

# Beekmantown Central School District

## Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**November 18, 2008**

### Minutes

**Call to Order** President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm and Steve Trombley led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

Nathan Bull, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

#### Others Present

##### **Present**

Scott Amo, Superintendent  
Garth Frechette, HS Principal  
Sue Coonrod, MS Principal  
Sandra Gardner, BE Principal  
Diane Fox, CH Principal  
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services  
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Don Strong, Supt. of Building & Grounds (*arrived at 6:25 pm*)  
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator  
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor  
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager  
Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Services  
Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal  
James Knight, MS Assistant Principal  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager  
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

#### Visitors

##### **Visitors**

Carrie Trombley	Heather Bergevin	Tracy Downey
Mary Lago	Chris Lago	Kim Ashlaw
Simone Lutz	Patty Gallagher	Lucy Giroux
Cathy Buckley	Patrick Sullivan	

#### Approval of Agenda

##### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

#### Public Comment

##### **Public Comment** (None at this time.)

**Presentation**

**a. Topic:** Federal Mentoring Project

**Presenters:** Tania Latimore and Theresa Poirier from Champlain Valley Family Center

Sandra Gardner, BE Principal introduced Tania Latimore and Theresa Poirier from Champlain Valley Family Center. She stated the Federal Mentoring Grant unites all four buildings comprised of the four principals, guidance counselors, and assistant principals.

Theresa Poirier and Tania Latimore stated the following:

- Mentor program through Champlain Valley Family Center,
- Support one on one relationship between adult and child to facilities their social, education, and personal growth,
- this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year grant which services students that might have trouble with academics, social behaviors or academics from Grade 4 through Grade 8,
- high school students work with elementary and middle school students,
- serving 48 students of that, 6 are within the BCSD,
- continuously recruiting mentors,
- 28 Peer Mentors were interviewed with background checks being completed now,
- Students are less frequent absence, higher grades, better relationship with parents, have someone to talk with, etc.,
- Number one complaint from students is that they want the mentor more often, mentors come once per week
- Students from come from Plattsburgh City Schools, Beekmantown or parent who is incarcerated,
- Student must make a 1-year commitment.

**b. Topic:** K-5 Computer Literacy Curriculum

**Presenter:** Heather Bergevin, Computer Resource Teacher

Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction introduced Heather Bergevin, K-5 Computer Resource Teacher.

Heather Bergevin stated that Donna Eggleton, Gary Lambert, Scott Amo, and herself worked on the Draft K-5 Computer Literacy Curriculum which is proposed for adoption this evening. The curriculum is not a final version, but a state of development.

**Reports/Presentations**

*Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools* reported on the following:

- the high school received a \$500 donation from Chase Mobile to support technology services.
- The AD and I attended a sponsorship function to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Hoop Fest tournament to be held in the Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid December 26 & 27. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Fitzpatrick Cancer Center. In four previous years, the event has raised \$20,000 for the Fitzpatrick Cancer Center. There will be nine girls contests and three boys contests.
- Had the opportunity this am to welcome Freshman being recognized for distinction through the Freshman Academy along with parents and family members.
- Commissioner of Education Richard Mills will be the keynote speaker at the

Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Boards Association meeting on January 8, 2009. The topic of his presentation will be promoting and sustaining high graduation rates. Preliminary plans are underway to have the Commissioner be in our district during the day to speak with students and advisors about the Freshman Academy and efforts to help freshman focus on their responsibilities leading to graduation.

*Ron Clamser, Business Manager* had no report at this time.

*Nathan Bull, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member* reported on the following:

- 30 high school students were chosen for the Area All State Music Festival. This is the most students every sent to the festival.
- SADD Club had a Charity Power Puff Football Game with over 100 people attending the event. Fifty people participate raising over \$300 for Make A Wish Foundation
- Fall sports recently ended with the Varsity Football and Varsity Boys Cross Country winning the CVAC Championships. The Cross Country team had not won the CVAC in 31 years. The Varsity Gymnastics record was 7 to 2 and came very close to beating PHS.

