

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

March 10, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and Kathleen Grinberg-Funes 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 | <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

Absent

- Scott Amo, Superintendent
 Garth Frechette, HS Principal
 Sue Coonrod, MS Principal
 Diane Fox, CH Principal
 Sandra Gardner, BE Principal
 LeeAnn Short, Director of Special 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

- Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics,
 Health, & Health Services
 Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager

Visitors

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| Susan King | Simone Lutz | Cathy Buckley |
| Patty Gallagher | Carrie Trombley | Ricki Marin |
| Lucy Giroux | Carole Race | Tracy Downey |
| Adam Rabideau | | |

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 revised agenda.

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Reports

Reports

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

- Students are meeting with the counselors for next year.
- Winter sports ended last week, with the wrestling team being Section 7 Champions.
- Spring sports begin next week.
- Pops Concert on 3/17/09 at 7:00 pm.
- Lip Sync on 4/3/09.

Nathan Bull departed the meeting.

Presentations

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Diversity, Pluralism & Inclusion

Topic: Diversity

Presenters: JW Wiley, Kevin Pearson, & Debra Light o f PSUC

Mr. Frechette, HS Principal introduced Adam Rabideau. Mr. Adam Rabideau is the high school teacher who is teaching the Diversity, Pluralism, & Inclusion class this year.

Mr. Rabideau introduced Mr. Kevin Pearson, Outreach Coordinator at PSUC, Debra Light from PSUC and JW Wiley, Teacher at PSUC.

The PSUC presenters showed a six-minute clip from Seinfeld.

There are five diversity themes: sexual orientation, class, gender, privilege, and race. There will be a wrap session next week at approximately 6:00 pm with the Breakfast Club. The syllabus for this class is perspective & analysis, 5 diversity themes, interpretation, and final group presentation.

A Superintendent's Day is schedule on 3/27/09 and the K-12 teachers may choose the Center of Diversity, Pluralism & Inclusion as a workshop for professional development.

Topic: 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

Presenter: Scott Amo, Superintendent

Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

Superintendent Amo presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget. He stated the proposed budget is built on a 0% increase in all property tax assessments, 1.58% decrease in State Aid (based o the Governors Proposal and includes the State Deficit Reduction Assessment), a lost of \$200,000 from interest income, an estimated increase of \$240,000 in new PILOT revenue, \$1.5 million applied from the fund balance and a \$200,000 in Capital Debt Reserve applied against the debt payment.

Some expenses include: increases in salaries, 7% increase in health insurance premiums, 7% contribution rate of Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) (reduced from 7.64%), 11.51% contribution rate for Employees' Retirement System (ERS) (same estimate as current year), 4% estimated increase in NERIC & BOCES charges, and potential increases in special education personnel.

As of October 2008, the District's enrollment was 2,034 making Beekmantown the second largest school district in Clinton County.

The Superintendent presented the Governor's State Aid Proposal and State Aid without deficit reduction. The proposed total budget reflects no new staff and no cuts in programs for a total amount to \$37,161,700, which reflects a budget to budget increase of 2.8%. The proposed tax rate with the Governor's proposal is \$18.38 and the proposed tax rate without deficit reduction is \$17.53.

The special education cost containment efforts and opportunities shows the district has received \$269,920 in aid not previously collected through Medicaid claims, improved timely submissions of reporting STAC claims which resulted in \$261,518 increase in aid in 2009-2010. Not included in the budget is an estimated savings of \$76,980 by providing services in the district versus purchasing the service from BOCES. This would require adding a 1.0 FTE Teacher, 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide, and .4 FTE Psychologist.

The Board President stated the Board needs to review the following:

- whether or not to take additional money from the reserve fund. The Superintendent to bring more information on the fund balance to the next meeting.
- The number of public budget presentations on the budget. Due to the fact very few attend these presentations, one presentation will be made at the main campus. The date to be determined at the next meeting.

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes departed the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Reports

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Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- The Middle School Math Counts Club, under the direction of Juliette Cleland, won the Math Counts competition held at Clinton Community College on 2/28/09. As a result, these Middle School scholars will travel to RPI on 3/14/09 to compete for honors in the state competition.
- On 1/8/09, a number of our students associated with Freshman Academy and Peer Connects, along with advisor Amy Campbell, spoke to Commissioner Mills and others at the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Boards Association dinner. A collage of pictures was assembled and is presented to you at this time.
- The agenda was modified this evening as a result of some necessary changes. Specifically, I had hoped to present an individual for appointment consideration as District Treasurer. Unfortunately, this individual withdrew from accepting the appointment on Monday morning, citing personal reasons. I am in the process of reviewing the committee recommendations of the other candidates and hope to have a recommendation to make at the next Board meeting.

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- Carl Seyfarth, Internal Auditor of Seyfarth & Seyfarth, will attend the audit committee meeting on 3/24/09.
- The District received an A rating from Standard & Poors. This means the district has a strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

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:

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:

1/24/09 Audit Committee
2/24/09 Audit Committee

New Business

CSE Recommendations

CSE
Recommendations

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Guy Falcon, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 3/10/09.

Appointments

Appointments

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

Substitutes

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Reil, Anastasia	Instructional	3/16/09
Barcomb, Michael	Instructional	3/16/09
Oertel, Lindsay	Instructional	3/16/09

*Ray, Don
Transition Counselor
County Jail*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between Don Ray as a Transition Counselor and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide educational services as an independent contractor under the supervision of the Coordinator of Incarcerated Youth Program at the Clinton County Jail at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours weekly, effective March 11, 2009. Incarcerated Youth Program is totally grant funded.

*Fessette-Hileman,
Shana
District-Wide
Coordinator for
Fitness Center &
Indoor Track*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Shana Fessette-Hileman as a District-Wide Coordinator for the coordination of the Fitness Center and Indoor Track at a stipend of \$10,000 (prorated) effective March 11, 2009 until June 30, 2009.

*Corey, Tracy
Fitness Center
Community
Supervisor*

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

Name	Salary	Effective Date
Corey, Tracy	-0-	3/11/09

*Letter of Agreement
Deshaies, Carol,
Speech-Language
Pathologist*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the renewal for consultant services of Carol Deshaies, Speech-Language Pathologist for the supervision of a Speech & Hearing Handicapped teacher for two and one-half (2½) hours per session with a maximum of four (4) sessions total for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year for Medicaid eligible students at the rate of \$80.00 per hour.

Strong, Donald
Clerk of the Works

The Board reviewed the project description and upon discussion, the Superintendent requested to consider a minor change in responsibilities which was approved. It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education to approve the Employment Contract between Donald Strong, Clerk of the Works and the Beekmantown Central School District to oversee the capital facilities plan project which the voters approved on May 20, 2008 and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract on behalf of the District.

Spring Athletic
Appointments

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following spring athletic positions for the 2008-2009 school year effective 3/17/09 as indicated:

Sport	Name	07-08 Salary	08-09 Salary
Baseball - Head Varsity	Knight, James	\$3,799	Per Negotiations
Baseball - Head JV	Bennett, Michael	\$2,938	Per Negotiations
Baseball - Modified (Team 1)	Fragassi, Mark	\$2,404	Per Negotiations
Baseball - Modified (Team 2)	Manney, David	\$2,404	Per Negotiations
Baseball - Assistant	Ratliff, Shane	\$0	Volunteer
Golf - Head Coach (Mixed)	Cutaiar, Scott	\$2,482	Per Negotiations
Golf - Assistant	Bone, Todd	\$0	Volunteer
Softball - Head Varsity	Ashlaw, Kimberly	\$3,799	Per Negotiations
Softball - Head JV	Spaulding, Sarah	\$2,938	Per Negotiations
Softball - Modified (Team 1)	Mulverhill, Barry	\$2,404	Per Negotiations
Softball - Modified (Team 2)	Vacant	\$2,404	Per Negotiations
Tennis - Head Coach (Boys)	Rillahan, Daniel	\$2,823	Per Negotiations
Tennis - Head Coach (Girls)	Magiera, Jay	\$2,823	Per Negotiations
Track & Field - Head Coach (Boys)	Hastings, Andy	\$3,799	Per Negotiations
Track & Field - Head Coach (Girls)	Phillips, Gary	\$3,799	Per Negotiations
Track & Field - Assistant (Mixed)	Converse, Ryan	\$2,709	Per Negotiations
Track & Field - Assistant (Mixed)	Moss, Ronald	\$2,709	Per Negotiations

Policies

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>
Equal Opportunity	0100 (Revised)
School District Records	1120 (Revised)
School District Records Regulation	1120-R (Revised)
Application for Public Access to Records	1120-E.1
Agency Response to Request for Records	1120-E.2
News Media Relations	1130 (Revised)
Candidates and Campaigning	2120.1 (Revised)
School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics	2160(Revised)
Instructional Goals	4000 (Revised)
Child Abuse in Domestic Setting	5460 (Revised)
Purchasing	6700 (Revised)
Purchasing Regulation	6700-R (Revised)
Home School Students	1741 (2 nd Reading)

Financial

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

Transfer

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

Retirement Incentive to Business Contractual (Cover Payment for State Aid Consultant)

From:	To:	Amount:
A21104000000	A13104000000	\$17,726.00

Roll Call Vote

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| <input 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 |

*Health Service Fees
Peru Central School
District*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Frank and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the payment for health service fees to the Peru Central School District for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$26,178.14 for 46 students @ \$569.09 per pupil.

*Stipulation of
Settlement & Order
North Country Gas
Pipeline Co.*

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Settlement and Order between the Clinton County IDA, through North Country Gas Pipeline Company as Lessee and the Beekmantown Central School District (Index No. 2008-00001213 RJ No.).

*Payment In Lieu of
Tax Agreement
Saranac Power
Partner*

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent upon recommendation of the School Attorney to sign an amendment to the First Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement concerning Saranac Power Partner, L.P. previously approved by the Board of Education.

Additional Items to Discuss

Leonard King informed the Board the Operations Committee was recommending as a proposition to use \$240,000 from the reserve fund to purchase bleachers for the football field. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Guy Falcon and carried, that a proposition be added to the annual vote that no more than \$240,000 be transferred from the reserve fund for the purchase of bleachers.

Public Comment

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Carrie Trombley inquired where the policy changes made this evening were accessible. The Board stated the District website.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Guy Falcon, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk