

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **Cumberland Head Elementary School - All Purpose Room**

December 8, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

☒ Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member (*arrived at 7:26 pm*)

Present

Absent

Others Present

Scott Amo, Superintendent
Garth Frechette, HS Principal
Sue Coonrod, MS Principal
Diane Fox, CH Principal
Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
James Knight, MS Assistant Principal
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
Daniel Noonan, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
Ron Clamser, Business Manager
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health,
& Health Svcs

Visitors

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Ronald Duchene	Angel Duchene	Brianna Duchene
Donna LaValley	Charles Crossley	Valerie Crawford
Charles Hart	April Burkhart	Mary Lou Hart
Stacey Boland	Beth Wister	Brian Wister
Roxanne LaValley	Gerry LaFountain	William Pelt
Lesa Pelt	Charity Pelt	Natalie Ward
Rielly Griggi	Jamie Jo Bonsie	Arnold Provost, Jr.
Lucy Giroux	Deborah Strack	Marisa Hoggkamp
Barb Floyd	Steve Livsey	Karri Collins
Tim Collins	Glenn Gagnier	Heidi Livsey
Michael Strack	Britney Buskey	

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

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Paul Wnuk thanked the Board for their efforts they put in as a Board member. He also congratulated the Board on the football field and bleachers. He stated the heating system at Beekmantown Elementary needs to be addressed due to the fluctuation of temperature in the rooms.

Presentations

Presentations

a. Topic: Audit Report 2008-2009 **Presenter:** Conroy, Boulrice, Telling &, Trombley, PC

Mr. Mike Boulrice from Conroy, Boulrice, Telling, & Trombley, PC stated he audited the district for the period ending June 30, 2009. He reviewed the audit report with the Audit Committee this evening and the district had a unqualified opinion (clean opinion). Some findings were noted and management has addressed these items. The Board had no questions.

b. Topic: BE Harmonica Club **Presenter:** Russell Gray

Superintendent Scott Amo introduced the Beekmantown Harmonica Eagles. The Beekmantown Harmonic Eagles are a group of Beekmantown Students in 1st grade to 7th grade. They currently have between 40 and 45 active members, about half of which have come today to play for you. Although a small number of their players are currently in band and/or chorus, for most of our Eagles, the harmonica is their one avenue of musical expression. The Beekmantown Harmonica Eagles have an ongoing, open enrollment: a student may join at anytime. There is no age, grade or ability limit, beginning players are given the opportunity to perform alongside classmates who may have been playing for years. The Harmonica Eagles welcome all students (and any staff) who would like to learn to play the harmonica. They even have a few Middle School students that started playing harmonica in elementary school who take the late bus home once a week so they can play their harmonicas.

The Beekmantown Harmonica Eagles believe that music is a gift that should be shared and twice a year, once for the winter holidays and once in June to celebrate the beginning of Summer, they travel to the local nursing homes to play for the seniors. The residents are always glad to see them come and there are smiles and people humming and singing along with their playing.

The Beekmantown Harmonica Eagles performed several songs.

Reports

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Beekmantown Elementary held a Thanksgiving food drive between 11/4 – 11/20. Students and staff collected 1,983 boxed and canned food items that were used to provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in the community and to the Beekmantown Food Shelf. Charts by classroom were displayed in the school lobby to record the collection totals for this student body of 430 students.

By participating, the students were demonstrating the values of community service and sharing. An article on this event will appear Saturday in the North Countryman.

- On 11/18/09, a Coordinated Review of the Child Nutrition Program at Cumberland Head Elementary School was provided by SED. In the final report, the Program Specialist noted: "it is my pleasure to inform you that based on that review the program is in compliance with federal and state regulations".
- The Cornell Cooperative Extension just announced that the Middle School has been selected to participate in the Creature Caretakers EPA grant funded program as the selected school from Clinton County. Carrie Redmond and Tracey Soulia completed the grant application, which will provide classroom instruction and creating a garden to stress the connection between gardening, nutrition, exercise, and environmental issues.
- The Grade 5 Social Studies State Assessment results (unofficial) have been shared with our district. Because they are unofficial, I can only mention that approximately 90% of all students tested achieved a proficiency rating of Level 3 or 4.
- Dr. Paul Seversky of Advisory Solutions was in the district on 11/19 & 11/20 to meet with the administrative team and tour the facilities. His visit included a tour of the West Chazy building with Dan Noonan. He is now in the process of reviewing the data, including instructional program opportunities, space and population projections to prepare a preliminary report to be shared in January or February. Dr. Seversky will present his preliminary information to the Operations Committee with a report also to the Board.
- I will be joining Board members Pauline Stone, Leonard King, and Carole Race at the NYSSBA sponsored conference in Albany tomorrow (12/9/09). The conference will focus on Negotiations Issues and Superintendent Evaluation models.

