

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

April 17, 2012

Minutes

Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:16 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"/> Pauline Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin <i>(arrived at 6:26 pm)</i>	

☒ Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member *(arrived at 6:27 pm)*

Others Present

- ☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
- ☒ Diane Fox, HS Principal
- ☒ Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
- ☒ James Knight, Jr., MS Principal
- ☒ Tracy Corey, MS Assistant Principal
- ☒ Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
- ☒ Garth Frechette, CH Principal
- ☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
- ☐ Ed Cook, Dir. of PE, Athletics, Health & Health Services
- ☒ Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
- ☐ Daniel Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
- ☒ Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
- ☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
- ☒ Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
- ☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Susan King	Robert King	Lynn Wang	Ken Maurer
Zeke Perras	Holly Sims	Debbie Passno	Eric Anderson
David Martin	Pat Martin	Patricia Chotkowski	Patty Gallagher
Anne McGinnis	Renée Hall	Lucy Giroux	Toni Mieles
Greg Myers	Keith LaPier	April Bingel	Gary Gudz
Constance Sullivan	Frank Hay	Kathy Hay	Patty LaFlam
Scott Ferris	Earl Burnell	Amy Couture	Steve Couture
Stephen LaFlam			

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

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Eric Anderson commented that the district has no long term plan with most of the fund balance money spent. JV sports are only back for probably one year and the existing computers are old with nothing in the budget to address this. He commented that next year the district is looking at a minimum of \$2 million but with costs rising it will probably be closer to \$3 million.

Reports

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Students from BMS presented exhibits at Fort Ticonderoga last month as contestants in the North Country History Day celebration. Under the tutelage of teacher advisors Sara Vagi and Duffy Nelson, three of our students received First Place awards. In the Junior Individual exhibit category, Courtney Wilbanks was honored for her exhibit “More Than Just A Job”. In the Junior Group category, Allison Rock and Alexandria Whitney captured first place honors for their exhibit “Titanic Mistakes: Lessons Learned”.

As a result of their accomplishments, each student is qualified to participate as contestants at New York State History Day to be held in Cooperstown on April 23, 2012. Winners at the state level advance to the national competition in June at College Park, Maryland.

- Recently, Plattsburgh State University served as hosts to international students, specifically from Africa. BHS opened its doors to a group of these students recently to enable these students to observe American education and shadow several teachers throughout the school day. This rare opportunity was welcomed by all involved and our students appreciated the experience of meeting representatives from such a distant country.
- Extend a special thank you to parents and grandparents who have helped prepare the students in Grades 3-8 for the state assessments that began today by being certain the students are getting enough sleep and coming to school on time and prepared.
- Shared correspondence received from Norman Tabor this afternoon for the Board’s consideration.

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive reported on the following:

- The district has received an improved rating from A to A+ on the long term bond refinancing. The anticipated closing date is May 10th.
- Explained the two budget transfers on tonight’s agenda.
- Explained the NYCLASS Resolution.
- A \$5,000 scholarship has been bequeathed to the District.

Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio Student Board Member reported on the following:

- The 4th quarter has started.
- The track team has their first meet on Saturday.
- Introduced Andrew Peryer as the new Ex-Officio, Student Board Member for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Stated the following will be the new student officers for the for the 2012-2013 school year.

Andrew Peryer, President
Minh Coryer, Vice-President
Lianna Gelwicks, Treasurer
Kendra Lafountain, Secretary
Keegan Ryan, Officer at Large

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

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

3/27/12 Board of Education Meeting

New Business

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

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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 approves the CSE recommendations dated 4/17/12.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Stan Kourofsky, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CPSE recommendations dated 4/17/12.

Personnel

Resignation

Race, Carole

Resignation

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledges Carole Race's resignation as a Board Member of the Beekmantown Central School District (term expires 6/30/2014) effective March 28, 2012.

Appointments

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Substitutes

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:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Tuller, Tosha	Non-Instructional	4/23/12
Leinder, Linda	Instructional	9/06/12

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following appointments for the May 15, 2012 Annual District Election and Budget Vote:

Appointments	Name	Title	Rate
<i>Permanent</i>	Hicks, Jennifer	Permanent Chairperson	\$10.00/hr.
<i>Chairperson</i>	Inhelder, Eleanore	Chief Election Inspector	\$12.00/hr.
<i>Election Inspectors</i>	Bailey, Kim	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
<i>Election Custodian</i>	Barnes, Roxann	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Bell, Eric	Election Inspector	\$ -0-
	Bull, Sheila	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Culley, Sylvia	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Deming, Cyd	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Garrant, Linda	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Jennette, Barb	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	King, Leonard	Election Inspector	\$ -0-
	King, Tina	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	LaValley Blaine, Mary	Election Inspector	\$ -0-
	LaVigne, Sue	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Senecal, Paul	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Stone, Barb	Election Inspector	\$10.00/hr.
	Ryan, Harold	Election Custodian	\$250.00

Leonard King and Richard LaVigne abstained.

Retirement

It was moved by Pauline Stone, seconded by Richard LaVigne 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:

Retirement
Deeb, J. Michael

Name	Position	Date
Deeb, J. Michael	Technology Teacher	9/15/12

Termination

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education terminates the probationary appointment of the following person in accordance with Civil Service Law:

Termination
Rheome, Timothy

Name	Position	Effective Date
Rheome, Timothy	Head Custodian	4/27/12

Fisher, Ronald

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education terminates the employment of Ronald Fisher effective April 22, 2012, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section 71 of the Civil Service Law of the State of New York.

Adoption
2012-2013 School
Calendar

Miscellaneous

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 adopts the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

Acceptance of
Petitions for
Members of the
Board of Education

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education accept eight (8) petitions as listed below to elect three (3) members to the Board of Education. The top 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will fill the expired terms of Stan Kourofsky and Ed Marin for 5-year terms commencing 7/1/12 to 6/30/17. The 3rd highest number of votes will fill the unexpired term of Carole Race commencing 5/15/12 – 6/30/14.

Stan Kourofsky
Ed Marin
Debbie A. Passno
April L. Bingel
Timothy C. Rheome
Deanna Rock
Kenneth W. Maurer, Sr.
Eric Anderson

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	

Financial

Budget Transfers

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

To reallocate budget costs

From: A9732-700-00-00 (Debt Service – BAN Interest)

To: A9732-600-00-00 (Debt Service – BAN Principal)

Amount: \$5,852.92

To reallocate available budget funds to accommodate addition to the general fund as a result of NYSED rejected

Title grant applications & requiring one of the teachers to be covered under the general fund so that BE, CH, MS could undertake certain new SES procedures to being to address under performance areas

From: A2110-120-02-00 (Teacher Wages – Gr 4-6)	\$ 1,830.06	
A2110-130-00-00 (Teacher Wages – Gr 7-12)	\$15,816.66	
A2280-490-00-00 (Teaching – BOCES Occup Tech)	\$ 936.00	
A2815-400-00-00 (Health Srvs – Parochial Students)	\$ 5,658.87	
A1310-160-00-00 (Business Office – Wages)	\$ 7,500.00	
A1620-160-00-00 (Operation of Plant – Wages)	\$ 9,250.54	
To: A2110-120-01-00 (Teacher Wages – Gr K-3)		\$40,992.13

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and roll-call voted

NYCLASS Program

Whereas, the Beekmantown Central School District, is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program;

Whereas, the Beekmantown Central School District, has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead Participant and provides for changes to the Investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS (the form of such Amendment which is attached hereto);

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve an Amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in the Lead Participant and investment Advisor for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Beekmantown Central School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and roll-call voted that the Board of Education recommends to the voters of the District at the Annual District Meeting on May 15, 2012 the following proposition:

Adoption of 2012-2013 Budget

Adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2012-2013 school budget in the amount of \$36,942,838.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	

2012-2013
Property Tax
Report Card

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education adopt the 2012-2013 Property Tax Report Card as indicated below:

2012-13 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2011-12 (A)	Proposed Budget 2012-13 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	\$38,155,982	\$36,924,838	-3.18%
School Tax Levy Limit ¹		\$17,936,985	
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit ¹		\$492,811	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (not including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit) ¹		\$17,761,633	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit ¹)	\$17,769,431	\$18,254,444	2.73%
Public School Enrollment	2,053	2,021	-1.56%
Consumer Price Index			3.2%

¹ Note that these items apply only to Column (B) - Proposed Budget 2012-13 for this year.

² If the Proposed School Year Tax Levy in 2012-13 (including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit in 2012-13) exceeds the sum of the School Tax Levy Limit for 2012-13 and Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit in 2012-13, approved of 60% or more of the qualified voters present and voting is required.

	Actual 2011-12 (D)	Estimated 2012-13 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,253,781	\$2,238,281
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,574,028	\$2,117,949
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,424,745	\$1,527,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	8.98%	4.13%

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong
☐ Cathy Buckley
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Pauline Stone
☒ Steve Trombley

Expanding
Partnership with
Bordering School
Districts

Additional Items to Discuss

○ Expanding Partnership with Bordering School Districts

Discussion followed on who would represents the district at the informal, initial conversations for expanding partnerships in the years ahead among bordering school districts which will take place on 4/24/12 at 7:00 pm at the Peru School District community room. Representatives from the board will be Board President Steve Trombley, Vice-President Leonard King and Board member Pauline Stone.

Voting on CVES
Budget & CVES
Board of Education
Members

○ Voting on CVES Budget & CVES Board of Education Members

The Board President reminded the Board of the Special Meeting scheduled for 4/26/12 at 6:00 pm to vote on the CVES Budget & CVES Board of Education Members. Said meeting will be held in the Superintendent's office.

Committee of 9

○ Committee of 9 Meeting

The Board President reminded the Board members who sit on the Committee of 9 that a meeting has been scheduled for 4/30/12 at 4:00 pm in the MS/HS Library. Stan Kourofsky stated that he has been filling in for Karen Armstrong and she will rejoin the Committee of 9.

Exit Poll

○ Exit Poll

Karen Armstrong suggested an exit poll be conducted after the budget vote and volunteered for this. The Superintendent will work with Mrs. Armstrong on the questions to be asked.

Public Comment

Public Comment (15 minutes)

Debbie Passno inquired if the *Expanding Partnership with Bordering School Districts* was open to the public. The Superintendent stated he would inquiry and let her know. *Ed Marin* suggested the committee should give a report at the next board meeting.

Zeke Perras commented he had given a letter to the Superintendent a few weeks ago and he values education. The before school program sponsored by the YMCA might not take place due to decrease enrollment.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk