

**Beekmantown Central School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting/Work Session**  
**Place: MS/HS Library**  
**January 22, 2008**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order** President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Board Member George Palmer 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes (Arrived at 6:20)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

☐ Jeff Stitt, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

**Others Present**

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager  
Diane Fox, Principal CH  
Don Strong, Supt. Of Buildings & Grounds  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

**Visitors**

Patty Gallagher      Lucy Giroux      Cathy Buckley

**Approval of Agenda**

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Earl Burnell, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

**Public Comment**

**Public Comment** - None at this time.

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes arrived at 6:20 pm.

**Presentation**

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**Topic:** Excel Aid      **Presenter:** Thomas Group

Mr. Craig Lamoreaux, Regional Manager, and Ms. Iris Willis, Project Architect from the Thomas Group gave a Power Point presentation on Excel Aid. They stated the District qualifies for approximately 1,640,000 in Excel Aid and gave a breakdown on what would be covered under Excel Aid and what does not qualify.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

January 8, 2008 (Regular Meeting)  
January 8, 2008 (Audit Committee Meeting)

## **New Business**

### **Personnel**

#### **Appointments**

Appointments  
*Civil Service  
Probationary*

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

*Bruno, Debra  
Pecoraro, John*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Salary (07-08)</b>	<b>Contract</b>
Bruno, Debra	Account Clerk/Typist	1/22/08 – 7/21/08	\$24,000	12 months
Pecoraro, John	Automotive Mechanic	1/23/08 – 7/22/08	\$21,600	12 months

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:

*Substitute  
Appointments*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Ashline, Janine	Instructional	1/24/08
Hagar, Richard	Instructional	1/24/08
Drowne, Matthew	Instructional	1/24/08
Hulkow, Samantha	Instructional	1/24/08
Napper, Erin	Instructional	1/24/08
Parrotte, Danielle	Instructional	1/24/08
Pichê, Shannon	Instructional	1/24/08
Henry, Valerie	Non-Instructional	1/24/08

### **Policy**

*Payment for Jury  
Duty Policy*

Reviewed the following policy:

**Name**  
Payment for Jury Duty

**Policy #**  
9520.4

### **Miscellaneous**

Approval of Course  
*“History of the War  
in Vietnam”*

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the course “*History of the War in Vietnam*”.

Approval of Field  
Trip to Montreal  
*for the Girls Varsity  
Volleyball Team*

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to Montreal for the Girls Varsity Volleyball team on February 9, 2008.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by George Palmer and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education adopt the following Budget Calendar:

2008-2009  
Budget Calendar

**Administration reviews and develops current and projected: Budget Assumptions (Revenues and Expenditures), Enrollment, Building Allocations, District-Wide Allocations, and Staffing.**

Absentee Ballots: Deadline to return absentee ballots is May 20, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.

## **Additional Items to Discuss**

### *College Applications & SAT Fees*

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Discussion next followed on students not having the funds to pay for a college application or for the SAT Test. There are funds available for hardship cases through the Beekmantown Teachers' Association, FSO and some board members stated they would contribute.

### *Registering Students to Vote*

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It was suggested that students register to vote through Jeff Jolicoeur's class. The District Clerk stated registering students to vote is coordinated with the Social Studies Department Chair Jon Chapman.

### *Operations Committee*

- *Operations Committee*

Mr. King informed the Board the next Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 2/26/08 at 4:30 pm. Only Ms. Iris Willis, Project Architect will be in attendance.

### *Safety Committee*

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A draft Crisis Response Plan Developed 2007/2008 was presented to the Board.

### *Board Goals*

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The Board requested the Board Goals be listed on the website.

### *District Newsletter*

- *District Newsletter*

Discussion next followed on the District Newsletter. Superintendent Amo stated he was working on a rough draft for the committee to review.

### *Feasibility of Shared Services*

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make contact with the Town of Beekmantown officials to discuss the feasibility of shared services.

## **Executive Session**

### *Executive Session*

7:55 pm. It was moved by George Palmer, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss pending litigation.

### *Discuss pending litigation*

8:35 pm. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

### *Adjournment*

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk