

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

April 7, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes (<i>arrived 8:15 pm</i>)	<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
Diane Fox, CH Principal
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Services
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Joha Battin, Assistant Principal HS
James Knight, Assistant Principal MS
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
Daniel Noonan, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
Ron Clamser, Business Manager
Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Absent

Sandra Gardner, BE Principal,
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager

Visitors

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Lucy Giroux	Julie Jock	Leslie LaValley
Ed Marin	Ricki Marin	Renee Julian
Robert King	Susan King	Patty Gallagher
Simone Lutz	Stephanie Rabideau	Sharon Tyrell
Patti Winterbottom	Jackie Wnuk	Heather Harvey
Paul Wnuk	Marilyn Dwyer	Amy Holzer
Carrie Beattie	Carole Race	Carolyn Wilson
Kathleen Hay	Sara Chapman	Carrie Trombley
Paula Brockway	Renee Wooster	Richelle Beach
Constance Sullivan	Cathy Buckley	

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Reports

Reports

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

- 3rd quarter ends on Friday.
- Student Council and Class of 2009 met with the Internal Auditor,
- Student Elections are this week with the results being released after spring break.

Approval of Minutes

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:

3/24/09 Board of Education Meeting

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

3/24/09 Operations Committee

CSE
Recommendations

New Business

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 4/07/09.

Resignation

Personnel

LaPorte, Carla

Resignation

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following resignation on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
LaPorte, Carla	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	4/6/09

Appointments

Appointments

Permanent Civil
Service
Bushey, Linda

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

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Bushey, Linda	Custodial Worker	10/14/08 – 4/13/09	10/14/08	4/14/09

Substitute
Appointments

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

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Gregory, Angela	Instructional	4/20/09
Pratt, Jason	Instructional	4/20/09
Schwartz, Sarah	Instructional	4/20/09
Fennessy, James	Instructional	4/20/09

Civil Service
Probationary
Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointments as indicated:

Brinson, Albert
Balko, John

Name	Title	Period	Salary (08-09)	Contract
Brinson, Albert	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	3/30/09 – 12/08/09	\$8.44/hr.	10 months
Balko, John	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	4/8/09 – 12/17/09	\$8.44/hr.	10 months

Unpaid Leave

Unpaid Leave

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the unpaid leave of absence from Bonnie Criss as a Bus Driver from 1/12/09 – 5/26/09.

Criss, Bonnie

Tenure

Tenure

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by George Palmer, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following tenure appointments effective on the date indicated:

Gardner, Sandra
Fox, Diane
Cook, Edward

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Probationary Period	Date Board Meeting	Tenure Date
Gardner, Sandra	Principal	School District Administrator	9/05/05 – 6/30/09	8/31/05 & 6/10/08	4/7/09
Fox, Diane	Principal	School District Administrator	7/17/06 – 7/16/09	6/26/06	4/7/09
Cook, Edward	Director of Physical Education, Athletics, Health & Health Services	School Administrator/Supervisor & Physical Education	8/14/06 – 8/13/09	6/12/07	4/7/09

School Calendar
2009-2010

Miscellaneous

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education adopt the 2009-2010 School Calendar.

Policies

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Relations with Parents' Organizations	1221 (2 nd Reading)
Relationship with Booster Organizations	1222 (2 nd Reading)
Relationship with NonPublic Schools	1740 (2 nd Reading)
Communication Among Individual Board Members	2710 (2 nd Reading)
Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct	9645 (2 nd Reading)

Financial Reports

Financial

It was moved by Steve Trombley, 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 – (February)
Treasurer's Revenue Report – (February)

Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (February)
 Treasurer's Monthly Report – (February)
 Trial Balance – (February)
 Warrant Report – (February)
 Extra-Curricular Activities Account – (February)

Donations

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Guy Falcon 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 \$2,000.

From	For	Amount
Wyeth	Cafeteria Trays	\$ 500
Beekmantown Booster Club	Replacement of JV Baseball Backstop	\$1,500

Roll Call Vote

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

*Vote on CVES
 Tentative
 Administrative
 Budget & Board
 Candidates*

Additional Items to Discuss

- Vote on CVES tentative administrative budget and Board Candidates

Voting on CVES tentative administrative budget and Board Candidates is scheduled for 4/23/09 at 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's office.

- Advisory Solutions – Demographics/Enrollment Projection, Facilities Capacity Study & Analysis Report

Advisory Solutions

Discussion followed on the proposal from Advisory Solutions regarding demographics/enrollment projections, facilities capacity study and analysis report. The Board had the following questions: Is the study aidable? The Superintendent stated a small portion would be. Does the District have to reimburse State Ed if the West Chazy building is sold and/or will money be deducted directly from State Aid payments the District receives? What is the debt on the West Chazy building? The Superintendent stated CDC Real Estate offered to market the West Chazy building if the District was interested for a percentage.

Time 6:52 pm. The Board moved to the auditorium for the Public Forum on the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget.

*Public Forum on
 2009-2010
 Proposed Budget*

Topic: Public Forum on 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

The Superintendent and Business Manger presented a draft 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. A question and answer period followed.

Time 8:15 pm. The Board return to the MS/HS library.

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes arrived at 8:15 pm.

Reports

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Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Student Panel Discussion was held on 3/26/09 on Center for Diversity, Pluralism & Inclusion with moderator Kevin Pearson.
- The school website will change on 4/9/09. Some of the new highlights will be:
 - Easier navigation for the visitor
 - Consistency of design
 - More site content for students, parents & staff
 - Enhanced community e-mail system for school based communication, etc.A Spotlight on the new school website will be featured at a future meeting.
- The United Way of Clinton & Essex Counties thanks the staff for the generous contributions to the 2009 United Way Campaign. The District received a gold tag indicating a \$1,500 and above contribution.
- Mountain Lake PBS recently sponsored a Champlain Chronicles Writing Contest to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of Lake Champlain. 6th Grade French students in Ms. Kathryn Konstanty's class researched important events during Samuel De Champlain's life and wrote newspaper articles. Thirteen students entered the competition and two students, Chelsea Bjelko and Anna Stiff, received honorable mentions. For their efforts each will receive a Borders Gift Certificate and the opportunity to read their entries at the Mountain Lake Contest Party in June.

Budget

Budget

The Board next discussed the special education proposals at the elementary and high school. Typically, some high school students attend ½ day at Beekmantown and ½ day at CVES. The District can accommodate a percentage of what CVES does here at Beekmantown with the current staff. The 9th & 10th Graders would be here all day and the 11th & 12th Graders would still spend a portion of their day at CVES.

The District would design a new elementary program to accommodate approximately 7 students who would normally require a CVES Program.

The cost savings would be approximately \$100,000. It was the consensus of the Board that these programs be implemented.

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

Additional Items to Discuss

- Additional Committee Assignments

Discussion next followed on volunteers for the following committees:

Committee Assignments

Committee of 9

➤ Committee of 9

Members from the Board will be:

Karen Armstrong,
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes
George Palmer

Professional Development Plan Committee

➤ Professional Development Plan Committee (PDP)

Members from the Board will be: Frank Hay
Guy Falcon
Richard LaVigne

District-Wide Shared Decision Making Committee

➤ District-Wide Shared Decision Making Committee

Members from the Board will be: Stan Kourofsky
Steve Trombley
Leonard King

Recognition

• Recognition

Discussion next followed on recognizing student accomplishments. The middle school recognizes students by publishing the accomplishment along with their picture in the Newsletter and at awards ceremonies twice a year.

Reserve Funds

• Reserve Funds

Discussion next followed on reserve funds the district has, reserve funds which are under funded, and reserve funds the District could establish with the excess undesignated fund balance. The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a Repair Reserve Fund with a recommendation coming from the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds. The Board will continue discussing Reserve Funds.

Public Comment

Public Comment

Jackie Wnuk, Beekmantown Elementary FSO President addressed the Board on the following:

- Thanked the Board for granting Sandra Gardner tenure.
- Relations with Parent Organizations – if you have any kind of committee, I will volunteer myself.

Jackie Wnuk will be the parent to the District-Wide Shared Decision Making Committee.

Paul Wnuk addressed the Superintendent and asked if the *No Bullying Policy* applies to all students, staff, employees of the building as well as the Superintendent? Superintendent Amo stated yes.

Carrie Trombley addressed the Board to reiterate from last meeting, that the Board seems to be working hard on open communication with parents and organizations. She would like to see something where parents and concern citizens could come and speak to the Board directly and receive an answer instead of by e-mail or a letter that doesn't get answered.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Clerk Pro-Tem

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Leonard King 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
discussion personnel*

Executive Session

It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss personnel. Time 9:08 pm.

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session. Time 9:36 pm.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, seconded by Karen Armstrong, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Kourofsky, Board President