

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: MS/HS Library

October 14, 2008

Minutes

Call to Order

Vice-President Steve Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King (arrived 6:17 pm) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input 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

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| Susan King | Lucy Giroux | Karlie Munson |
| Patti Gallagher | Patrick Sullivan | Kim Bodette |
| Jerry Ross | Robert Munson | |

Approval of Agenda

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

Leonard King arrived at 6:17 pm.

Public Comment

Public Comment *None at this time.*

Reports/Presentations

Reports

Superintendent of Schools

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- the District received a \$500 grant from the Exxon Mobil to purchase materials & supplies for the high school
- the following 14 high school students will have their artwork published in Pine Tree Art Collection.

Olivia Racine	Krysten Koktowksi	Janelle Chartier
Marlee Brown	Simon Booth	Emily LeFevre
Lauryn Menard	Rachele Holt	Sarah LeClair
Kelsea Devins	Olivia Winterbottom	Emily Wells
Jessica Nephew	Nellie Boyd	

- the multi-age Grades 2 & 3 and Grades 3 - 5 are invited to attend the World Championship Luge Event in Lake Placid this winter at no expense to the District.

Business Manager

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- Attended along with the Treasurer a State Aid workshop in Lake George. No increase in State Aid is anticipated next year.
- participated in a webinar on Oct. 7th along with the Treasurer regarding the current economic crisis and the potential effects on school districts. Some of the topics included: Financing for EXCEL and capital projects. These types of investments are relatively safe and usually not effected by volatile market fluctuations. Additionally, EXCEL money is not part of the states current funding budget and is not expected to be effected by any potential state budget cuts.
- the districts bank accounts are fully collateralized and being monitored.
- Fiscal Advisors stated our Bonds and BANs for Capital Projects are a safe investment.

Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

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

- the Navy Band from Newport, Rhode Island performed for the students
- HS Science Department received 28 microscopes from Clinton Community College
- Cherie Passno and Nathan Bull has been accepted into the Conference All-State Mixed Choir and will perform at a four day conference in December in Rochester.

Don Strong, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds arrived at 6:25 pm.

- the SADD and Drama Clubs received a \$1,000 grant to do a video on underage drinking and consequences of these decisions
- Homecoming week festivities went very well.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Frank Hay, 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:

9/09/08 Board of Education Meeting

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the Audit Committee held on September 23, 2008.

New Business

CSE
Recommendations

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the CSE recommendations dated 10/14/08.

Personnel

Appointments

Substitutes

Appointments

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Daniels, Kari	Instructional	10/20/08
Mitchell-Briehl, Jessica	Instructional	10/20/08
Ross, Gregory	Instructional	10/20/08
Ross, Steven	Instructional	10/20/08
Testo, James	Instructional	10/20/08
Waite, Tracy	Instructional	10/20/08
Bombeck, Seth	Instructional	10/20/08

Civil Service
Probationary
Appointment
Bushey, Linda

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointment as indicated:

Name	Title	Period	Salary (08-09)	Contract
Bushey, Linda	Custodial Worker	10/14/08 – 4/13/09	\$18,113	12 months

Letter of Agreement
between Mary
Fleming, Certified
Vision Rehabilitation
Therapist

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement between Mary Fleming, Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide rehabilitation services from September 3, 2008 to September 30, 2008 for three (3) two (2) hour sessions as indicated on the student’s IEP for a rate of \$190 per session plus NYS IRS mileage rate (400 miles round trip, for no more than 3 round trips).

Letter of Agreement
between Ellen
Fraser, Special
Education Itinerant
Teacher

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Ellen Fraser, Special Education Itinerant Teacher and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide special education itinerant services for the 2008-2009 school year for two (2) hours per month as indicated on the student’s IEP for a rate of \$60

per hour.

*Letter of Agreement
between Campbell
House Psychological*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Campbell House Psychological and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide consultation services for the 2008-2009 school year as indicated on the student's IEP for a total amount not to exceed \$12,000.

*Curriculum Lead
Teachers*

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

Area	Name	Salary
K-12 Art and Music	<i>Vacant</i>	\$3,500
K-12 Language Other Than English	<i>Vacant</i>	\$3,500
K-5 Math/Science (BE)	Carlin, Sharon	\$3,500
K-5 Math/Science (CH)	Villa, Peter	\$3,500
K-5 Social Studies/ELA (BE)	Lozier, Jamie	\$3,500
K-5 Social Studies/ELA (CH)	Grindle, Roberta	\$3,500
6-8 English Language Arts	Cutaiar, Scott	\$3,500
9-12 English Language Arts	Fallon, Judith	\$3,500
6-8 Math	King, Julie	\$3,500
9-12 Math	Moschelle, Julie	\$3,500
6-8 Science	Corey, Tracy	\$3,500
9-12 Science	Moss, Ron	\$3,500
6-8 Social Studies	Chase, Jeremy	\$3,500
9-12 Social Studies	Chapman, Jon	\$3,500

*Winter Athletic
Positions*

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

Assignment	Name	Salary 2008-2009
Basketball - Head JV (Boys)	Loucy, Ryan	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Head JV (Girls)	LePage, Steve	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Head Varsity (Boys)	Converse, Ryan	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Head Varsity (Girls)	Waters, Greg	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified B (Boys) Team 1	Fragassi, Mark	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified B (Girls) Team 2	<i>If Needed</i>	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified A (Boys)	Bursik, Peter	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified A (Girls)	Mulverhill, Barry	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified B (Boys) Team 2	Bursik, Peter	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Modified B (Girls) Team 1	Mulverhill, Barry	Per Negotiations
Bowling - Assistant (Mixed)	Garrant, James	Per Negotiations
Bowling - Head Coach (Mixed)	Stone, Charlie	Per Negotiations
Cheerleading - Basketball - Varsity	Knight, Sara	Per Negotiations
Cheerleading - JV Basketball	<i>Vacant</i>	Per Negotiations
Hockey - Assistant	Crippen, Jason	Per Negotiations
Hockey - Head Coach	Bechard, William	Per Negotiations
Indoor Track - Head Coach (Girls)	Coughlin, Tracy	Per Negotiations
Indoor Track - Head Coach (Boys)	Moss, Ron	Per Negotiations

Volleyball - Head JV	Fragassi, Maureen	Per Negotiations
Volleyball - Head Varsity	Hileman, Shana	Per Negotiations
Volleyball - Modified	Fessette, Kaylen	Per Negotiations
Volleyball - Modified	Denny, Ashley	Per Negotiations
Wrestling - Assistant	Gadway, Chris	Per Negotiations
Wrestling - Head Varsity	Gadway, Leonard	Per Negotiations
Wrestling - Modified	Gregory, Kevin	Per Negotiations
Basketball - Varsity Girls Assistant	Munson, Katie	-0-
Basketball - Varsity Boys Assistant	Bursik, Peter	-0-
Wrestling - Varsity Assistant	Gadway, Garry	-0-

*Fitness Center
Community
Supervisors*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint the following *Fitness Center Community Supervisors*:

Name	Salary	Effective Date
Egan, Gerald Jr.	-0-	10/15/08
Myers, Richard (Joe)	-0-	10/15/08
Adams, David	-0-	10/15/08
Bizga, Mary	-0-	10/15/08
Agnew, Donna	-0-	10/15/08

*Change of
Appointment
Jenell Waldron*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education change the appointment of Jenell Waldron from a three-year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2011 from the board meeting minutes of July 1, 2008 to that of a two-year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2008 and ending on August 31, 2010. Jenell Waldron holds a provisional certificate in the area of PreK-6.

*Permanent Civil
Service*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *permanent Civil Service* appointment as indicated:

Henry, Valerie

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Henry, Valerie	Food Service Helper	1/28/08 – 10/7/08	2/12/08	10/8/08

Retirement

*Retirement
Strong, Donald Jr.*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following intent to retire on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Date
Strong, Donald Jr.	Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds	01/31/09

The Board publicly thanked Don Strong for all his work and dedication to the District and wished him best of luck in his future endeavors.

Miscellaneous

Agreement with
CVES
CO-SER 103
CO-SER 401

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve 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 2008-2009 school year.

Athletic Mergers

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following athletic mergers for the 2008-2009 athletic season:

Sport	School
Cross County Ski	Saranac Lake Central School District
Gymnastics	Saranac Central School District
Varsity Boys Hockey	Chazy Central Rural School

Student to participate
with PHS Swim
Team

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education grant permission for one (1) Beekmantown Central School District student to participate with the Plattsburgh High School swim team as an independent swimmer for the 2008-2009 season at no cost to the District.

Agreement between
JCEO to rent one
room at BE

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve an agreement between the Beekmantown Central School District and the Joint Council of Economic Opportunity (JCEO), Inc. Head Start to rent one room at the Beekmantown Elementary School for monthly rental fee of \$300.00 for a 10 month period beginning September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Novel

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve adding the following novel to the approved novel list:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Copyright Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>
English	Lord of the Flies	1954	William Golding	10

District Technology
Plan

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by George Palmer and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education adopt the Beekmantown Central School District Technology Plan October 2008.

Audit Report and
Management Letter

Mr. Michael Boulrice of Conroy, Boulrice, Telling & Trombley, PC attended the meeting to review with the Board the external audit report and management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. He brought the following to the Board's attention:

- According to the NYS Real Property Tax Law a district's unappropriated fund balance may not exceed 4%. Presently, the district is 10.5% over the amount allowable by law.
- The 619 Grant was required to be utilized for 3-5 years olds and instead was actually used for Grades 3-5.
- the District did not use the applied undesignated fund balance of

\$1,500,000

- The school nurse stipend was overpaid by approximately \$2,800.
- Stated the business office was running smoothly.