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- The December State Aid payment maybe delayed which amounts to approximately \$1,000,000.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes

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

11/10/09 Board of Education Meeting

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the committee meetings held on:

11/10/09 Audit Committee
11/10/09 Operations Committee

CSE Recommendations

New Business

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 12/08/09.

Resignation
LaSalle, Josh

Personnel

Resignations

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the following resignation on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
LaSalle, Josh	Wrestling Assistant (Volunteer)	12/2/09

Appointments
Temporary On-Call

Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendations 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
Laduke, Amanda	Non-Instructional	12/14/09
LaPier, Dale	Non-Instructional	12/14/09
Mesel, Penny	Non-Instructional	12/14/09
Rebolini, Robert	Non-Instructional	12/14/09

*Substitute
Appointments*

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

Name	Type	Effective Date
Jackson-O'Neill, Kristina	Instructional	12/14/09

and

the following *winter athletic position* for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated:

*Coaching
Appointment*

Assignment	Name	Salary 2009-2010
Basketball – Modified B (Girls) Team 2	Lozier, Jamie	\$2,279

*Extra Curricular
Assignment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves to change Marlene Raffel extra duty assignment amount for the middle school newspaper to \$1,991 since only one person will be performing this extra duty assignment.

and

*Increase in Substitute
Rate for Building
Maintenance Worker*

Increase the substitute rate for building maintenance worker from \$8.50 per hour to \$10.75 per hour effective 12/9/09.

and

*Carron, Jennifer
increased hours at
County Jail*

Increase Jennifer Carron hours of providing computer instruction for the Incarcerated Youth Program at the Clinton County Jail in the evening from 3½ hours per week to 7 hours per week at the home teaching rate, which is totally grant funded effective 12/9/09.

*Extra-Curricular
Appointment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education approves the following extra-curricular positions for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated:

Assignment	Advisor Name	Amount
SADD	Duffy, Jennifer	\$1,364 (prorated)

and

*40% School
Psychologist
Ross, Jerry*

The appointment of *Jerry Ross* as a 40% School Psychologist from 12/9/09 to 6/30/10 at a salary of \$16,946 (prorated) which is grant funded.

and

*Temporary Teacher
Aide/Student Aide
George, Edgar*

The appointment of *Edgar George* as a temporary Teacher Aide/Student Aide from 12/9/09 to 6/25/10 at a salary of \$13,432 (prorated).

and

*Establishment of MS
Otaku Club*

The establishment of a *Middle School Otaku Club* in the Middle School and that Anna Cesar be appointed as the advisor for the 2009-2010 school year at no salary.

*Permanent Civil
Service Appointments*

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

*Menard, Kayla
Balko, John*

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Menard, Kayla	School Monitor (cafeteria)	3/16/09 – 11/30/09	3/24/09	12/01/09
Balko, John	School Monitor (cafeteria)	4/8/09 – 12/17/09	4/07/09	12/18/09

Unpaid Leave

*Unpaid Leave
Trombley, Arnold*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the unpaid leave of absence from *Arnold Trombley* as a Building Maintenance Worker from 11/30/09 – 12/28/09.

Miscellaneous

*Medicaid Compliance
Program*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the *Medicaid Compliance Program* dated 12/2/09.

Novel Adoption

It was moved Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the purchase of and adding the following novels to the approved novel list:

Book Title	Author	Copyright
Peeled	Joan Bauer	2008
Bull Rider	Suzanne Morgan Williams	2009
Return to Sender	Julia Alvarez	1/2009
Shiver	Maggie Stiefvater	8/2009
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz	2000
Rules	Cynthia Lord	2008

*Attendance Zone
Policy*

Policies

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policy:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Attendance Zone	5110 (1 st Reading)

Financial

Financial Reports

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

Appropriation Status Report – (October)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (October)
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (October)
Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (October)

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for October.

and

*Audit Report
2008-2009*

That upon recommendation of the Audit Committee the Board of Education accepts the audit report prepared by Conroy, Boulrice, Telling & Trombley, PC for the 2008-2009 school year.

