

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

March 1, 2011

Minutes

Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Stan Kourofsky led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong (<i>Video Conference</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin (<i>Video Conference</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

☒ Devon Anderson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

Others Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Garth Frechette, HS Principal
<input type="checkbox"/> Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Knight, Jr., MS Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Corey, MS Assistant Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Fox, CH Principal
<input type="checkbox"/> LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Ed Cook, Dir. of PE, Athletics, Health & Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Bell, School District Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Susan King	Robert King	Lucy Giroux	Patty Gallagher
Jennifer Hicks	Nancy Reilly	David Curry	Kelly LaFountain

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Reports

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools had no report at this time.

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive had no report at this time.

Devon Anderson Ex-Officio, Student Board Member reported on the following:

- Beekmantown hosted the All Country Music Festival.
- The Guys & Dolls Drama Production was a lot of fun.
- The Adventure Club went on a trip to Potsdam.
- The Bowling Team was the Section 7 Champions.
- Updated the Board on the standings for winter sports.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

February 8, 2011

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the committee meetings held on:

2/08/11 Audit Committee

New Business

CSE & CPSE
Recommendations

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 3/01/11.

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Stan Kourofsky, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CPSE recommendations dated 3/01/11.

Appointments

Spring Athletic Appointments

Personnel

Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following spring athletic appointments for the 2010-2011 season:

Baseball - Head Varsity	Michael Bennett	\$3,979
Baseball - Head JV	Mark Fragassi	\$3,118
Baseball - Modified (Team 1)	Eric Bell	\$2,584
Baseball - Modified (Team 2)	<i>Vacant</i>	\$2,584
Golf - Head Coach (Mixed)	Anthony Perez	\$2,662
Golf - Assistant (Volunteer)	Peter Bursik	\$-0-
Softball - Head Varsity	Greg Myers	\$3,979
Softball - Head JV	Sarah Spaulding	\$3,118
Softball - Modified (Team 1)	Anne Marie Baker	\$2,584
Softball - Modified (Team 2)	Kimberley Ashlaw	\$2,584
Tennis - Head Coach (Boys)	Dan Rillahan	\$3,003
Tennis - Head Coach (Girls)	Jay Magiera	\$3,003
Track & Field - Head Coach (Boys)	<i>Vacant</i>	\$3,979
Track & Field - Head Coach (Girls)	<i>Vacant</i>	\$3,979
Track & Field - Assistant (Mixed)	Cheryl Turner	\$2,889
Track & Field - Assistant (Mixed)	<i>Vacant</i>	\$2,889

School Monitors Fairchild, Colleen Stiles, Ian

It was moved by Pauline Stone, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following school monitors from 3/7/11 until 6/24/11 at \$10.03 per hour. These positions are grant funded through the *ARRA EduJobs*.

*Fairchild, Colleen
Stiles, Ian*

Permanent Civil Service

*Powell, Amy
Girard, Tracy*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following *permanent Civil Service* appointments as indicated:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Powell, Amy	Occupational Therapist	9/1/10 – 3/9/11	2/9/10	3/10/11
Girard, Tracy	Physical Therapist	9/1/10 – 3/9/11	8/10/10	3/10/11

Stipends for Peer Mentors

*Tuller, Scott
Chapman, Jonathan*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves to increase the stipends for Scott Tuller and Jonathan Chapman from \$1,800 to \$2,250 for their role as Peer Mentors for the 2010-2011 school year. These are *Title I Grant* funded position.

Substitute Appointments

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Akey, Kristine	Instructional	3/07/11
Badger, Gregory	Instructional	3/07/11
Campbell, Derrick	Instructional	3/07/11
Dumas, Jenelle	Instructional	3/07/11
Fagan, Colleen	Instructional	3/07/11
Krug, Andrew	Instructional	3/07/11
Weiss, Joanne	Instructional	3/07/11

Temporary On-Call Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following *temporary on-call* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Johnson, Elizabeth	Non-Instructional	3/2/11

Property Tax Exemption for Real Property Owned by Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer Ambulance Workers

Miscellaneous

The Board President stated the resolution for the Property Tax Exemption for Real Property Owned by Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers needed to be rescinded because a public hearing is required before adoption of resolution.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education rescinds the original resolution of February 8, 2011 for Property Tax Exemption for Real Property Owned by Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

The Board set the public hearing for March 22, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the MS/HS Library.

The Audit Committee time was changed on March 22, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Policies

Policies

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination <i>Ethnicity was added to this policy.</i>	0100 (Revised)
Display of the Flag Regulation	4311-1-R (Revised)
Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Regulation	0100-R (2 nd Reading)
Board Member Training	2520 (2 nd Reading)
Animals in the Schools	4850 (2 nd Reading)

Financial

Financial Reports

It was moved by Pauline Stone, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

Appropriation Status Report – (December)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (December)
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (December)

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for December.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Budget Transfer Report for December.

Budget Transfer

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and roll-call voted that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following transfers over \$5,000:

Insufficient amount was budgeted for Retiree accumulated sick payout to TSA upon retirement

From: A9060-800-00-00 Employee Benefits – Health Insurance
To: A9070-800-21-00 Employee Benefits – Retirement TSA er contribution
Amount: \$62,721

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong (<i>Video Conference</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
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Acceptance of ARRA EduJobs Grant

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Pauline Stone and roll-call voted that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the *ARRA EduJobs Grant* in the amount of \$3,598 and approve amending the 2010-2011 district budget:

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong (<i>Video Conference</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
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Additional Items to Discuss

CVES Board Vacancy

- *CVES Board Vacancy*

It was moved by Stan Kourofsky, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education nominate Richard LaVigne as a candidate to the CVES Board of Education for a three-year term of office from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

- Clinton County School Boards Annual Recognition Dinner – 5/5/11

Discussion followed on the Clinton County School Boards Annual Recognition Dinner scheduled for 5/5/11 at the Rainbow Wedding & Banquet Hall and who will be attending. Names were given to the District Clerk.

- 2011-2012 Budget

2011-2012 Budget

Superintendent Amo discussed the Draft 2011-2012 Budget given to the Board. He stated he submitted a three-year history showing actual expenses. He noted increases or decreases by accounts and the reason in notations. He stated the budget is still a work in progress.

A question and answer period ensued with the Board. Board Member Leonard King stated he would not vote for a budget this high. Stan Kourofsky commented that spending needs to be reduced. Also commented he would not support Unit Lunch or anything that is not directly related to education. Richard LaVigne discussed funding for the hockey program, football program, low interest in ½ day UPK classes, class sizes, building maintenance worker position, guidance counselors in the elementary building, vehicles, and the need for a wrestling mat. He stated he did not want to see 2 to 4 students in classes and asked the Superintendent to research/review these areas for the next Board meeting. Karen Armstrong stated she would not support using \$7,000,000 of fund balance. She stated BOCES administrative costs have increased \$35,000 and the district needs to look hard at the services we participate in. Richard LaVigne, CVES Board Member stated he has a listing on what's in CVES administrative budget. Health insurance is included in this. He would make available to the Board CVES administrative budget.

The Superintendent stated special education, fuel and personnel totals make up an increase of \$3,791,000 over the 2010-2011 budget. He indicated major cuts to reduce the budget will involve looking at reductions in staffing if the tax levy is to remain the same as 2010-2011.

The School Business Executive stated she kept the levy the same as last year and if the district sees increased assessments, the tax rate will decrease.

Stan Kourofsky stated positions should not be filled when individuals retire.

Richard LaVigne inquired about the Director of Curriculum & Instruction position. He was not against filling the position, but could the position be share with the CSE department?

The Superintendent stated he has met with his administrative team to see how to use the EduJobs monies. The original intention was to hire additional AIS teachers; however, there is a possibility of applying monies towards an early retirement incentive. He stated he could forecast this out between the unions to see who might take advantage of this early retirement incentive, then the Board could decide what to do. It was the consensus of the Board for the Superintendent to explore the retirement incentive.

Karen Armstrong inquired about grant positions. She suggested using half of the fund balance this year and the remaining half spread over two years.

Pauline Stone stated last year's budget was approximately \$37,000,000. The mandatory increases for 2011-2012 was \$3,000,000 and we are already out \$2,000,000. She doesn't see where \$1,000,000 budget to budget increase is a problem.

Stan Kourofsky stated we need to get the spending side down. If a retirement incentive is offered, the Board would allow individuals who have submitted letters of retirement to also receive any retirement benefit offered.

Superintendent Amo stated positions currently funded by grants are not in the proposed budget.

The School Business Executive stated we will have to look at the grants to see if more individuals from the general fund can be moved into grants.

Stan Kourofsky stated he does not want to see any expenditures this year for unit lunch. The Superintendent stated this will be an area that will be reviewed.

It was the consensus of the Board that a budget work session be scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 6:15 pm in the MS/HS Library.

The next regular Board meeting will be March 22, 2011 at 6:15 pm.

Public Comment

On March 22, 2011 the Audit Committee will meet at 4:30 pm and the Operations Committee will meet at 5:00 pm.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Clerk Pro-Tem

Executive Session

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Steve Trombley as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

*To discuss a
particular person(s)
employment history*

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Executive Session

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person(s) employment history. Time 7:54 pm.

Adjournment

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 8:50 pm.

Adjournment

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Trombley, Board President