/07 – 3/4/08	\$8.12	10 months

*Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Appointments

*Substitutes
Instructional
Non-Instructional*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Bulriss, Jamie	Instructional	9/5/07
Hainer, Brittany	Instructional	9/5/07
Morrison, Denise	Instructional	9/5/07
Boire, Lisa	Instructional	9/5/07
Premo, Brandy	Non-Instructional	9/5/07
Matott, Lori*	Non-Instructional	9/5/07

*Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Appointments
Probationary
Instructional

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint the following probationary appointments as indicated:

*Lyons, Carol
Dandrow, Marissa*

Teacher	Tenure Area	Certification		Probationary Period	Salary
		Area	Form		
Lyons, Carol	Mathematics 7-12	Mathematics 7-12	Permanent	No later than 10/1/07, or sooner, if released from present employer – 2 years from starting date	\$44,268
Dandrow, Marissa	English 7-12	English 7-12	Permanent (Pending)	9/1/07 – 8/31/10	\$44,368

Miscellaneous

Ratification
Beekmantown
Administrators
Association
Contract

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and roll-call voted that be it resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to ratify the Professional Agreement between the Beekmantown Administrators' Association and the Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District for the period July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010 and authorize Michael Derrigo, Interim Superintendent to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Karen Armstrong	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Absent	George Palmer	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Steve Trombley	Aye
Leonard King	Aye		

*Authorization
for Superintendent
to approve
correction of tax
roll and tax bill*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve the correction of tax roll and tax bill where the correction does not exceed \$2,500 for the 2007-2008 school year with the Business Manager designated in his absence in extenuating circumstances.

Letter of
Agreement
Chris Chaffin
JAWS Software
Training Services

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Earl Burnell and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Chris Chaffin and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide JAWS software training services from September 5, 2007 to June 26, 2008 for no more than 10 sessions as indicated on the student's IEP for a rate of \$25 per session.

Approval
JCEO Rental
Agreement

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education to approve an agreement between the Beekmantown Central School District and the Joint Council of Economic Opportunity (JCEO) to rent two rooms at the Cumberland Head Elementary School for monthly rental fee of \$300.00 per month for a 10 month period beginning September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Financial

Acceptance of Donations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that that the following donations be accepted and approve amending the District budget to increase in the amount of \$316.

From	For	Amount
Letitia Taylor	Football Helmet	\$176.00
Booster Club	Girls Soccer Materials & Supplies	\$140.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Karen Armstrong	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Absent	George Palmer	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Steve Trombley	Aye
Leonard King	Aye		

Approval of Transfer

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted that the Board of Education approve the following transfer:

<u>Computer Software to BOCES Computer</u> (Purchase ROS Services through NERIC to Generate Aid)		
From:	To:	Amount:
A26304600000	A26304900000	\$8,100

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Karen Armstrong	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Absent	George Palmer	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Steve Trombley	Aye
Leonard King	Aye		

Clarification of Tax Warrant for 2007-2008

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education clarify that the tax warrant for the 2007-2008 which the Board adopted on August 1, 2007 included the STAR Exemptions in the amount of \$2,351,224.92. Therefore, the Tax Warrants are as follows:

Town of Altona, Beekmantown, and Chazy	\$4,508,796.40
Town of Plattsburgh (<i>Includes Roll Section 9 - \$4,108.98</i>)	\$9,217,053.02

The total tax levy of \$16,072,966 remains unchanged.

Further Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education sign the Tax Warrants for the 2007-2008 school year in the amounts as indicated above.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Karen Armstrong	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Absent	George Palmer	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Steve Trombley	Aye
Leonard King	Aye		

Acceptance of LGRMIF Grant

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted that the Board of Education accept the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) microfilming grant in the amount of \$5,963 with the project funding date of 7/1/07 – 6/30/08.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Karen Armstrong	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Absent	George Palmer	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Steve Trombley	Aye
Leonard King	Aye		

Additional Items to Discuss

Discussion regarding Audit Committee

- *Discussion regarding Audit Committee*

Discussion followed regarding the Audit Committee and establishing a subcommittee of the Board of Education. A resolution will be placed on the September 11, 2007 agenda.

July Financials

- *July Financials*

Discussion followed on when would the Board receive the July financial reports. Ron Clamser, Business Manager stated when the audit was completed.

NYS 2007 STAR Middle Class Property Tax Rebate Program

- *NYS 2007 STAR Middle Class Property Tax Rebate Program*

Discussion followed on notifying district residents about the NYS 2007 STAR Middle Class Property Tax Rebate Program. Interim Superintendent Michael Derrigo stated the information on the State website is not available until the beginning of September.

District Newsletter

- *District Newsletter*

Discussion followed on the District Newsletter and it was suggested the New York State STAR Middle Class Property Tax Rebate Information should be included along with a spotlight on the new Superintendent. The Board of Education and each building principal could each have a page. Said newsletter will be completed under the direction of the new Superintendent.

Non-Resident Tuition

- *Non-Resident Tuition*

Discussion next followed on non-resident tuition rates. Said topic will be discussed with the new Superintendent.

Executive Session

Executive Session

Particular person or person's employment history.

7:30 PM It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person or person's employment history.

9:35 pm It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk