

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Meeting

Place: MS/HS Library

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Time: 6:15 p.m.

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

at: 6:19

by: Stan Kourofsky

##### A. Pledge of Allegiance

##### B. Roll Call

☒ Karen Armstrong

☒ Jane Donahue

☒ Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

☐ Frank Hay

☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Richard LaVigne

☒ George Palmer

☒ Steve Trombley

☒ Timothy Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

##### Also Present

Mark Sposato

Ron Clamser

Joe Lavorando

Gary Lambert

Sandra Gardner

Diane Fox

Ed Cook

Kevin Hebert

Sue Coonrod

Roxann Barnes

Dan Hobbs

Micheline DeBella

##### Visitors

Susan King

Chari Racine

Lucy Giroux

Greg Meyers

Devi Momot

Betty Heywood

Robert King

Nancy Coty

#### 2. Public Comment 6:20 p.m.

*There were no comments from the public.*

#### 3. Reports/Presentations 6:20 p.m.

##### A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Mark A. Sposato

*Dr. Sposato read a statement from the School Administrators Association of NYS legal counsel in reply to a question from Mr. King at the last meeting regarding tenure for administrators. It was their interpretation of the law that the Superintendent may recommend to the Board early tenure and the Board may grant it. Dr. Sposato and Don Strong have been meeting with the architects for facilities planning and Excel Aid projects. Dr. Palmer asked if there are deadlines for filing. Dr. Sposato replied he would follow-up with more info and deadlines.*

*Ms. Armstrong asked the following questions regarding the Capital Project and District Initiatives:*

- 1. Total referendum approved by voters?*
- 2. Total expense & liability?*
- 3. Interest earned to date?*
- 4. What is the district doing with the interest?*
- 5. Are you paying the interest on the borrowings?*

##### B. Business Administrator's Report – Ron Clamser, Jr., Business Manager

*The answers to the Boards questions regarding financial reports was provided in the Board packets. Mr. Clamser reported that a legal notice about the Comptrollers audit had been submitted to the Press Republican to comply with the 10 day requirement. Mr. Clamser asked if the Board wanted to continue to receive recordings of the Board meetings. It was decided to provide them upon request. The Business Office is drafting the Boards reply to the external audit done by Telling & Conroy.*

##### C. Board Committee Reports

(None at this time.)

##### D. Ex-Officio, Student Board Member – Timothy Palmer

*The survey results from the student body regarding Board goals was overwhelmingly in favor of academic achievement; followed by work place preparation, arts and staff appreciation. In addition, the student council purchased Christmas gifts for underprivileged district residents.*

#### 4. Spotlight on Education 6:37 p.m.

**Topic:** Special Education

**Presenter:** Micheline DeBella, Director of Special Services (20 minutes)

*Ms. DeBella presented the Board with information about the districts Special Services. Data presented included changes in placement, number of students receiving services, and transfers between the District and BOCES. In addition, Ms. DeBella presented a review of the continuum of services. At the conclusion, Ms. DeBella took questions from the Board.*

#### 5. Minutes 6:57 p.m.

Resolved that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of

Education held on:

10/10/06 Regular Meeting

11/14/06 Regular Meeting

11/28/06 Work Session

Motion: RL Seconded: LK Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**6. Unfinished Business** 7:01 p.m.

NYSSBA Board Retreat – January 3, 2007

The Board agreed on Jan. 3, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. with dinner during the meeting.

Set Grievance Committee of Board and Date

The Board discussed convening a committee to review the parameters and implementation of the Board's decision regarding BTA grievances. Ms. Armstrong, Mr. LaVigne, and Dr. Palmer will serve on the committee. Additional attendees include the school attorney and representatives from the BTA. The meeting will take place on Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Any outcome of the committee meeting resulting in a change to the initial decision of the Board will need to go before the Board in public session for a vote. In addition, there will be a grievance hearing by the full Board on Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a new grievance.

**7. New Business** 7:38 p.m.

**A. CSE Recommendations**

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve the CSE recommendations dated 12/12/06.

Motion: RL Seconded: ST Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**B. Personnel** 7:39 p.m.

