

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: Auditorium

March 25, 2014

Minutes

Call to Order

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Debbie Passno called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. and Eric Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April Bingel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hagadorn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Passno
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone

Others Present

Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools

Nelly Collazo, HS Principal

Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal

Amy Campbell, MS Principal

Brittany Trybendis, MS Assistant Principal

Elaine Dixon, BE Principal

Garth Frechette, CH Principal

LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services

Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator

Daniel Noonan, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor

Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager

Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive

Eric Bell, District Treasurer

Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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Ken Maurer	Charlie Stone	Barb Stone
John Clancy	Greg Myers	Robert King
Susan King	Lucy Giroux	Patty Gallagher
Kathy Hay	Frank Hay	Carol Woodward
Fred Woodward	Gary VanCour	Billie VanCour
Constance Sullivan	Lynn Wang	

Presentation

Public Presentation on
2014-2014 Proposed
Budget

Topic: Public Presentation on 2014-2015 Proposed Budget
Presenter: Daniel Mannix, Superintendent

The Superintendent gave a Public Presentation on the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget. He commented that he had reviewed:

- three-years of expenditures
- the two largest bargaining groups have switched to Plan 2
- revenues have been evaluated

- the Treasurer has evaluated the Tax Cap
- the district received the Fiscal Stress Report
- administrators and supervisors have submitted requests
- long range equipment and staffing have been reviewed
- the transportation study has been incorporated into the budget
- the Board has submitted requests
- a Budget Advisory Committee was formed
- programs and equipment were reviewed to see what is sustainable.

The mission statement drives the budget. (*It is the mission of the district and its community to education every individual to be a quality contributor to society and self.*) The Superintendent showed a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the following:

- Where revenues comes from - local share 50%, other 7% and State Aid 43%
- Percentage totals of the budget - administration 7.77%, capital 16.29%, athletics .78% and program 75.94%
- Over the last four years, the district reduced 80 offerings and 60 positions
- Data Comparisons with area school districts for Enrollment, Budget and District Staffing levels
- Average class size report dated January 2014

The Superintendent commented that next year there would be an enrollment bubble in 2nd grade at Cumberland Head and 3rd grade at Beekmantown Elementary.

He expressed concern with sciences and English in the high school.

Sustaining Reintroduction of Identified Programs

- Assess what we offer to students
- Identify what we need to offer and meet our needs
- Develop and implement an incrementally strategic and sustainable plan of action.

Areas of Achieved Improvement

- All units moved to Plan 2
- Work Readiness Skills
- Out of School Suspension
- Reduced Administrative Costs (Jail)
- Savings by reintroducing students with disabilities students
- Reorganized Incarcerated Youth Program
- Accountability
- Eliminated Bus Runs
- Developing in-house PD experts

Three students this quarter from OSS were on the honor roll.

Cost Benefits Analysis Powers the following Reintroductions

- Foreign Language
- School Safety
- Elementary Interventions
- HS Science Offerings (*creative with schedule*)
- College Advance Placement Offerings (*creative with schedule*)
- On-Line/Distance Learning

- Class Size
- Work Readiness Skills/Credentials
- MS Intervention
- Learning Centers

The Superintendent commented that if the tax assessment values remained the same as last year, the proposed tax rate would increase approximately .13¢ per thousand. If tax assessment values increase at an average rate (as seen over the last three years), then the proposed tax rate would decrease approximately .13¢ per thousand.

The Superintendent showed a Tax Levy History of Percentage Change over a 10 year period. Presently, the district's proposed tax levy cap is 0.77% with increased offerings PreK-12.

A question and answer period followed.

Public Presentation on
3 Part Budget

Topic: 3 Part Budget

Presenter: Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive and
Eric Bell, District Treasurer

Eric Bell, District Treasurer explained the district tax cap.

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive reviewed the administrative summary and program summary of the proposed budget. Eric Bell, District Treasurer reviewing the capital summary. It was stressed that all of these numbers are preliminary numbers, subject to final State aid revenue information from the NYS Budget expected by April 1st.

A question and answer period followed.

Clerk Pro-Tem

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It was moved by Eric Anderson, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that the Board of Education appoint Eric Anderson as Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Executive Session

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(to discuss the
employment history of a
particular person(s) and
proposed sale of the
West Chazy building)

It was moved by Ed Marin, seconded by Leonard King and carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and proposed sale of the West Chazy building. Time 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Leonard King and carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Anderson, Clerk Pro-tem