

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **Auditorium**

April 22, 2014

Minutes

Call to Order

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Debbie Passno called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm and Ed Marin led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Anderson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Buckley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Marin |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brockway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pauline Stone |

Others Present

- Daniel Mannix, Superintendent of Schools
- Amy Campbell, MS Principal
- Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive
- Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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| Sally Clancy | John Clancy | Lucy Giroux |
| Patty Gallagher | Susan King | Ashleigh Livingston |
| Michael Delisle, Jr. | Ben Delisle | Mckenzie Delisle |
| Robert King | Holly Sims | Ron Clamser |
| Dr. Mark C. Davey | Sarah Vagi | |

Presentation

Presentations

*2014-2015
CVES Budget*

Topic: 2014-2015 CVES Budget
Presenters: Dr. Mark Davey, District Superintendent of CVES
Ronald Clamser, School Business Executive of CVES

Dr. Davey, District Superintendent of CVES informed the Board that Champlain Valley Education Services represents 17 component school districts from Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington Counties. The CVES Board is comprised of 15 board members. Dr. Davey thanked Ed Marin for his service on the CVES Board. The CVES budget vote and elections from the area school districts is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014.

Ron Clamser, School Business Executive of CVES gave Budget Presentation on CVES 2014-2014 Budget. The total cost of retiree health insurance is in the administrative budget which was moved in 2012-2013. Districts only vote on the administrative budget. Mr. Clamser commented that CVES draft budget is done in December based on district projections. The districts then finalize services in September and that's when the true numbers are known. Mr. Clamser explained CVES Mission Statement and 2014-15 Budget Process Timeline.

The factors affecting the budget development are

- Tax Cap for Component School Districts
- Increase in ERS & TRS Rates
- Health Insurance Premiums
- Changes in RWADA
- Enrollment Trends Affecting Tuition & Service Rates

When enrollment is down, the program can't be eliminated until all students have graduated. Mr. Clamser explained the change in CoSer rates by division: Instructional Service Center (ISC), Special Education, CV-TEC, Administrative, Capital and Human Recourses.

The administrative budget increased 6.92% due to retiree health and reallocation of staff previously in program CoSers. The capital budget increased 1.86% due to facilities upgrades which is being spread over five years. There is no increase in the human resources CoSer, which is the fourth year at 0%. Retiree health is aidable and not subject to the \$30,000 maximum.

A question and answer period followed.

Reports

5 Year Projections

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The Superintendent presented a 5-year budget projection.

Additional Items

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The Superintendent informed the Board for health and safety reasons a part-time per diem nurse will be hired for 100 days. Tech equipment will be purchased for the middle school and some equipment will be purchased from year two or our five-year plan for the buildings and grounds and transportation department. Monies will also be earmarked for curriculum.

2014-2015 3-Part Budget

2014-2015 Budget – 3 Part Budget

The Superintendent and School Business Executive reviewed the 3-part budget. The tax rate is projected to decrease .14¢ (\$17.22 to \$17.08) based upon an average estimated increase in tax assessment values.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the following is new for the 2014-2105 proposed budget:

- 1 Foreign Language Teacher: increase offerings in MS and HS
- .5 School Safety Officer (shared service with Saranac CSD)
- .5 Physics Teacher (HS Science): increase advanced offerings
- Learning Center (increase use of technology and teaching for our HS students): 2 PT monitors
- Work readiness credentials program
- Elementary class size reduction (1 classroom at each building)
- .6 MS/Elementary Art Teacher
- Per Diem Nurse – student safety
- Middle School and Elementary School Interventions: stipends and potentially two TA's.
- Increase in Professional Development and curriculum projects

- Purchasing of equipment to maintain Transportation and Buildings & Grounds Department
- Sell back (5) buses and purchase (4) new buses and on 12 passenger van
- Monies to support the Community Fitness Center
- SWD and District Administrative coverage
- Curriculum enhancements due to NYS adoption of the Common Core Standards

The Superintendent thanked the Board, Administrations, Teacher and Budget Advisory Committee.

Report

School Business Executive

Mary LaValley Blaine, School Business Executive updated the Board on the following:

- The district bond sale produced an average interest rate of 2.91% and the district received an A+ Bond Rating.
- The old driver's education car was pulled off the road today due to rust holes in the frame. The cube truck was pulled off the road about one month ago.

Miscellaneous

Petitions for Board of Education

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Eric Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept three (3) petitions as listed below to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education to fill the expired terms of April Bingel and Pauline Stone. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will fill the 4-year term (7/1/14 to 6/30/18). The 2nd highest number of votes will fill the 3-year term (7/1/14 to 6/30/17).

*Pauline Stone
Joseph Noel Coakley
Kenneth W. Maurer, Sr.*

Budget Survey Results

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The Superintendent reported that approximately 800 people responded to the Budget Survey and reviewed the survey results from 2013 to 2014 with the Board.

Financial

Adoption of 2014-2104 Budget

Recommend to the voters of the District at the Annual District Meeting on May 20, 2014 the following proposition:

Adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget

It was moved by Eric Anderson, seconded by Pauline Stone and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2014-2015 school budget in the amount of **\$38,972,430**.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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It was moved by Eric Anderson, seconded by April Bingel and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education adopt the Property Tax Report Card as indicated below:

2014-15 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2013-14 (A)	Proposed Budget 2014-15 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	37,642,566	38,972,430	3.53%
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt ¹	18,893,157	19,037,826	0.77%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	770,576	0	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	18,122,581	19,037,826	
School Tax Levy Limit ²	18,254,013	19,037,826	
Difference (positive value requires 60.0% voter approval)	-131,432	0	
Public School Enrollment	1,949	1,915	-1.74%
Consumer Price Index			1.46%

¹ All proposed levies should exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² For 2014-15, includes any carryover from 2013-14 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2013-14 (D)	Estimated 2014-15 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	4,616,030	4,891,030
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,065,000	1,200,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	2,980,104	1,558,800
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	7.92%	4.00%

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Special Meeting 4/24/14

Additional Items to Discuss

• Special Meeting 4/24/14

Reminder – Special Board Meeting 4/24/14 @ 7:45 am in Superintendent’s Office to vote on CVES administrative budget and CVES Board of Education members

Joint Shared Services Meeting 4/28/14

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Reminder – Shared Services Joint Meeting with Plattsburgh City School District 4/28/14 @ 6:15 pm @ Beekmantown Elementary All Purpose Room

Bullying Prevention Workshop

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Pauline Stone updated the Board on the Bullying Prevention Workshop she recently attended. A Summit will be held in the Fall with students selected from the 17 component school districts.

Upcoming Events

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A list of upcoming events was distributed to the Board. Said list will be submit electronically with responses due to the Board President.

PreK-2/3-5 Study Committee

• PreK-2/3-5 Study Committee – Final Recommendations – *Dan Mannix*

The Superintendent shared the final recommendation from the PreK-2/3-5 Study Committee. The committee was broken down into sub-committees – educational research, financial considerations, transportation & impact on students. The findings from the sub-committees were put into questions for a telephone survey. The results were shared with the Board. Upon review of the evidence, the committee felt that there were no benefits to our students to alter our current structure. As such, final recommendations were to maintain the current educational structure.

Clerk Pro-Tem

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

Joanne Menard
District Clerk

To discuss a particular persons employment history

Executive Session

It was moved by Cathy Buckley, seconded by Michael Hagadorn and carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person(s) employment history and the proposed sale of the West Chazy building. Time 9:05 p.m.

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Cathy Buckley and carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 9:44 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 9:44 p.m.

Eric Anderson
Clerk Pro-tem