

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Special Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**October 11, 2011**

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Richard LaVigne led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member		

#### Others Present

- ☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
- ☒ LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
- ☒ Diane Fox, HS Principal
- ☒ Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
- ☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
- ☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

#### Visitors

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Charlie Stone	Barb Stone	Holly Sims
Debbie Passno	Lucy Giroux	Patty Gallagher
Larry Ebere	Susan King	Robert King
Eric Bell	David Anderson	Michael Bennett

### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Approval of Agenda

### Executive Session

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Time: 6:17 pm.

#### Executive Session (to discussion pending litigation)

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time: 7:42 pm.

*Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Official and Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney did not return to the Board table at this time from executive session.*

## **Public Comment**

Holly Sims read the following which was submitted to the Editor of the Press-Republican:

*Local Schools will soon be faced with a tax cap and will have to make difficult budgeting decisions. Beekmantown Central will not be exempt from this challenging task.*

*We are asking school officials to be financially responsible and develop and publish a 3-5 year financial plan. This is important so that the children, employees and residents have a tentative road map of where we are going. There needs to be a long-term financial plan that is shared by all to minimize the drama surrounding budget presentations, lay-offs, program cuts and budget votes.*

*We would also like the community to be invited to participate in the annual budget process from start to finish. This will give the Board an idea of the program priorities and exist within the community and will garner support for the budget process and the final budget.*

*Please include prior year actual data alongside the proposed budget data during the budget process and budget presentations. The existing practice of comparing budget to budget data provides very little useful information and in fact, using actual data was a recommendation given in the last audit report from the NYS Comptroller.*

*In addition to providing actual data from prior years, please provide detailed line item, account-level data for those who desire to know the details.*

*The community needs to be assured that the budget vote is unbiased. We respectfully request the annual budget vote to be held at a neutral site instead of the school.*

*Having a long-term financial plan and using public input for the budget process will help ensure the development of a budget that is transparent and representative of its constituent's needs. Having a long-term financial plan is part of the duties and responsibilities of the school officials and the Board of Education.*

## **Reports/Presentations**

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Channel 5 was on site for a follow-up storey on our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Program (PBIS).
- As of this afternoon, the auditorium lighting was not in operation. A back-up part will be installed until a permanent part arrives; thus allowing the auditorium to be back in operation in a couple of days.

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

- Updated the Board on the athletic teams.
- Chorus and band have selected pieces for the winter concert.
- The student council is looking into creating a winter ball which would be like a semi-formal. A student would like to volunteer to be the DJ. This is all in the planning stages.
- Five week progress reports have been sent home.

## **Minutes**

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

Approval of Minutes

9/27/11 Board of Education Meeting

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the committee meeting of the Board of Education held on:

9/23/11 Operations Committee

## **New Business**

### **CSE/CPSE Recommendations**

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 CSE recommendations dated 10/11/11.

CSE/CPSE  
Recommendations

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 approves the CPSE recommendations dated 10/11/11.

### **Personnel**

Appointments  
Forkey, Kimberly

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education appoints *Kimberly Forkey* as a Special Education Teacher effective 10/3/11 until 6/22/12 to fill the leave of absence of Stacy Beaudin at a salary of \$44,577 (prorated). Ms. Forkey holds professional certifications in the area of Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 and Grades 7-12.

Castellucci, Carol

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education appoints (recall) *Carol Castellucci* as a 10-month typist from the Civil Service Preferred Eligibility List effective 10/12/11 at a salary of \$18,591.60 (grant funded).

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
Boyea, Jacquelyn	Instructional	10/17/11
Thwaites, Jaime	Instructional	10/17/11

## Temporary On-Call

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Cathy Buckley 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
Mulholland, Kathleen	Non-Instructional	10/17/11

## Baker, Anne Marie Volleyball Head JV

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education changes the appointment of Anne Marie Baker – Volleyball Assistant (Volunteer) to Volleyball Head JV coach effective 9/19/11 at a stipend of \$1,347.00 to fulfill the absence of the previously appointed Head JV Volleyball Coach.

## Bursik, Peter Soccer Head JV

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education changes the appointment of Peter Bursik - Soccer Varsity Assistant (Boys) to Soccer Head JV (Boys) coach effective 9/19/11 at a stipend of \$1,680.50 to fulfill the absence of the previously appointed Head JV (Boys) Soccer Coach.

## Financial

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:

## Transfers

### Student transportation reimbursement for private residential students

From: A2250 470 00 01 (Program for Students w/Disabilities Residential Maintenance) \$ 10,700.00  
To: A5540 400 00 00 (Contract Transportation – Aidable) \$ 10,700.00

### Reclassify and realign wage budget codes following teacher movement and re-assignments

From: A2110 130 00 00 (Teach Wages Gr. 7-12) \$314,742.30  
From: A2110 120 01 00 (Teach Wages Gr. K-3) \$ 97,127.00  
To: A2110 120 02 00 (Teach Wages Gr. 4-6) \$411,869.30

### Reclassify and realign wage budget codes following teacher movement and re-assignments

From: A2110 120 01 00 (Teach Wages Gr. K-3) \$ 6,110.00  
From: A2250 150 00 00 (Teach Wages CSE) \$ 4,107.80  
To: A2820 150 00 00 (Psychological Serv Instrt Wages) \$ 10,217.80

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<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

## School Bus Lease Agreement Peru Central School District

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the School Bus Lease Agreement between Peru Central School District and the Beekmantown Central School District to commence 10/14/11 and continue until 6/30/12.

## RTTT Grant

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and roll-call voted that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the following Race to the Top “RTTT” Year 2 of 4 Grant in the amount of \$58,761 to accommodate mandated NYS p-12 Common Core Learning standards through the use of Network teams coordinated through BOCES and Teacher/Principal Evaluation System “APPR” training and coordination for the 2011 2012 school year.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong  
☒ Cathy Buckley  
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky  
☒ Richard LaVigne  
☒ Ed Marin

☐ Carole Race  
☒ Pauline Stone  
☒ Steve Trombley

## Additional Items to Discuss

- *Foreign Language Trip*

## Foreign Language Trip

The Superintendent informed the Board of a Foreign Language Trip planned to Quebec City on 6/25/12 – 6/27/12 for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. A resolution will be presented at the 10/25/11 Board meeting.

- *Beekmantown Varsity Baseball Team Trip*

## Beekmantown Varsity Baseball Team Trip

Discussion next followed on a proposed Beekmantown Varsity Baseball Team Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC on 4/9/12 – 4/13/12. Varsity Head Coach Michael Bennett informed the Board there is no cost to the District. Fundraising will cover the cost to participate in the tournament which is \$550, house rent is \$1,000 to \$1,500, and groceries approximately \$300 to \$400. Following discussion, it was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Richard LaVigne and carried, that the Board of Education approves the Beekmantown Varsity Baseball Team Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC on 4/9/12 – 4/13/12 at no cost to the district, contingent upon approval of the Superintendent and providing a copy of the contract.

- *School Bus Driver*

## School Bus Driver

The Superintendent informed the Board that two bus drivers retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. One position was eliminated but the Transportation Supervisor recommends filling the other. The reason for this is because of the outlying areas to the center of school. By not filling the bus run, other bus runs would be increased and one bus wouldn't have enough time to return to the school for the afternoon

The Board inquired if all buses are full or do some buses come in half full. SED has a new ruling where the district does not have to keep a seat on the bus for every student. What difference was made when the State Law changed? We have a computer program which was designed to save on bus runs. What data went into the software program and what reports come out of the program? A central pick-up point hasn't been discussed.

- *Grades*

## Grades

Richard LaVigne stated a student failed a class last year; however, scored an 88 on the regents. He thought the district was testing on knowledge of the content. He would like to see this discussed at a future meeting.

*Non-Resident  
Students*

- *Non-Resident Students*

Cathy Buckley stated she would like to discuss at a future meeting whether or not to accept non-resident students.

*Mary LaValley Blaine and Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney rejoined the Board meeting. Time 8:16 pm.*

*Foreign Exchange  
Students*

- *Foreign Exchange Students*

The Superintendent will contact other districts regarding a Foreign Exchange Program.

### **Public Comment**

*Public Comment*

Debbie Passno commented that she was happy the Board was raising issues regarding busing. She commented that NCCS is researching outsourcing their busing. She also commented that she has spoken with the Transportation Supervisor and the district picks up at a lot of places in the surrounding areas. She commented that senior drivers pick their own routes and stated they are hired as a bus driver to do a job and the district should determine what functional and cost savings.

*Domestic Hot Water  
Boiler System*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and roll-call voted that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the emergency reconstruction and/or replacement and restoration of the domestic hot water boiler system at the Beekmantown CSD Main Building Campus in an amount not to exceed \$180,000., is hereby approved and accordingly it is authorized that funds be appropriated and transferred from the General Fund 2011-2012 appropriations budget through use of an inter-fund transfer to the Capital Fund to advance funds to the Capital Fund to outlay costs which shall be classified as an ordinary contingent expense to restore and reconstruct the domestic hot water boiler system; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Request for Proposal (RFP) submitted by K&L Plumbing and Heating, Inc. is hereby accepted and the Superintendent of the District is therefore authorized to sign the contract(s) in an amount not to exceed of \$143,882.82 on behalf of the Board of Education, and approve the Architectural and Engineering Contract with Tetra Tech Architects and Engineers in the amount not to exceed of \$30,000 for services rendered plus reimbursable out-of-pocket expenditure costs not to exceed \$6,117.18.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong  
☒ Cathy Buckley  
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky  
☒ Richard LaVigne  
☒ Ed Marin

☐ Carole Race  
☒ Pauline Stone  
☒ Steve Trombley

The School Business Executive stated she would be bringing budget transfers from the general fund to the capital fund. She and the Superintendent have been in contact regularly with SED Facilities Planning, Commissioner's Office, NYS Comptroller's Office, Bond Counsel, Fiscal Advisors and Quest StarIII. They are working to revalidate this as an emergency project to receive State Aid.

### **Reports**

#### *Report*

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

- Attended a School Business Officials meeting on the new legislation on the Property Tax Cap formula to schools. The Property Tax Threshold limit is 2%; however, the formula could be more or less. Right now multiple steps exist in the formula. The Office of Real Property sends the growth factor to SED. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to SED for the tax threshold limit.
- The new copiers have been rented/leased through BOCES allowing the district to receive aid. The old copiers are still on site and will be picked up and returned to the vendor at no cost to the district.
- We received the insurance check last week for the damage on the new copier and the damage to the server at CH from Storm Irene.

### **Clerk Pro-Tem**

#### *Clerk Pro-Tem*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Steve Trombley as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

### **Executive Session**

#### *Executive Session (to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s))*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s). Time 8:38 pm.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 9:15 pm.

### **Adjournment**

#### *Adjournment*

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Trombley, President  
Board of Education