

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

August 12, 2008

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Nathan Bull led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

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

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
- Kevin Hebert, Senior Mechanic
- Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
- Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
- James Knight, MS Assistant Principal
- Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Services
- Ron Clamser, Business Manager
- Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
- Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Absent

- Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
- Don Strong, Supt. of Building & Grounds

Visitors

Visitors

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| Emily Raville | Jerry Deno | Cindy Graziane |
| Amanda Peterson | Greg Raville | Jonathan Graziane |
| Judy Peterson | Susan King | Jennifer Hicks |
| Kristi Raville | Gisele Regan | Arianna Hicks |
| Lisa Huber | Miranda Lynch | Cathy Buckley |
| Leo King | | |

Approval of Agenda

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Discussion followed on whether an executive session will be held to discuss the candidates who submitted letters requesting to serve on the Board of Education. It was moved by George Palmer, seconded by Frank Hay and roll-call voted that an executive session be added after the second Public Comment with the Appointment of Board Member to follow.

Roll Call Vote

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

Appointment of Board Member

Appointment of Board Member

It was noted that the appointment of a Board Member to the Beekmantown Central School District Board of Education would serve until May 19, 2009 at which time the individual would have to run at the Annual Meeting. Seven individuals submitted letters requesting to fill the unexpired seat vacated by the resignation of Earl Burnell.

It was moved by Frank Hay seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes that *Tory Taber* be nominated to serve on the Board of Education until May 19, 2009.

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Karen Armstrong that *Guy Falcon* be nominated to serve on the Board of Education until May 19, 2009.

It was moved by George Palmer, seconded by Frank Hay that *Ed Marin* be nominated to serve on the Board of Education until May 19, 2009.

It was moved by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, seconded by Frank Hay that *David Witkowski* be nominated to serve on the Board of Education until May 19, 2009.

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Leonard King that *Pauline Stone* be nominated to serve on the Board of Education until May 19, 2009.

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the nomination for Board Member be closed.

The roll-call vote for *Tory Taber* was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

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

The roll-call vote for *Guy Falcon* was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Falcon, Guy

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

Therefore, Guy Falcon will become the new Board Member until May 19, 2009. Mr. Falcon was not present at this meeting to take the Oath of Office.

Public Comment *None at this time.*

Public Comment

Presentations

a. Topic: UPK Grant

Presenter: Sandra Gardner, Principal

Presentations
UPK Grant

Principal Sandra Gardner introduce Miranda Lynch and Gisesle Regan who would be teaching UPK for the 2008-2009 school year. The District has received verbal confirmation that the UPK grant had been approved. George Palmer is the board

representative who sits on the UPK committee for the grant writing. The District will have two full day sections, one at Beekmantown Elementary and full day and half day session at Cumberland Head Elementary. Each session has 18 students enrolled. The District will supply transportation to the full day UPK students. There is no extra cost to the District for transporting these students because they are on our bus route. The UPK students must be at least 4 years old to ride the school bus.

Steve Trombley departed the meeting. Time 6:50 pm.

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

*Reports
Superintendent of
Schools*

- The Operations Committee will meet on 8/26/08 at 4:30 pm with representatives of the Thomas Group. Discussion followed on the location of the meeting and touring the facilities prior to school opening. It was the consensus of the Board that the meeting take place at Cumberland Head Elementary School with the Board meeting to follow at 6:15 pm.
- The new School Resource Officer is Trooper Rick Gilmore who is replacing Trooper Bernie Bullis. Trooper Gilmore will be in the District on 8/21/08. Nathan Bull, Student Board Member asked if he would be introduced to the students. Mr. Bull stated he thought this should happen.
- Student drop-off location will be changed for the 2008-2009 school year. All buses will be re-routed using the high school entrance off the Spellman Road. The middle school loop will only be used for parents and/or guardians wanting to drop off their child. A letter will be sent home to all middle school parents/guardians.
- Has give the task to Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor with coming up with ways to save on fuel. Some proposals need more planning. Suggestions were coolant system for buses and hybrids.

Discussion followed on the possibility of natural gas at the District's main complex on Route 22. The Board President stated they are completing natural gas at Cumberland Head first. The Superintendent to send a letter to NYSEG stating the District is interested in natural gas at the main campus.

Girls Ice Hockey

Ed Cook, Athletic Director gave the Board an update on the Chazy Girls Ice Hockey Program. Mr. Cook stated he met with Mr. Waterbury on 7/17/08 and Mr. Waterbury responded to his questions today. Mr. Cook stated an informational meeting will be held with the Athletic Directors on 8/20/08 at 10:00 am at PHS. Mr. Cook stated each school district would follow their own Code of Conduct. There will be no financial commitment from the Beekmantown School District or the Beekmantown Booster Club. The Board questioned who the coach would report to and Mr. Cook stated the Chazy School District.