Outstanding Performance

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Carter Frechette – Varsity Football

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Brendan Courneene – Cross Country

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Alyssa Leonard - Gymnastics

The Board requested a letter be sent to the teams congratulating them on winning Section 7.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, and carried, that the board break for a yearbook picture. Time 6:40 pm

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and carried, that the meeting resume. Time 6:43 pm.

Minutes

Approval of  
Minutes

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

October 28, 2008 (Board of Education Meeting)

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the Audit Committee held on October 28, 2008.

New Business

CSE  
Recommendations

**CSE Recommendations**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 11/18/08.

Appointments

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*Substitute*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *substitute* appointment beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Balko, John	Non-Instructional	11/19/08

*Winter Athletic Position*

It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *winter athletic position* for the 2008-2009 school year as indicated:

Assignment	Name	Salary 2008-2009
Volleyball – Modified Assistant	Alvord, Rebecca	-0-

*Extra-Duty Assignment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education the following *extra duty assignment* for the 2008-2009 school year as indicated:

Building	Assignment	No.	Advisor Name	Salary (Based on 2007-2008 Contract)
MS/HS	Chess Club	1	Rosinski, Steve	\$1,061

Tenure

*JUUL Agreement Gray, Russell*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education extend the probationary period of Russell Gray until June 30, 2009 pursuant to the JUUL Agreement

Miscellaneous

*K-5 Computer Literacy Curriculum*

It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education adopt the K-5 Computer Literacy Curriculum.

*Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement among participating School Districts and Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Policies

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It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies as indicated:

*Payroll Procedures Contracting for Professional Services PreReferral Intervention*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Payroll Procedures	6800 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
Contracting For Professional Services	6741 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
PreReferral Intervention	TBD (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)

The Board President asked if he could bring a policy forward which would indicate if an athletic participated in three consecutive sports, then they would received credit for physical education. It was the consensus of the Board to review a draft policy.

*Financial Reports*

**Financial**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following reports as presented by the Audit Committee:

- Appropriation Status Report – (September)
- Treasurer’s Revenue Report – (September)
- Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (September)
- Treasurer’s Monthly Report – (September)
- Trial Balance – (September)
- Warrant Report – (September)
- Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (September)

*Donation*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Karen Armstrong and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education approve the following transfers over \$5,000:

**Interscholastic Athletic Instructional Salary to Non-Instructional Salary** (Non-Instructional Salaries for Coaches)

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A2855.150-00-00	A2855.160-00-00	\$45,000.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky  |

*Tax Collector’s Report*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the tax collector’s reports from the Town of Plattsburgh and from the Towns of Altona, Beekmantown & Chazy and also certification of school relevy report in the amount of \$907,869.76 and that said relevy report be returned to Clinton County by 11/17/08 so that tax may be relevied as certified by the tax collectors.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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**Additional Items to Discuss**

- Operations Committee Update

*Operations Committee Update*

Football Field

Requested approval from the Board to obtain prices to fix the existing football field with fencing, sod, irrigation system, draining, bleachers, etc. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain quotes.

West Chazy Building

The committee is seeking proposals on the West Chazy Building. A full report will be given to the Board within the next couple of months.

Unleaded Fuel Tank

The District is proceeding with the removal of the unleaded fuel tank at the bus garage. Presently we are consolidating services with the Town of Beekmantown. The Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds will look at a permanent solution.

*Public Comment*

**Public Comment** (None at this time.)

**Clerk Pro-Tem**

*Clerk Pro-Tem*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that Stan Kourofsky be appointed Clerk Pro-tem.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

**Executive Session**

*Executive Session*

*to discuss  
employment matters  
relating to a  
particular person or  
cooperation*

Time 7:07 pm It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss employment matters relating to a particular person or cooperation.

Time 8:15 pm. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

**Adjournment**

*Adjournment*

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Karen Armstrong, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stan Kourofsky, Board President