**1. Resignations**

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following resignations on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Boyd, Lynn	Custodial Worker	11/09/06 (Verbal)
Grotbo, Karen	Spanish 7-12	12/31/06

Motion: ST Seconded: RL Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**2. Termination** (None at this time.)

**3. Appointments** 7:40 p.m.

- a. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to correct the appointment title of Terry Savage from the board meeting of November 14, 2006 from that of a Civil Service *probationary* appointment Account Clerk/Typist with a *probationary* period from 11/20/06 to 5/20/07 to that of a Civil Service *provisional* appointment Account/Clerk Typist effective 11/20/06 *pending exam results* and fingerprint clearance.

Motion: LK Seconded: KA Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- b. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to correct the winter athletic appointment of Amy Campbell from a *Basketball – Modified B (Girls)* effective 11/7/06 for a total amount of \$2,123 from the board meeting minutes of November 14, 2006 to that of a *Volley – Modified* appointment with an effective date of 11/7/06 for a total amount of \$1,694.

Motion: RL Seconded: GP Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- c. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following winter athletic coaching position for the 2006-2007 school year as indicated:

Assignment	Name	Date	Per Person	Total
Basketball - Modified B (Girls)	Gregory Waters	11/7/06	\$1,061.50	\$2,123

Motion: KA Seconded: RL Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Mr. Kourofsky commented that there are 2 teams and they are both budgeted for.

- d. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointment as indicated:

Name	Title	Probationary Period	Salary	Contract
Garrant, Jeremy	Automotive Mechanic	01/02/07 – 7/01/07	\$18,878	12 months

Motion: RL Seconded: ST Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- e. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the following probationary appointment as indicated:

Teacher	Tenure Area	Certification		Probationary Period	Salary
		Area	Form		
Cabàn, Marisol	Spanish 7-12	Spanish 7-12	Initial (pending)	1/16/07 – 1/15/10	\$42,710

Motion: RL Seconded: KA Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Dr. Sposato commented this appointment replaces the resignation above in part 1.

- f. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Kashorek, Lori	Instructional	12/13/06

Motion: RL Seconded: LK Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- g. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following *permanent Civil Service* appointments as indicated:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Brean, Cindy	School Lunch Cashier	3/10/06 – 12/11/06	3/14/06	12/12/06
Beshon, Robin	School Lunch Cashier	3/10/06 – 12/11/06	3/14/06	12/12/06
Newman, Charlotte	School Lunch Cashier	3/10/06 – 12/11/06	3/14/06	12/12/06
Senecal, Victoria	School Lunch Cashier	3/10/06 – 12/11/06	3/14/06	12/12/06
Sullivan, Susan	Clerk	4/5/06 – 12/5/06	4/4/06	12/6/06

Motion: RL Seconded: KA Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- h. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to change the following *Provisional* Civil Service School Lunch Manager appointment due to the successful completion of the Civil Service examination to that of a *Probationary* Civil Service School Lunch Manager effective 12/13/06 to 6/14/07.

Name
Barnes, Roxann

Motion: RL Seconded: ST Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- i. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve Letter of Agreement between Debra Biasini and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide special education services for Incarcerated Youth Program under the supervision of the Coordinator of Incarcerated Youth Program at the Clinton County Jail Saturday mornings (2 to 3 hours) at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (grant funded) effective December 16, 2006.

Motion: LK Seconded: RL Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Ms. Grinberg-Funes asked if this teacher gets evaluated. Dr. Sposato replied yes, by the Coordinator of Incarcerated Youth Program.

4. Unpaid Leave (None at this time.)
5. Intent to Retire (None at this time.)
6. Child Rearing Leave (None at this time.)
7. Tenure (None at this time.)
8. Elimination of Position (None at this time.)

**C. Policy** 7:48 p.m.

Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the following policy as indicated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Policy #</b>
Wellness & Nutrition	TBD
Administrative Regulations	TBD
Guidelines by Clinton County Health Department School Snack & Beverage Stands for Clinton County School	Exhibit A
Creative School Fundraising Ideas	Exhibit B
Guidelines for Food and Beverages Offered to Students at School Functions	Exhibit C

*Motion: ST Seconded: KGF Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)*

**D. Miscellaneous** 7:50 p.m.

- a. Resolved that the Board of Education name the Beekmantown Elementary School Playground the *James F. Sears Honorary Community Playground*.

*Motion: LK Seconded: GP Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)*

- b. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to grant permission for one (1) Beekmantown Central School District middle school student to participate with the Saranac Lake School District Nordic ski team as an independent skier for the 2006-2007 season at no cost to the District.

*Motion: KA Seconded: RL Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)*

*Ms. Grinberg-Funes asked about restrictions for the students. She wanted to ensure students will receive recognition for their achievements.*

**8. Financial** 7:55 p.m.

- A. Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the following reports:

Appropriation Status Report – (October)  
 Treasurer's Revenue Report – (October)  
 Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (October)  
 Treasurer's Monthly Report – (October)  
 Trial Balance – (October)  
 Warrant Report – (October)  
 Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (October)

*Motion: ST Seconded: RL Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)*

- B. Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following transfer:

**Interscholastic Athletics Instructional to Interscholastic Athletics Non-Instructional**

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A28551500000	A28551600000	\$10,000.00

*Motion: KA Seconded: LK Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)*

- C. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following donations and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$2,189.

<b>From</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Booster Club Donation	Wrestling Bags	\$ 540.00
Booster Club Donation	Volleyball Supplies	\$ 409.00
Booster Club Donation	Varsity Girls Basketball Warm-Ups	\$1,240.00

*Motion: ST      Seconded: RL*

Roll Call Vote:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

- D.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve the payment for health service fees to the Plattsburgh City School District for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of \$15,151.36 for 38 students @ \$398.72 per pupil.

*Motion: RL      Seconded: KA      Yes: 8      No:      Abstain:      (Accept      Reject      Table)*

- E.** Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the following BAN for buses at the lowest interest rate possible and on the maturity date indicated:

<b>Payment No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
5 of 5 payments	\$55,379.20	January 19, 2007

*Motion: LK      Seconded: GP*

Roll Call Vote:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

- F.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to authorize the following tax refund for the 2006-2007 school year.

<b>Town</b>	<b>Tax Map No.</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Plattsburgh	206.4-3-14	Plattsburgh Holiday Inn	\$14,284.23	Clerical Error

*Motion: RL      Seconded: LK*

Roll Call Vote:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

*Mr. Trombley asked if this amount comes out of the tax certiorari account.*

## 9. Capital Project      8:03 p.m.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve final payment for Project #98-147 (Phase 2 – Additions and Reconstruction Project) to Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$787,074.95, which represents full and final payment, and resolves all outstanding claims, allowances, and credits *and to authorize the Superintendent to sign a limited release to comply with the terms of the settlement as proposed.*

*Motion: RL      Seconded: ST      Yes: 8      No:      Abstain:      (Accept      Reject      Table)*

*Mr. King had some questions regarding the calculation of the total amount.*

Roll Call Vote:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

## 10. Additional Items to Discuss      8:08 p.m.

*Mr. Kourofsky asked the Board to forward any questions regarding the financial statements to the Superintendent and Business Manager ahead of the Jan. 9 meeting.*

*Ms. Grinberg-Funes stated there used to be public forums towards the end of the year.*

*Ms. Donahue asked about providing a Holiday card to the staff that showcases student art work. Ms. Donahue also wanted to put to rest a rumor that the Superintendent is “out” and a replacement is in place.*

*Mr. Kourofsky asked the Board for comments regarding his draft letter to the substitute bus drivers. The Board agreed to accept the letter and send it out as is.*

*Dr. Sposato put to rest a rumor that he accepted a job on Long Island which is not true.*

**11. Public Comment** 8:16 p.m.

*There were no comments from the public. The Board took a short break.*

**12. Executive Session** (Negotiations and discuss a particular person or person’s employment history)

In: 8:25 p.m. Motion: RL Seconded: KA Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Out: 9:50 p.m. Motion: ST Seconded: GP Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**13. Adjournment** 9:51 p.m.

Motion: ST Seconded: LK Yes: 8 No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)