Donation

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and roll-call voted, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the following donation and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$1,050.72

From	For	Amount
Beekmantown Booster Club	Basketball Uniforms – Varsity Girls	\$1,050.72

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

*Banking Agreement
Renewal*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the Banking Agreement Renewal between the Beekmantown Central School District and Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company for the period 11/1/09 through 6/30/12 for financial services to the Beekmantown Central School District and that Ronald Clamser, Jr. be and is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

*Stipulation of
Settlement and Order
with Saranac Power
Partners*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the Stipulation of Settlement and Order between Saranac Power Partners, LP and the Beekmantown Central School District (Index #2008-00001211, RJ: 9-1-2008-0450) as amended with the approval of the School Attorney and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools be and is hereby authorized to execute said document on behalf of the District.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

Additional Items to Discuss

*Attendance at CEWW
Meeting*

- *Attendance at Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Board Association on 1/07/10*

Discussion next followed on the CEWW School Boards Association meeting and who will be attending. Names were given to the District Clerk.

School Meals Policy

- *Charging School Meals Policy #8505*

Based upon suggests made by the Board for elementary students only, the policy will be revised and presented for future discussion.

*Draft Budget
Calendar 2010 –
2011*

- *Draft Budget Calendar 2010-2011*

Discussion next followed on the Draft Budget Calendar for 2010-2011. It was the consensus of the Board to have one public presentation at the main campus.

- *Operations Committee Update*

Mr. Leonard King, Chairman of the Operations Committee updated the Board on the Operations Committee previously held this evening. He stated their was approximately \$2,000,000 in EXCEL money remaining. If the District purchased whiteboards (\$41,000), mimios, software and licenses (\$99,068) prior to 12/18/09, the district will see a savings. The Business Manager stated the savings was approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Approval of Mimios

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education authorize the expenditure of EXCEL money in an amount not to exceed \$140,068 in order to equip the remaining classrooms, labs and instructional areas in the district with whiteboards, mimio board digitizers and purchase the software and licenses for these mimios.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member arrived at 7:26 pm.

Underground Storage Tank

Discussion next followed on the inspection performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) yesterday. The NYSDEC is requesting corrective action on the underground storage tank adjacent to the bus garage within 30 days.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and roll-call, that following an inspection by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) of the underground storage tank adjacent to the bus garage the district will take corrective measures to register the underground storage tank and seal off the tank which will no longer be used by the District in compliance with NYSDEC regulations. The Board grants permission to the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract to perform this service in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

- Pledge of Allegiance*

Pledge of Allegiance

Karen Armstrong thanked the Superintendent for informing parents, students and staff about the Supreme Court ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline Stone expressed her wish that more detailed explanation of the pledge of allegiance concerns could have been shared earlier with the Board.

- Condolence Fund*

Condolence Fund

The Board President stated the district sends sympathy cards when families have experienced a loss. The fund has been support by myself and the Superintendent. The President asked the Board for monetary contributions for the purchase of cards. Board members contributed.

- Committee Appointments*

Committee Appointments

The Board President requested volunteers for the following negotiation committees.

Beekmantown Administrators Contract Negotiations Committee

Steve Trombley
Leonard King

Beekmantown Support Staff Negotiations Committee

Pauline Stone
Carole Race

Reports

Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member reported on the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences went well
- Wednesday before Christmas is called Wacky Wednesday with a lot of activities planned. Students pay to play volleyball and badminton with the money raised going to a charity, which the winning team chooses.
- National Honor Society raised money for Hannah's Hope and the Adirondack Humane Society.
- There will be a Poetry Slam on the Friday before Christmas.
- Student Council is performing community service for the less fortunate families at Christmas.
- Winter sports have started with the volleyball team winning last night and the hockey team winning the hockey tournament.

- *Board Seating*

Board Seating

Leonard King requested that a new seating arrangement for Board meetings be developed to increase opportunities for participation. The Board President will rearrange the seating for the next Board meeting.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Clerk Pro-Tem

Clerk Pro-Tem

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Stan Kourofsky as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

*Executive Session
discuss contract
negotiations with the
Beekmantown
Support Staff
Supervisors*

Executive Session

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations with the Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors' Association. Time 8:03 pm.

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 8:34 pm.

*Acceptance of
Negotiated
Agreement with
Beekmantown
Support Staff
Supervisors*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the negotiated Agreement between the Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors' Association and the Superintendent of Schools for the period July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong
☒ Frank Hay
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Carole Race
☒ Pauline Stone
☒ Steve Trombley

Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Kourofsky