

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

January 11, 2011

Minutes

Call to Order

President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm. Stan Kourofsky led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin (<i>via telephone</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

☒ Devon Anderson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

Others Present

☒ Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
☒ Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
☒ Joseph Lavorando, School Business Executive
☒ Eric Bell, School District Treasurer
☒ Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Amy Campbell	Susan King
Ilona Kelting	Raney Rock
Robert King	

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.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Reports/Presentations

Reports

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Beekmantown Elementary students and staff celebrated their January Eagle Pride Assembly today. Selected classrooms and individuals were awarded the prestigious awards of "The Golden Spatula" and Eagle Pride Certificates for positive school behaviors. This program is part of the larger district-wide effort to apply Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies regularly.
- Garth Frechette, HS Principal was recently appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA). His appointment assures representation from our district and region on a state board responsible for formulating the long-term plan for the NYSPHSAA.

- On January 14-15, the hockey team will be travelling to Schenectady to compete. A Premier Charter Bus has been paid for by Todd and Amy Deyo for this transportation.
- I will be serving as one of the judges for the Spelling Bees for Beekmantown Elementary and Cumberland Head Elementary to be held tomorrow and Thursday.
- The bulletin board in the entrance of the Administration Building is proudly displaying student artwork from Renee Wooster's classes at Beekmantown Elementary. I have asked the district art teachers to volunteer student work throughout the year for display in our area and this is the first edition.
- Finally, Dr. Tony Wagner has confirmed his willingness to be present via skype in our auditorium on March 21, 2011. This is a Superintendent's Conference Day for the district and we will invite the BOCES Board and administration, as well as boards and administrators from area districts to join us. Teri Calabrese, Assistant Superintendent from BOCES has agreed to help with the advertising and logistics for this presentation. Board Member Richard LaVigne will invite his BOCES Board colleagues.

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

- Tetra Tech will submit a report indicating change orders and retainage on the EXCEL Project.
- Carl Seyfarth, Internal Auditor will be on site the middle of February to start testing policies and procedures.

Devon Anderson, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member reported on the following:

- The hockey team is 7 and 2; Girls Basketball 4 and 3, and Boys Basketball is 2 & 7.
- Drama Club is rehearsing for the production of "*Guys and Dolls*".

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:

Approval of Minutes

December 14, 2010

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

12/14/10 Audit Committee
12/14/10 Operations Committee

New Business

CSE Recommendations

CSE & CPSE
Recommendations

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 CSE recommendations dated 1/11/11.

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 approves the CPSE recommendations dated 1/11/11.

Personnel

Appointments

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*Winter Athletic
Harrsch, Dennis*

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 winter athletic appointment for the 2010-2011 season:

Name	Sport	Amount
Harrsch, Dennis	Hockey Assistant (volunteer)	\$-0-

On-Call Appointments

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, 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
Garcia, Shawna	Non-Instructional	1/12/11
Pellerin, Vickie	Non-Instructional	1/12/11
Provost, Carole	Non-Instructional	1/12/11
Recore, Sr., James	Non-Instructional	1/12/11

Substitute Appointments

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 *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Type	Effective Date
Banting, Kristen	Instructional	1/18/11
Corrow, Jennilee	Instructional	1/18/11
Kollar, Ashley	Instructional	1/18/11
White VanCour, Christa	Instructional	1/18/11

*Garren, Michelle
School Bus Monitor*

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 appoints Michelle Garren as a temporary School Bus Monitor effective 1/12/11 until 6/24/11 at \$23.50 per run.

*Dearborn, Jessica
Long Term
Mathematics Teacher*

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 *Jessica Dearborn* as a long-term Mathematics teacher effective 1/3/11 until 6/24/11 at a salary of \$42,348 (prorated) due to the leave of absence of Crystal Bruyere, High School Mathematics Teacher. Ms. Dearborn holds initial certification in the area of Mathematics 7-12.

Miscellaneous

Agreement with School Business Executive

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the negotiated Agreement with the School Business Executive commencing October 13, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

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

Agreement with School District Treasurer

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Cathy Buckley and roll-call voted, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the negotiated Agreement with the School District Treasurer commencing January 3, 2011 and ending June 30, 2011.

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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Budget Calendar 2011-2012

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 adopts the following *2011-2012 Budget Calendar*:

2011-2012 Budget Calendar

January 1st – February 23rd

Administration reviews and develops current and projected: Budget Assumptions (Revenues and Expenditures), Enrollment, Building Allocations, District-Wide Allocations, and Staffing.

January 11, 2011

- Board of Education approves Budget Calendar

January 25, 2011

Administration presents preliminary budget forecast in the areas of: Enrollment, Building Allocations, Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, Staffing, and Fund Balance Projections. (*Board provides input.*)

February 25, 2011

- Budget draft sent to Board of Education

March 1, 2011

- Superintendent's Budget Presentation to Board of Education.

April 12, 2011

Location: Auditorium

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- Public Presentation

April 26, 2011

- Board of Education adopts budget

April 27, 2011

- Report Cards sent to SED

May 3, 2011

- *General Information on Proposed Budget & Propositions* mailed to all residents.
- *Detailed Proposed Budget* available and will be mailed to residents upon request.

May 10, 2011

Location: Auditorium

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- Budget Hearing

May 11, 2011

- *Budget Notice* mailed (**Six Day Notice**).

May 17, 2011

Location: Beekmantown HS (**Front Gym**)

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Annual Budget Vote

Voter registration: Registration will take place at the District Office, 197 Haynes Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Ballots: Deadline to return absentee ballots is May 17, 2011 by 5:00 pm.

Financial

Warrant Report

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Warrant Report for November 2010.

Transfer

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

To move money into Programs for Students with disabilities – Residential Tuition

From: A9060.800-00-00 (Employee Benefits – Health Insurance)

To: A2250.470-00-00 (Prog for Stud w/ Dis – Residential Tuition)

Amount: \$73,000.

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
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Additional Items to Discuss

Building Maintenance Worker

- *Building Maintenance Worker*

Superintendent Amo inquired if the vacant building maintenance worker position would be filled. He stated of the 20 applications received, 17 are still interested in the position. No action was taken on this item.

Custodial Worker Floater

- *Custodial Worker Floater*

The Superintendent stated the district is presently down three full-time custodial workers due an unpaid leave of absence through June and workers' compensation with undetermined return dates. The concept of hiring a full-time custodial "floater" was

discussed. If appointed, this person would be assigned to fill the occasional absence necessitated by illness, personal day, etc. from their regular assigned work. The specific work shift would be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds. The uncertain return of one or more custodial workers on worker's compensation would allow the district to considering filling this position with the custodial floater.

It was moved by Stan Kourofsky, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the advertising of two (2) full-time custodial worker positions with benefits.

Superintendent Amo inquired if any Board member wished to serve on the interview committee. It was the consensus of the Board that no one needed to serve on this committee.

Additional School Monitors

- *Additional School Monitors for 2010-2011 school year*

Superintendent Amo requested the district hire two (2) school monitors for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and for the 2011-2012 school year from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm under the EDUJOBS monies. These individuals would monitor the halls, staging areas, bathrooms and other areas where students might congregate.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that the district advertise for two (2) school monitors to work from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm when school is in session until 6/24/11.

Attendance at 2/2/11 Videoconference

- *Attendance at 2/2/11 Videoconference – Sharing, Restructuring High Schools, & School District Reorganization*

Discussion next followed on the Videoconference - Sharing, Restructuring High Schools and School District Reorganization at the Instructional Service Center on 2/2/11. Board members will notify the District Clerk before 1/28/11 if they wished to attend.

Invitation from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

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U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan invited the school board president, BTA president and Superintendent to an all expense paid conference on Advancing Student Achievement through Labor-Management Collaboration on 2/15 & 2/16 in Denver. Attendance at the convention to be determined by the availabilities of the necessary participants.

Technology

- *Technology*

The Board discussed the possibility of supporting the technology proposal as made earlier by Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator.

Heating System

- *Heating System*

Mr. King suggested the District contact Tetra Tech about the feasibility of additional measures to address the heating concerns, i.e., filtering lines, chemicals, etc.

*Surplus Generated
Refund Letter from
CVES*

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Karen Armstrong suggested the district ask Albany BOCES about the e-rate distribution. Richard LaVigne, stated he will obtain information regarding this because he has a BOCES meeting tomorrow evening.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Adjournment

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Cathy Buckley, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk