

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**May 13, 2008**

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

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

#### Members Present

☒ Karen Armstrong  
☒ Earl Burnell  
☒ Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

☒ Frank Hay  
☒ Leonard King  
☒ Stan Kourofsky

☒ Richard LaVigne  
☒ George Palmer (*arrived 6:26 pm*)  
☒ Steve Trombley

☐ Jeff Stitt, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

#### Others Present

##### **Present**

Scott Amo, Superintendent  
Garth Frechette, HS Principal  
Sue Coonrod, MS Principal  
Sandra Gardner, BE Principal  
Diane Fox, CH Principal  
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager  
Michelene DeBella, Director of Special Services (*arrived at 6:20 pm*)  
Kevin Hebert, Senior Automotive Mechanic  
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor  
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager  
Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal (*arrived at 6:25 pm*)  
Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics  
Health, & Health Services  
Don Strong, Supt. of Building & Grounds  
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

##### **Absent**

James Knight, MS Assistant Principal

#### Visitors

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Jerry Ross  
Chris Waterbury

Patty Gallagher  
Judy Peterson

Lucy Giroux

Robert King

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Public Comment

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Chris Waterbury liaison representing the Lady Eagles Girls Hockey addressed the Board on the proposed Girls Hockey Team. Superintendent Amo will submit questions the District has to Chris Waterbury for his written response.

Michelene DeBella, Director of Special Services arrived at 6:20 pm.

Earl Burnell stated the Clinton County School Boards Association recognized the top 10% of all seniors within Clinton County last week at the Rainbow Wedding & Banquet Hall. Jack Glasgow, graduate of Beekmantown was the guest speaker. Earl Burnell gave Jack a tour of the school and Jack stated he was impressed with the expressions from students and teachers. Everyone was enjoying what they were doing.

Joha Battin, Assistant Principal for the high school arrived at 6:25 p.m.

## Reports

*Scott Amo,  
Superintendent of  
Schools*

## Reports/Presentations

*Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools* reported on the following:

- Positive feedback on our technology link for students on academic ineligibility and coaches.
- Go Green Committee for Beekmantown Elementary (Valerie Matott & Tiffany Williams) wrote and received a grant from Air and Waste Management Association in the amount of \$250 for their "Environmental Eagles Paper Recycling Contest".
- Maile Sapp (8<sup>th</sup> Grader) was the 2008 Middle School Science Fair winner with her research project in studying the effects of Gatorade on the heart during exercise.
- Natosha Delisle (4<sup>th</sup> Grade at Beekmantown Elementary) competed with over 800 other K-12 entrants in the Sixth Annual North Country Schools Peace Poetry Contest. Natosha's poem "World Peace" was selected to be listed in a book North Country Schools Peace Poems with 60 other writers.
- Roxann Barnes was given one day's notice that our grocery distributor (SYSCO) would experience a driver strike the next day. Roxann quickly adjusted with orders/delivery from another vendor and food service was uninterrupted.

Dr. George Palmer arrived at 6: 26 p.m.

*Superintendent's* report continued:

- Middle school and high school teacher positions will have a student interviewing team. This year we have a social studies position with interviews scheduled for 5/28/08.
- Drafted a tentative job description for the Director of Curriculum which will be presented at the 5/27/08 meeting. Interviews will be scheduled for 6/11/08.

*Ron Clamser,  
Business Manager*

*Ron Clamser, Business Manager* reported on the following:

- Received the Draft Audit Report from Carl Seyfarth of Seyfarth & Seyfarth.
- NYS School Boards Advisory Services will be on site to review the District's State Aid billing.
- Changing the District's Life Insurance carrier to combine with the employee paid dental and vision carriers. This will be a cost savings of \$130 per month with a free Employee Assistance Program.

## Approval of Minutes

## Minutes

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

April 22, 2008 Audit Committee Meeting  
April 22, 2008 Board of Education Meeting/Work Session  
April 24, 2008 Board of Education Special Meeting

*CSE  
Recommendations*

**New Business**

**CSE Recommendations**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Earl Burnell, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the CSE recommendations dated 5/13/08.

**Personnel**

*Substitute  
Appointments*

**Appointments**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Beshon, Michael*	Non-Instructional	5/20/08
Deyo, Cheril*	Non-Instructional	5/28/08
Peryea, Kenneth	Non-Instructional	5/19/08

\*Pending successful completion of road test.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Earl Burnell and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *permanent Civil Service* appointments as indicated:

*Permanent Civil  
Service  
Appointments*

*Bouchard, Susan  
Burleigh, David  
Ducharme, Tracey*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Civil Service Title</b>	<b>Probationary Period</b>	<b>Initial Board Meeting</b>	<b>Permanent Date</b>
Bouchard, Susan	Typist	11/14/07 – 5/13/08	11/13/07	5/14/08
Burleigh, David	Bus Driver	10/24/07 – 5/15/08	10/23/07	5/16/08
Ducharme, Tracey	Bus Driver	10/24/07 – 5/15/08	10/23/07	5/16/08

*Intent to Retire  
Newman, Charlotte*

**Intent to Retire**

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education rescind the previously board approved retirement of Charlotte Newman's (School Lunch Cashier) which was to be effective on June 28, 2008.

