

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

September 8, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm and Carole Race 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

☒ Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

Others Present

Present

Absent

Scott Amo, Superintendent
Garth Frechette, HS Principal
Sue Coonrod, MS Principal
Diane Fox, CH Principal
Matthew Slattery, BE Principal
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Svcs
Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
James Knight, MS Assistant Principal
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
Dan Noonan, Supt. Of Bldgs. & Grounds
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
Ron Clamser, Business Manager
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Susan King
Robert King

Lucy Giroux
Marisa Hoogkamp

Patty Gallagher
Cathy Buckley arrived 7:03 pm

Approval of Agenda

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the agenda with the deletions of the trail balance and extra-curricular activities account for July & August.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Presentations

Topic: Opening of School Report

Presenter: Administrators & Supervisors

Garth Frechette, High School Principal reported on the following:

- 50 Peers Connectors for incoming 9th Graders with 1 to 3 ratio
- Back to School Barbeque was a success with over 800 people participating
- Few clichés with the STAR Web System this morning. NERIC had everything worked out by 3rd period.
- Incoming 9th graders received standing ovation

Sue Coonrod, Middle School Principal reported on the following:

- 6th Grade teachers spent periods 1-3 with new 6th graders touring the building and setting up lockers
- MS students were ushered through the HS cafeteria line due to lack of MS cafeteria equipment
- Bus dismissal went every well

Delivery of MS cafeteria equipment due tomorrow at 1:00 pm.

Diane Fox, CH Principal reported on the following:

- 45 new students registered with 38 students transferring out
- Gave each Board Members a pin which stated “I am a bucket filler” as part of Cumberland Head’s character education

Matthew Slattery, BE Principal reported on the following:

- Met with all grade levels for 10-12 minutes today in the MS gym.
- FSO welcomed back teachers and staff with breakfast

Ed Cook, Athletic Director reported on the following:

- Sports season started on 8/17 & 8/21
- Saturday will be first home football game on new field

Discussion next followed on the new football field. Mr. Cook stated the new field was for home games only with three other fields being used for practice. Also a lawn mower has been dedicated exclusively for the new football field.

Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator reported on the following:

- Projectors were installed at BE and CH was substantially completed

LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services reported on the following:

- 27 new students enrolled with a few students transferring out. The majority of new students are elementary with the transferring out coming from the secondary level.
- Thanked the Board for permission to hire new staff

Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor reported on the following:

- Great opening day with only minor problems with three buses
- There has been a lot of new students coming and going over the last few weeks.

Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manger reported on the following:

- Marketed the school cafeteria at the buildings Open House regarding online payment, allergies, etc.
- Fresh vegetables from Shields will be offered each day due to the “Eat Well Play Hard” Grant.

- Hoping the middle school and elementary school cafeterias are back in service by Monday.

Donna Eggleton, Director of Instruction & Curriculum reported on the following:

- Posted Curriculum Lead Teacher positions
- Still processing requisitions and AIS
- Continuing to work with Education Technology Coordinator on Data Folio
- Working on Professional Development

Dan Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds reported on the following:

- Recognized the Support Staff and Buildings & Grounds Dept. for the wonderful job they did on the school buildings and grounds over the summer

The administrators and supervisors thanked the various departments for all the hard work on getting the school ready for the 2009-2010 school year.

Reports/Presentations

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Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Very good opening day
- Wrote and released a letter to parents on H1N1
- UPK grant was approved for \$228,125

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for opening of school and stated the Board should be proud of what they have here and built here.

Brett Palmer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member reported on the following:

- Barbeque was great
- Excited about new lunch menu
- Homecoming is 9/26
- Sports season is in full swing with games scheduled this week

Minutes

Approval of 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:

August 25, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

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 9/08/09.

Personnel

Resignations

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Kelley, Victoria

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 accepts the following resignation on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Kelly, Victoria	French	10/30/09

Appointments

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Webster, Megan

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Carole Race and unanimously carried, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education appoints *Meagan Webster* as a *Psychologist Intern* for the 2009-2010 school year with a stipend of \$7,500.

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 the following *Civil Service permanent* appointments as indicated:

Civil Service
Probationary
Appointments

Wang, Lynn
George, Margaret

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Wang, Lynn	Library Aide	12/10/08 – 9/9/09	12/9/08	9/10/09
George, Margaret	Teacher Aide (40%)	2/9/09 – 9/21/09	1/27/09	9/22/09

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 appoints the following *provisional Civil Service* appointment as indicated:

Provisional
Appointment
Johnson, Elizabeth

Name	Title	Start Date	Salary (09-10)	Contract
Johnson, Elizabeth	School Lunch Cashier	9/8/09	\$14.30/hr.	10 months

B. Miscellaneous

Agreement with
CV-TEC

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 agreement with the Champlain Valley Education Services (CVES) CV-TEC Adult Education and Safety Education Sponsorship Agreement CO-SER 103 Adult Education and CO-SER 401 Accident Prevention/Pre-Licensing for the 2009-2010 school year.

Textbook Approval

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 the purchase of and adding the following textbook to the approved textbook list:

Subject	Video Production
Book Title	Digital Filmmaking for Teens
Copyright Date	2005
Author	Pete Shaner & Gerald Everett Jones
Grade	11 - 12

Financial

Financial Reports

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Pauline Stone and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accepts the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

Appropriation Status Report – (July & August)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – ((July & August)

Policies

Policies

Discussion next followed on the district not having a policy on attendance zones. Superintendent Amo passed out sample policies on assignments of students to schools, school bus scheduling and routing, and attendance areas for the Board to review.

Discussion followed on the history of the district on what has been happening but not written in policy. The following points we made:

- bus routing was developed in the early to mid 70's
- parents talk directly with the principal on the school they would like to attend
- Cumberland Head receives requests because of YMCA and after care program
- The lines indicated on the map was due to split sessions with different start times

The building principals will work with the Superintendent on developing policies.

Additional Items to Discuss

- Central Registration

Central Registration

Discussion next ensued on adding one more day to our NERIC employee work schedule for central registration. This would increase the NERIC employee from 3 days to 4 days for central registration thus eliminating errors and duplication.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that the Board approve the expenditure of adding an extra day to the District's NERIC contact for central registration.

The follow 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"/> Frank Hay	<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

- Potential Review of Counseling Department

Review of Counseling Department

Discussion followed on whether or not the District needed to contract for a review of the counseling department to determine the district needs. The Superintendent to bring back information on who performs this type of service and cost.

- Audit Committee

Audit Committee

Karen Armstrong, Chairperson of the Audit Committee stated the next meeting was scheduled for 10/13/09 at 4:30 pm.

- Public Comment Period

Public Comment Period

Discussion followed on whether the Board needed two public comment periods during the Board meeting. This is set in policy.

*Operations
Committee*

- Operations Committee

Leonard King, Chairperson of the Operations Committee stated prior to the Board meeting this evening the committee discussed an updated on football field project and the EXCEL Project. The EXCEL Project will be coming to an end next month.

Clerk Pro-tem

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It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne 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

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It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the Superintendent's contract negotiations and pending litigation. Time 7:35 pm.

*Discuss the
Superintendent's
Contract Negotiations
and Pending
Litigation*

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 8:16 pm.

*Contract with Kevin
Peryer, Esq.*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education authorizes the Beekmantown Central School District to contract with Kevin L. Peryer, Esq. at the rate of \$150 per hour to prosecute a PINS Petition in Clinton County Family Court contingent upon Clinton County Family Court approving the substitution of the petitioner.

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

Adjournment

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It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Kourofsky, President