

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

August 4, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and Ed Marin led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

☒ Karen Armstrong
☐ Frank Hay
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Carole Race
☒ Pauline Stone
☐ Steve Trombley

Others Present

Present

Scott Amo, Superintendent
Sue Coonrod, MS Principal
Diane Fox, CH Principal
Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Svcs
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Daniel Noonan, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
Ron Clamser, Business Manager
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Absent

Garth Frechette, HS Principal
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney

Visitors

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Susan King
Marisa Hoogkamp

Robert King
Alison Brown

Amy Palmer

Approval of *Agenda*

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the agenda which includes a late item resolution for the purchase of buses in the amount of \$375,798.

Public Comment

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The Board President welcomed the new Beekmantown Elementary School Principal Matthew Slattery.

Presentations

Update on the Football Field Project

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Topic: Update on Football Field Project

Presenter: Dan Noonan, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds

Dan Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds updated the Board on the Football Field Project. Some of the highlights were as follows:

- The district will recoup approximately 81% in State Aid on the football field project.
- On 8/17/09, the bleachers and press box will be on site. The home bleachers will be 111' x 25' and the visiting bleachers will be 45' x 25'.
- Asphalt will be placed under the bleachers and a walkway will be installed to the driver education simulator.
- The newly established location of the football field is 26' South of the original location from the Haynes Road and 25" West towards the Bus Garage.
- The driver education simulator has been painted and a logo will be installed.

Reports

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- James Knight was selected baseball coach of the year and Dan Rillahan as tennis coach of the year.
- Our new Principal Matthew Slattery is on the job and preparing for the opening of the school year. The Superintendent thanked Diane Fox for her assistance.
- An interview team will convene tomorrow to interview for the Grade 5 opening.
- Will be submitting a draft Support Staff Supervisors Contract to the Board for review.

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- resolution on the agenda to correct the BAN renewal date was needed due to an incorrect date being given.
- Board will confirm the Tax Roll & Levy. The district is at full assessed value with a rate of \$16.35 compared to last year's rate of \$16.91.
- late item resolution was recommended by the school attorney for the purchases of buses which the voters approved in May. The Board needs to approve the issue of obligations.
- in the future, we will bring tax assessment claims. The State Education Department requests tax certiorari goes for each claim. The district has received two tax claims now, which will be brought forward in September.
- external auditors will be on site next week to audit the 2008-2009 school year.
- in September, the Treasurer, Internal Claims Auditor and Business Manager will attend a Internal Audit Training in Canton.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes

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

July 21, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the committee meeting held on:

7/21/09 Operations Committee

CSE
Recommendations

New Business
CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 8/04/09.

Appointments

Personnel

*Kathleen Mulholland,
Health Services
Consultant*

Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kathleen Mulholland, RN as an Health Services Consultant from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 for a salary of \$10,000 (partial grant funded).

*Shana Fessette-
Hileman,
District-Wide
Coordinator*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the appointment of Shana Fessette-Hileman as a District-Wide Coordinator for the coordination of the Fitness Center and Indoor Track at a stipend of \$8,500 for September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Palmer, Amy

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following probationary appointment as indicated:

Teacher	Tenure Area	Certification		Probationary Period	Salary (Based on 07- 08 Salary Schedule)
		Area	Form		
Palmer, Amy	Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)	Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)	Initial	9/1/09 – 8/31/11	\$37,768

Amy Palmer was introduced.

Leaves of Absence

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*Steele, Kathy, Special
Education Teacher*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves to grant Kathy Steele, Special Education Teacher an unpaid leave of absence from 9/03/09 to 10/13/09.

*Ducharme, Tracey,
Bus Driver*

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 to extend the unpaid leave of absence from Tracey Ducharme as a Bus Driver from 7/29/09 – 11/14/09.

Miscellaneous

*Authorization for
Correction of Tax
Roll and Tax Bill*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approves to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve the correction of tax roll and tax bill where the correction does not exceed \$2,500 for the 2009-2010 school year with the Business Manager designated in his absence in extenuating circumstances.

*Contract for Athletic
Trainer Services*

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 contract between the Beekmantown Central School District and Champlain Valley Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Program, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center for Athletic Trainer Services beginning 8/10/09 and ending 6/06/10 in the amount of \$6,000.

Policies

Minutes Policy #2360

Discussion next followed on Minutes Policy #2360 and the order of roll-call voting, passing on resolutions without forfeiture of vote, and stating reasons for abstaining. The District to seek legal clarification.

Financial

BAN Date Correction

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 to amend the BAN payment 1 of 5 for buses in the amount of \$70,780.62 from 7/30/09 to 8/28/09.

*Resolution to Confirm
Tax Rolls &
Authorize Tax Levy*

Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried,

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2009 - 2010 school year a sum not to exceed \$16,649,997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

Name of Town	Total Assessed Valuations by Towns	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total Tax Levy by Towns w/o STAR	Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value
Town of Altona	\$3,384,700	100%	\$55,355.61	0.016354657
Town of Beekmantown	\$259,019,528	100%	\$4,236,175.54	0.016354657
Town of Chazy	\$39,766,598	100%	\$650,369.07	0.016354657
Town of Plattsburgh	\$585,775,828	100%	\$9,580,162.75	0.016354657
SUB-TOTAL	\$887,946,654	XXX	\$14,522,062.96	X.XXXXXXX
STAR	\$130,111,808	XXX	\$2,127,933.99	X.XXXXXXX
TOTALS	\$1,018,058,462	XXX	\$16,649,996.95	X.XXXXXXX

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2009 and end October 31, 2009 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 65 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- 1st month free period,
- 2nd month interest of 2 percent added,

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted, that

*Issue of Serial Bonds
for the purchase of
buses*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekmantown Central School District authorize the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$375,798.00 for the purchase and funding of four (4) sixty-five passenger school buses; and issue a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$375,798.00, with interest thereon at the lowest available rate, to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds herein authorized, for the purchase and finding of four (4) sixty five (65) passenger school buses; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board President, or in his absence the Board Vice President, be authorized to execute all documents necessary for the issuance of a bond anticipation note upon such terms and for the purpose authorized.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

☒ Karen Armstrong
☐ Frank Hay
☒ Leonard King

☒ Stan Kourofsky
☒ Richard LaVigne
☒ Ed Marin

☒ Carole Race
☒ Pauline Stone
☐ Steve Trombley

Public Comment *None*

Public Comment

Additional Items to Discuss

*Audit Committee
Meetings*

• Audit Committee Meetings

Karen Armstrong, chairman of the Audit Committee stated the Audit Committee will meet prior to the first Board meeting or second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is schedule for 9/8/09.

*EXCEL Project
Update*

• EXCEL Project Update

Leonard King updated the Board on the EXCEL Project and stated Cumberland Head Elementary School was 98% completed. He referenced the Status Report dated 7/31/09 with an addendum update of 8/4/09.

*8/25/09 Board
Meeting*

• August 25, 2009 Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be on 8/25/09 at 5:00 pm.

Clerk Pro-Tem

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Executive Session

Executive Session

*Discuss the
evaluation of the
Superintendent*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent. Time 7:09 pm.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 10:04 pm.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 10:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Kourofsky, Board President