Richard LaVigne stated the Audit Committee was looking at the overage on the fund balance.

Approval of Audit Report

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried that the Audit Committee recommends to the Board of Education to accept the audit report prepared by Conroy, Boulrice, Telling & Trombley, PC for the 2007-2008 school year.

2008-2009 Board Goals

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Guy Falcon and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education adopt the following 2008-2009 Board Goals and District Goals:

2008-2009 Board Goals

- Seek a study to determine the feasibility of the restructure of membership terms of service and Board membership and if feasible, seek voter approval to restructure the membership terms of service and Board membership size.
- Include all Board members and Superintendent when communicating by email to other Board members, Superintendent, or district staff.
- Limit Board of Education meetings to three hours or less as monitored by the Board President.
- Develop and implement a funding plan which addresses the priorities identified for each year of the district's 5-Year Facilities Plan.

2008-2009 District Goals

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- Decrease the percentages of all students in Grades 3-8 receiving a Level 1 in all content areas tested and increase the percentages of all students in Grades 3-8 receiving Levels 3 or 4.
- Conduct a facilities and programs study (including the West Chazy building) for the purpose of determining cost-effective utilizations of elementary buildings and program effective distributions of grade levels.
- Study the feasibility of using alternative fuel sources for the operation of schools and busses.
- Maximize the district's eligible share of state and federal funds to improve programs and services for special needs students.
- Increase opportunities for student presentations/forums at Board meetings.
- Increase Career Awareness/Exploration opportunities for all Grade 6-12 students.
- Study the effectiveness of the grade-reporting processes and timetables used to report K-12 grades.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne | <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay (<i>No</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong (<i>absent</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer (<i>No</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes (<i>absent</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King | <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky (<i>absent</i>) |

Motion failed due to lack of a quorum.

Policies

Staff Media Release Form

Determination of Residence

Admission of Non-Resident Students Regulation

Policies

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Staff Media Release Form	5500-E.4 (Revised)
Determination of Residence	TBA (Final)
Admission of Non-Resident Students Regulation	5152-R (Second Reading)

Financial

Financials

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

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

Bid Award

Snow Removal Bid Award

As competitive bids were sought for snow removal

As one bid was received from a company, which meets the stipulation in the bid documents,

T & T Leasing of Plattsburgh, Inc. \$375 (Minimum) for 3 hours

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education award the snow removal bid to the apparent low bidder. Said bid has been discussed with the School Attorney.

Donations

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and roll-call voted that the Board of Education accept the following donations and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$6,036.81.

From	For	Amount
Beekmantown Booster Club	Gymnastic Equipment	\$2,903.86
Beekmantown Booster Club	Football Pads	\$1,610.00
Beekmantown Booster Club	Football Equipment	\$1,339.18
Beekmantown Booster Club	Footballs	\$ 183.77

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education approve the following transfers over \$5,000:

Transfers

Drivers Sub to Drivers OSS (To track OSS Drivers)

From:	To:	Amount:
A55101800000	A55101600700	\$10,000.00

Athletics Instructional to Athletics Non-Instructional (Non-Instructional Salaries for Coaches)

From:	To:	Amount:
A28551500000	A28551600000	\$9,000.00

ERS to HS Contractual (Substance Abuse Program for the HS)

From:	To:	Amount:
A90108002200	A21104000300	\$21,258.00

ERS to TSA Employer Contribution (TSA Employer Contribution)

From:	To:	Amount:
A90108002200	A90708002100	\$5,250.00

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

BAN

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the following BAN for buses at the lowest interest rate possible and on the maturity date indicated:

Payment No.	Amount	Due Date
5 of 5 payments	\$56,735.20	10/23/08

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

Additional Items to Discuss

CEWW School Boards Association Meeting

- *CEWW School Boards Association Meeting – November 6, 2008*
Discussion next followed on the CEWW School Boards Association meeting and who will be attending. Names were given to the District Clerk.

Operations Committee Update

- *Operations Committee Update*
Leonard King gave an update on the Operations Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting. He stated the Thomas Group changed its name to Tetra Tech. The Committee is working with a consultant to due a building condition survey. The committee is looking at renovations to the athletic field and bus garage.

Public Comment

Public Comment

Kim Bodette addressed the Board stating her children are victims of racial harassment and bullying. She stated she has taken the appropriate steps, sees no changes and request immediate action from the Board.

Pat Sullivan addressed the Board inquiring about downsizing of the Board, which was discussed this evening as a possible Board Goal. He asked what the Board was trying to conclude. Was this a Board issue or a referendum from the public?

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Clerk Pro-Tem

Clerk Pro-Tem

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that Steve Trombley be appointed Clerk Pro-Tem.

Executive Session

Executive Session

to discuss a particular person or person's employment history

Time 7:18 pm. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person or person's employment history

Time 8:29 pm. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Trombley