

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

February 23, 2010

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

☐ Karen Armstrong
☒ Frank Hay
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Carole Race
☒ Pauline Stone
☒ Steve Trombley

☒ Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member (*arrived 7:10 pm*)

Present

Absent

Others Present

Scott Amo, Superintendent
Ron Clamser, Business Manager
Mary LaValley Blaine, District Treasurer
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Julie Jock Robert King Patty Gallagher Lucy Giroux

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Reports/Presentations

Reports

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- The Regional Spelling Bee for Grades 4-8 will be held at Plattsburgh High School on 2/26/10 at 6:00 pm. The snow date is 2/27/10.
- Received a request from the Town of Beekmantown for monetary contributions for the resurfacing of the tennis courts. The Superintendent stated he has spoken with the School Attorney and the district could do a rental agreement for the tennis courts. Discussion followed on the condition of the baseball, softball, and soccer fields, which the Town owns, but the district uses, and the use of the district buses for the summer program. Further consideration of a potential rental agreement with the Town will be determined in relationship to improvements of the baseball, softball, and soccer fields. The Superintendent to negotiate with the Town of Beekmantown
- Stated the school has been designated as a shelter for the American Red Cross in the past.

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- Stated the district has received notification from the State Comptroller's Office that the district has been selected for an on-site risk assessment. The Comptroller's office will review potential cost saving measures, revenue enhancement opportunities, and internal controls. The visit is estimated to be 3 to 4 weeks out.
- Inquired if the Audit Committee could convene at 4:00 pm on 3/9/10 to meet with the district's internal auditor Carl Seyfarth of Seyfarth & Seyfarth. The committee members present stated yes.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, 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:

2/09/10 Board of Education Meeting

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

2/09/10 Operations Committee

New Business

CSE Recommendations

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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 2/23/10.

Personnel

Appointments

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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 *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Substitutes

Name	Type	Effective Date
Brand, Jack	Instructional	3/01/10
Channaoui, Wafa	Instructional	3/01/10
Eisenberg, Rachel	Instructional	3/01/10

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 *temporary on-call* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Norton, Donald	Non-Instructional	2/24/10
Sharlow, Harold	Non-Instructional	3/01/10

Permanent Civil
Service Appointment
Castellucci, Carol

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 following *permanent Civil Service* appointment as indicated:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Castellucci, Carol	Typist	9/3/09 – 3/1/10	8/25/09	3/2/10

Retirement

Newman, Charlotte
Turoff, Betty

Retirement

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 accepts the following intent to retire on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Date
Newman, Charlotte	School Lunch Cashier	6/25/10
Turoff, Betty	Typist	6/25/10

Financial

Financial Reports

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Business Manager:

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

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for January.

Transfers

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

This transfer (total amount \$315,951.52) represents movement of staff between payroll codes and final adjustment from BTA contract settlement.

From A2110.120-00-00 to A21010.160-00-00 in the amount of \$ 4,757.74
From A2110.120-00-00 to A2110.100-00-00 in the amount of \$ 17,626.00
From A2110.120-00-00 to A2110.120-01-00 in the amount of \$ 46,384.90
From A2110.120-00-00 to A2110.120-02-00 in the amount of \$ 66,029.95
From A2110.120-00-00 to A2110.130-00-00 in the amount of \$181,152.93

<input 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

BE Staff Luncheon

- *BE Staff Luncheon*

Request from Ricki Marin, BE PTO President, informing the Board the PTO is sponsoring a BE staff luncheon on 2/26/10 from 10:45 am – 1:00 pm. She invited Board members and the Superintendent to help serve lunch in conjunction with the kids counsel and PTO members. Board members to notify the District Clerk if they are available.

Press-Republican Meeting

- *Press-Republican Meeting*

On 2/18/10, the Superintendent, Board President and Board Member Ed Marin met with the following from the Press-Republican to discuss improving communications regarding District news and events :

Robert Parks, President and Publisher
Robert Grady, Editor
Lois Clermont, New Editor

Board Member Ed Marin commented on the Press-Republican rationale for providing coverage for some stories and not others. In addition, the Press-Republican staff reporter represents other districts besides Beekmantown. The Press cannot publish positive information unless they receive it. The district needs to do a better job of marketing the district.

The Board President stated that all news items from the district would now go directly to Lois Clermont, News Editor.

Budget Discussion

- *Budget Discussion*

The Superintendent informed the Board of the following:

- Historical, districts have received more revenues than the proposed Governor's budget once enacted by the legislatures.
- While additional personnel maybe added to this budget, the cost of additional monies will be offset by BOCES cost savings.
- 78% of the budget is benefits and salaries.

Brett Palmer arrived at 7:10 pm.

Superintendent Amo inquired about the amount of money the Board would like to use from the fund balance. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the amount of fund balance used in the past, tax levy, and tax rates.

Business Manager Ron Clamser presented data based on an assumption of a 2% increase from last year which totals roughly \$38 million. The Business Manager stated he was doing an analysis using expenditures over the last six years and could lower expenditures in several areas.

Board Member Steve Trombley expressed his concern that we do not have an expenditure plan to accommodate for repairs or replacement of equipment needs.

The Business Manager stated that in August, the Board may put more monies towards the tax levy, if so desired.

No decision was made on the amount of fund balance, which will be used, until the Superintendent presents the revenue and expenditure plans for the budget.

Reports

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

- The district will be hosting Model UN on Thursday with Chazy, NCCS, and AuSable participating. They will be prepping for the Model UN at NCCS in March.
- Gave a sports update
- Stated the mural located across from the cafeteria was done by Lauryn Menard and Sarah LeClair.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at the time.)

Clerk Pro-Tem

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King 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

Executive Session

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person(s) employment history and the Beekmantown Support Staff Association contract negotiations. Time 7:50 pm.

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 8:22 pm.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Pauline Stone, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Kourofsky, Board President