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

✓ Karen Armstrong
 ✓ Frank Hay
 ✓ Leonard King

✓ Stan Kourofsky
 ✓ Richard LaVigne
 ✓ Ed Marin

Absent

Carole Race Pauline Stone Steve Trombley

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

Present

Others Present

Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, Scott Amo, Superintendent Garth Frechette, HS Principal & Health Srvs 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

Visitors

Visitors Ronald Duchene A Donna LaValley C Charles Hart A Stacey Boland H Roxanne LaValley C Lesa Pelt C Rielly Griggi J Lucy Giroux H Barb Floyd S Tim Collins C Michael Strack H

Angel Duchene Charles Crossley April Burkhart Beth Wister Gerry LaFountain Charity Pelt Jamie Jo Bonsie Deborah Strack Steve Livsey Glenn Gagnier Britney Buskey Brianna Duchene Valerie Crawford Mary Lou Hart Brian Wister William Pelt Natalie Ward Arnold Provost,. Jr. Marisa Hoggkamp Karri Collins Heidi Livsey

Approval of	<u>Approval of Agenda</u>		
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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

<u>Minutes</u>

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

<u>New Business</u> CSE Recommendations

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.

Personnel

Resignations

Resignation LaSalle, Josh

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

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Temporary On-Call

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	Туре	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	Туре	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 the substitute rate for building maintenance worker from \$8.50 per hour to

Increase in Substitute Rate for Building Maintenance Worker

and

\$10.75 per hour effective 12/9/09.

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)	
		C	und		
40% School Psychologist Ross, Jerry	The appointment of <i>Jerry Ross</i> as a 40% School Psychologist from 12/9/09 to 6/30/10 at a salary of \$16,946 (prorated) which is grant funded. <i>and</i>				
Temporary Teacher Aide/Student Aide George, Edgar	The appointment of <i>Edgar George</i> as a temporary Teacher Aide/Student Aide from $12/9/09$ to $6/25/10$ at a salary of \$13,432 (prorated).				
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Establishment of MS Otaku Club	The establishment of a <i>Middle School Otaku Club</i> in the Middle School and that Anna Cesar be appointed as the advisor for the 2009-2010 school year at no salary.				

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:

Name	Civil Service	Probationary	Initial	Permanent	
	Title	Period	Board Meeting	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

Permanent Civil

Service Appointments

Menard, Kayla Balko, John

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.

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>	Policy #
Attendance Zone	5110 (1 st Reading)

	Financial			
Financial Reports	It was moved by Steve Trombley that the Board of Education ac Committee:	•	-	
	Treasu	priation Status Report – (October) urer's Revenue Report – (October) urer's Monthly Report – (October) ricular 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 th audit report prepared by Conroy, 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 Gir	ls \$1,050.72	
	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 	

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.

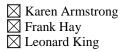
The roll-call vote was as follows:



Stan Kourofsky Richard LaVigne Ed Marin Carole Race Pauline Stone 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, RJI: 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:



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\boxtimes	Richard LaVigne	
\boxtimes	Ed Marin	

Carole Race Pauline Stone Steve Trombley

Additional Items to Discuss

Attendance at CEWW Meeting Discus • 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

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.

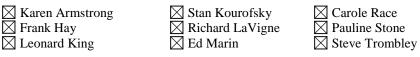
Draft Budget Calendar 2010 – 2011

• 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:

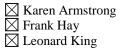


Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member arrived at 7:26 pm.

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:



Stan Kourofsky
 ☑ Richard LaVigne
 ☑ Ed Marin

Carole Race Pauline Stone 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.

Underground Storage Tank

	Beekmantown Administrators Contract Negotiations Committee
	Steve Trombley Leonard King
	<u>Beekmantown Support Staff Negotiations Committee</u> 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	<u>Public Comment</u> (None at this time.)
Clerk Pro-Tem	<u>Clerk Pro-Tem</u>
	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	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.

Supervisors

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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Stan Kourofsky
 ⊠ Richard LaVigne
 ☑ Ed Marin

☐ Carole Race
 ☐ Pauline Stone
 ☐ Steve Trombley

Adjournment

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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