

**Beekmantown Central School District**

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**September 23, 2008**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order** President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Clerk Pro-Tem** **Clerk Pro-Tem**  
It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that Ron Clamser be appointed Clerk Pro-tem for this meeting.

**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 type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes ( <i>arrived 6:35 pm</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley

Nathan Bull, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

**Present**

**Others Present**  
Scott Amo, Superintendent  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager

**Visitors**

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Lucy Giroux	Sue Relation	Patty Gallagher	Cathy Buckley
Nicholas Castellucci	Christopher Witkowski	Conrad LaVarnway	Shawn Adas
Brian Stoddard	Hayden Head	Dylan Lamere	Nicholas Lucia
Gabriel Matott	Kathy Hay	Randy LaValley	Sharon LaValley
Marilyn Dwyer	Jeri Bennett	Dave Witkowski	

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

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Several individuals spoke to the Board regarding the moving of the Homecoming Game from the District field to Bailey Ave. field. In addition, individuals spoke about borrowing bleachers from other sites, the need to replace the bleachers in the first place, and related safety concerns.

*Kathleen Grinberg-Funes arrived at 6:35 pm.*

**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:

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, Frank Hay, and Karen Armstrong abstained.

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 9, 2008.

Proposed District  
and Board Goals

**New Business**

The Superintendent presented the proposed District and Board Goals and discussion followed.

2008-2009 Board Goals

- 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

- 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.

**Appointments**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education change the appointment of Heather McCallister from a 10-month typist to a 12-month typist effective 9/18/08 at a salary of \$22,178.

Appointments

*McCallister,  
Heather*

*Extra-Duty  
Assignment*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *extra duty assignment* for the 2008-2009 school year at a salary of (per negotiations) as indicated:

Building	Assignment	No.	Name
MS/HS	Adventure Club	1	Jay Magiera

*Letter of Agreement  
Dale J. Tompkins,  
Teacher for the  
Blind & Visually  
Handicapped*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Dale J. Tompkins, Teacher for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide orientation and mobility services from September 3, 2008 to June 26, 2009 for one (1) four hour session per week as indicated on the student's IEP for a rate of \$375 per session.

*Letter of Agreement  
Gina Gratton,  
Physical Therapist*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Gina Gratton, Physical Therapist and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide physical therapy services from September 3, 2008 to June 26, 2009 for three (3) 30 minute session per week and one (1) 30 minute session per month for consultation as indicated on the student's IEP for a rate of \$60 per hour.

*Letter of Agreement  
Sue Delamarter,  
Special Needs  
Consultant*

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Sue Delamarter, Special Needs Consultant and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide an one (1) evaluation and consultation by October 30, 2008 as indicated on the student's IEP for a rate of \$200.

*Civil Service  
Probationary  
Appointment  
Johnson, Elizabeth*

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

Name	Title	Period	Salary (08-09)	Contract
Johnson, Elizabeth	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	9/18/08 – 4/9/09	\$8.44	10 months

**Miscellaneous**

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following Adventure Club Field Trips for the 2008-2009 school year.

*Adventure Club  
Field Trips*

Date	Event	Location	Per Person
October 2008	Jet Boating/Imax	Montreal	\$34.00
December 2008	Indoor Rock Climbing	Montreal	\$15.00
January/February 2009	Skiing/Snow Boarding	Vermont	\$25.00
March 2009	Trapezing	Montreal	\$10.00
April 2009	Mountain Biking	Vermont	\$15.00
May 2009 (3 days & 2 nights) \$10.00	Outdoor Rock Climbing/Camping Trip	Adirondacks	

Note: Total cost, number of buses & chaperones are contingent upon the number of 6-12 students that register for the trip.

## Policy

### Policies

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Determination of Residence	TBA (Second Reading)
Admission of Non-Resident Students Regulation	5152-R (First Reading)

## Additional Items to Discuss

### Meeting Dates

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The Board President stated at the Board Retreat, the Board discussed changing the meeting structure from business meeting/work session to two regular board meetings per month.

### Homecoming

#### Homecoming Game

It was moved by Frank Hay to have the Homecoming Game on October 4, 2008 at our school and review options for future games. The motion was seconded by Richard LaVigne and carried unanimously.

### Consortium Health Insurance Agreements

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Discussion followed on the proposed resolution for changes to the agreements of June 1 2005 and April 19, 2006 for Consortium Health Insurance Agreements.

*Rescind the mandatory implementation date of July 1, 2011 for Plan B, as passed by the Board of Directors on June 1, 2005; and*

*Rescind the elimination of Plan A, effective July 1, 2011 for active employees, as passed by the Board of Directors on June 1, 2005;*

*Rescind the Resolution, passed by the Board of Directors on April 19, 2006, involving retiree participation in Plan A after July 1, 2011; and*

*WHEREAS, be it RESOLVED, that the Clinton-Essex-Warren Washington Health Insurance Consortium offer two benefit plans, one referred to as "Plan A" and one referred to as "Plan B", whose benefits have been defined by two separate and distinct Plan Documents; and*

*WHEREAS, be it RESOLVED, that the Clinton-Essex-Warren Washington Health Insurance Consortium allow individual participating Districts to negotiate with its employees to determine their participation in either "Plan A" or "Plan B"; and*

*WHEREAS, be it RESOLVED, that the Clinton-Essex-Warren Washington Health Insurance Consortium allow individual participating Districts to place its retirees in either "Plan A" or "Plan B", in accordance with contractual and statutory obligations.*

It was the consensus of the Board that the Superintendent cast a "yes" vote on the proposed changes as listed.

*Tenure  
Consideration*

Tenure Consideration

A Board member requested an update on tenure consideration of employees eligible to receive tenure during the 2008-2009 school year. The Superintendent stated he would present data regarding the progress of individuals seeking tenure appointments during the 2008-2009 school year at the next Board meeting. In addition, periodic updates to the Board will be provided throughout the school year.

*Adjournment*

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Leonard King, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Clamser, Jr.