**Policies**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the following policies as indicated:

*Policies*

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Policy #</u></b>
Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials	#1420
Textbook/Supplemental Adoption Form Stage I	TBD (Exhibit)
Textbook/Supplemental Adoption Form Stage II	TBD (Exhibit)
Novel Adoption Form	TBD (Exhibit)

*Budget Hearing*

**Presentations**

(High School Auditorium @ 7:00 pm)

**Topic:** Budget Hearing

**Presenters:** Scott Amo, Superintendent  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager

## Others Present

## Others Present

Cathy & Michael Buckley

## *Student Council*

The student council gave the Board of Education chocolate bars as a token of appreciation for all they do. A thank you letter was requested to be sent to the student council on behalf of the Board of Education.

## **Miscellaneous**

## *Gymnastics Merger*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the following athletic merger for the 2008-2009 athletic season:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>School</b>
Gymnastics	Saranac Central School District

## *Varsity Hockey Merger*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Hockey Merger with Chazy Central Rural School at a rate of \$600 per student.

## *Audit Committee*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve Richard LaVigne to replace Earl Burnell on the Audit Committee.

## *Board Negotiation Team*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve Stan Kourofsky to replace Kathleen Grinberg-Funes to serve on the negotiating Team for the Beekmantown Teachers' Association contract.

## **Financial**

## *Financial Reports*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

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

## *Donations*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education accept the following donations and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$4,710.

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>For</b>	
Air & Waste Management		Education on Going Green	\$ 250.00
MACRO International		Materials & Supplies (MS)	\$1,000.00
Booster Club		Beekmantown Logo Chairs	\$3,460.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Steve Trombley	Aye	Leonard King	Aye
George Palmer	Aye	Karen Armstrong	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Aye		

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education approve the following transfers over 2,500:

### *Transfers*

#### **Health Insurance to Diesel Fuel** (Under Budgeted)

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A90608002200	A55103070000	\$60,000.00

#### **MS Sub Teacher Out to MS Sub Teacher In** (Under Budgeted)

A21101401100	A21101401190	\$8,000.00
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#### **Transportation Secretary & Monitors to Substitute Bus Drivers** (Under Budgeted)

A55101850000	A55101800000	\$7,500.00
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#### **Transportation Secretary & Monitors to Substitute Bus Drivers** (Under Budgeted)

A55101850000	A55101810000	\$7,500.00
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#### **Health Insurance to In-Service Training BOCES** (Alignment of BOCES Account)

A90608002200	A20704900000	\$9,603.00
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#### **Health Insurance to Teaching BOCES** (Alignment of BOCES Account)

A90608002200	A21104900000	\$6,000.00
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#### **Health Insurance to Handicapped BOCES** (Alignment of BOCES Account)

A90608002200	A22504900000	\$52,032.91
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#### **Health Insurance to Occupational Ed BOCES** (Alignment of BOCES Account)

A90608002200	A22804900000	\$7,587.90
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#### **Health Insurance to Computer BOCES** (Alignment of BOCES Account)

A90608002200	A26304900000	\$43,926.67
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#### **Fuel oil to Maintenance Project** (Roof Leak @ West Chazy)

A16204790000	A16214630000	\$22,000.00
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The roll-call vote was as follows:

Steve Trombley	Aye	Leonard King	Aye
George Palmer	Aye	Karen Armstrong	Aye
Earl Burnell	Aye	Richard LaVigne	Aye
Frank Hay	Aye	Stan Kourofsky	Aye
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	Aye		

### *Public Comment*

#### **Public Comment** (5 minutes)

Cathy & Michael Buckley addressed the Board stating they had unpleasant special education experiences and was approaching the Board with the understanding that the Board is responsible for the special education department.

### *Executive Session to discuss parental concerns regarding services for a child*

#### **Executive Session**

8:35 pm. It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss parental concern regarding services

*receiving special  
education services  
and a particular  
person or person's  
employment history*

for a child receiving special education services and particular person or person's employment history. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes voted no.

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes departed the meeting.

Stan Kourofsky excused himself from the executive session which dealt with parental concern regarding services for a child receiving special education services.

#### **Adjournment**

9:25 pm It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by George Palmer and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

#### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Earl Burnell, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk