

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**January 24, 2012**

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. and Pauline Stone led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong ( <i>Video Conference</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin ( <i>Telephone</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

☒ Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member (*arrived @ 6:42 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  
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

### Visitors

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Charlie Stone	Barb Stone	Toni Mieles
Debbie Passno	Holly Sims	Susan King
Robert King	Katherine Clark	Amy Holzer
April Bingel	Frank Hay	Alison Grovine

### Approval of Agenda

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

## Public Comment

### **Public Comment**

*Debbie Passno* from the Beekmantown Music Alliance recognized Board Member Pauline Stone and Superintendent Scott Amo for attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Concert. She commented that they are life long musicians due to the training they received at school. She also commented that before cuts are made to music and arts that other areas should be looked at.

## Presentation

### **Presentation**

**Topic:** Comprehensive Educational Plan for BE, CH & MS

**Presenter:** Lora Recore-Parks, Special Education School Improvement Specialist of CVES

LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services stated Lora Recore-Parks, Special Education School Improvement Specialist of CVES has been working with the district on Grades 3-8 with students with disabilities.

Lora Recore-Parks stated she services all districts in the North County. Comprehensive Education Plans have been completed for Beekmantown Elementary School, Cumberland Head Elementary School and Beekmantown Middle School. Since October, ELA and Math data has been analyzed. The Elementary is using Readers and Writers workshop. This is researched based and would help the teachers to improve the results on how students perform on tests. A question and answer period followed with the Board.

### **Reports/Presentations**

## Reports

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

- Charles Simpson, our student representative on the Board was recently featured in Denton Publication in discussing his role as a student representative.
- He continues to serve on a committee chaired by Dr. John Jablonski, President, CCC and others to explore long-term involvement with the community agencies, SUNY system, CUNY system, business, county, school systems, and others in laying out a combined plan to address “cradle to career” coordination and planning.
- Our district, along with all districts, is working to address the new requirements associated with APPR regulations for teachers and administrators. A state-wide plan, and subsequent local negotiations on selected parts of the plan, is necessary for NY State to avoid losing approximately \$700 million of promised federal aid to assist districts in meeting the new requirements. Our portion of this amount over 4 years is approximately \$106,000.
- The Parent Portal on the district website is now active. Parents and/or guardians may access student information (schedule, grades, discipline referrals, etc.) 24/7. The district saw 94 activations from families within the first day of going active.

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

- Explained the budget transfer on NYS unemployment insurance. The district is self insured and the unemployment insurance was combined with wages and now we need to transfer the funds to the unemployment account.
- Stated the CSE Department has been working very diligently on Medicaid billing. They will be submitting request for reimbursement on 1/31/12;

therefore, our projection should be on target.

- State Aid Projections were released last week. Overall from last year to this year, the district will see a 1.87% decrease which is approximately \$295,000.
- Title I & Title II are still under review by State Ed.
- The Title I School Improvement Grant which was submitted by the BE Principal and MS Principal in the amount of \$87,860 is under review by State Ed.

## **Minutes**

### **Approval of 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:

1/10/12 Board of Education Meeting

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

1/10/12 Audit Committee

## **New Business**

### **CSE Recommendations**

#### **CSE/CPSE Recommendations**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 1/24/12.

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Leonard King, and unanimously carried that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the CPSE recommendations dated 1/24/12.

## **Personnel**

### **Appointments**

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following *Civil Service probationary* appointment as indicated:

Rivera, Valerie

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Salary (11-12)</b>	<b>Contract</b>
Rivera, Valerie	Registered Professional Nurse	1/25/12 -5/7/13	\$26,229.50	10 months

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following *permanent Civil Service* appointment as indicated:

Blaine, Louis

<b>Name</b>	<b>Civil Service Title</b>	<b>Probationary Period</b>	<b>Initial Board Meeting</b>	<b>Permanent Date</b>
Blaine, Louis	Custodial Worker	2/9/11 – 2/8/12	2/8/11	2/9/12

## Substitutes

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 following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Branon, Kristin	Instructional	1/30/12
Devan, Melissa	Instructional	1/30/12
Grovine, Alison	Instructional	1/30/12

## Policies

### **Policies**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Policy #</u></b>
Returned Check or Web ACH Payments	TBD (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
Purchasing	6700 (Revised)

*Charles Simpson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member arrived at 6:42 pm.*

## Financial Reports

### **Financial**

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 Audit Committee:

Appropriation Status Report – (December)  
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (December)  
Treasurer's Monthly Report – (December)  
Trial Balance – (December)  
Extra-Curricular – (December)

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Warrant Report for December 2011.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the Budget Transfer Report for November 2011 and Due To & Due From Report as of December 2011.

It was moved by Leonard King, 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

Reclassify breakage costs for instructional staff laid off and collecting NYS unemployment benefits.

From: A2110.130.00-00 (Teaching Wages)  
To: A9050.800-00-00 (Employee Benefits – Unemployment Insurance)  
Amount: \$20,000.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

BAN

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the following BAN's for buses at the lowest interest rate possible and on the maturity date indicated:

Payment No.	Amount	Due Date
4 of 5 payments	\$68,868.35	2/10/12

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Race
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone
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### **Reports/Presentations**

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Simpson, Charles

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

- This was the first year all classes had to have a mid-term exam.
- Regent's week is this week.
- The Harvard Team leaves for Boston tomorrow.

### **Additional Items to Discuss**

Operation Committee

- Operations Committee

Steve Trombley stated the Operations Committee discussed the West Chazy building. The School Attorney to research on whether the building could be sold and what happens with the Dodge Library. Representatives from the Dodge Library will be invited to a Board meeting on the direction the Board is going.

Playground  
Equipment @ West  
Chazy School

- West Chazy Playground Equipment

Stan Kourofsky inquired about the direction from the Board on the playground equipment at the West Chazy Elementary School being donated to the Town of Chazy. The Board President stated the playground equipment at the West Chazy School is in better shape than the playground equipment at Cumberland Head Elementary School. The School Attorney to research if the district is allowed to donate to the Town of Chazy.

West Chazy Building

- West Chazy Building

Since the Board is working on the 2012-2013 budget, now is the time to review the West Chazy building. Steve Trombley stated the feasibility study placed a value of \$100,000 on the building. Stan Kourofsky wanted a clarification on the Dodge Library since it is not owned by the school, but the library is tied to the school. The district to have the School Attorney review.

## **Public Comment**

### *Public Comment*

*Debbie Passno* thanked the Board for scheduling a public session on 2/14/12. She also commented that a parent had called her regarding the football season but didn't want to come forward. The parent expressed to her that some students attend practices and games and only see a minute of playing time during the season and they would rather see cuts instead. She commented on why is the team so large and taking on kids that are not going to play. Ms. Passno stated she has heard the same thing about bowling.

## **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 (discuss collective negotiations with the Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors' Association)*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the collective negotiations with the Beekmantown Support Staff Supervisors' Association. Time 7:01 pm.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 7:35 pm.

## **Adjournment**

### *Adjournment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Stan Kourofsky and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Trombley, President  
Board of Education