Athletic Merger

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Beekmantown Central School District approve the athletic merger with the Chazy Rural School District for the Lady Eagle Hockey Team for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ron Clamsner, Business Manager reported on the following:

- Stated the resolution this evening was for confirming the tax roll and tax levy. Mr. Clamsner stated that during the budget season, the projected undesignated reserve fund would be \$3.1 Million. Projected for the end of

Business Manager

the 2007-2008 school year is an additional \$2 Million. Therefore, the total undesignated is \$5.2 Million with \$1.5 Million being allocated to the 2008-09 budget. The State allows a 4% cap on reserve funds. The Districts projected fund balance is 14.4% which is \$3.7 Million more than the cap allows. Mr. Clamser stated he would be making a future proposal a transfer some undesignated to designated reserves.

The assessed values from the Clinton County Real Property Office came in at:

Town of Altona	-\$44,000
Town of Beekmantown	+\$22 Million (25 new parcels)
Town of Chazy	+\$2.2 Million (4 new parcels)
Town of Plattsburgh	+\$26.6 Million (10 new parcels)

There were no residential increases in the Town of Plattsburgh and 7% in the Town of Beekmantown. The District received \$51 Million more in assessed value or 5% over last year. Therefore, the new tax rate is \$16.91 which dropped from the current rate of \$17.22.

Mr. Clamser stated the STAR Exemptions have decreased in all of the Towns. For example, the Town of Plattsburgh went from \$65,040/\$34,260 to \$58,540/\$30,920.

The Board requested a written report on the above.

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

- Student Council along with the FSO is sponsoring a back to school barbeque which will be put on by the cafeteria staff. The classes will do a moving-up ceremony from bleachers to bleachers.
- Stated he is co-manager of the Eagle Mart. They have inventoried, shopped, and are ready for the 6th grade orientation.
- Updated the Board of Peer Connectors.

Ex-Officio Student Board Member

Minutes

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the July 22, 2008 Board of Education Meeting/Work Session. Frank Hay, Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and George Palmer abstained.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the July 1, 2008 Operation Committee Meeting Minutes. Frank Hay and Kathleen Grinberg-Funes abstained

George Palmer departed the meeting at 8:10 pm.

New Business

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approve the CSE recommendations dated 8/12/08.

Personnel

**CSE
Recommendations**

Resignation

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following resignations on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
George, Edgar	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	6/25/08
Jubert, Mary Jo	Typist (10-month)	7/15/08
Garrow, Kathleen	Teacher Aide	8/07/08

Resignation

*George, Edgar
Jubert, Mary Jo
Garrow, Kathleen*

Appointments

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne 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
King, Leo	Automotive Mechanic	2/11/08 – 8/10/08	2/12/08	8/11/08

**Permanent Civil
Service
Appointments**

King, Leo

It was noted that Leo King was present.

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

Assignment	Name	Salary 2008-2009
Gymnastics - Modified	LaForest, Nikkole	Per Negotiations

Fall Athletic Position

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

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Locklin, Laraine	Instructional	9/3/08
George, Edgar	Non-Instructional	9/3/08
Garrow, Kathleen	Non-Instructional	9/3/08

Substitutes

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education appoint Patience Landry to serve as Central Treasurer of this District during the 2008-2009 fiscal year at a salary of (per negotiations) with an indemnity amount of \$100,000.

**Central Treasurer
Landry, Patience**

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

Building	Assignment	No.	Name	Name
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*Extra Duty
Assignments*

Advisors				
MS	Class Advisor Grade 6	2	Stacy Bobbie	Keri Wood
MS	Class Advisor Grade 7	2	Kendi Rankin	Julie King
MS	Class Advisor Grade 8	2	Piper Wells	Sarah Vagi
HS	Class Advisor Grade 9	2	Amy Campbell	Maureen Fragassi
HS	Class Advisor Grade 10	2	Scott Tuller	Renee Hall
HS	Class Advisor Grade 11	2	Keith LaPier	Linda DiStefano
HS	Class Advisor Grade 12	2	Adam Rabideau	Jennifer Duffy
Music				
HS	A Cappella Group (HS)	1	Karin Ryan	
HS	Glee Club (HS)	1	Karin Ryan	
HS	Jazz Band (HS)	1	Michael Nystoriak	
MS	Jazz Ensemble (MS)	1	Matthew Barlow	
MS	Keyboard Club (MS)	1	Kathy Aprill	
HS	Drama Club Advisor	1	Judith Fallon	
HS	Musical Director	1	Karin Ryan	
HS	Coreographer	1	Piper Wells	
HS	Business Advisor	1	Lisa Furnia	
HS	Pit Conductor	1	Michael Nystoriak	
Intramurals				
BE	Intramural (BE)	1	Matthew Crucetti	
CH	Intramural (CH)	2	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
HS	Intramural Boys (HS)	1	Andy Hastings	
HS	Intramural Girls (HS)	1	Joni Moschelle	
MS	Intramural Boys (MS)	1	Rodney Carlsson	
MS	Intramural Girls (MS)	1	Shana Fessette-Hileman	
Student Council				
BE	Student Council (BE)	2	Sharon Carlin	Nancy McCormick
CH	Student Council (CH)	2	Peter Villa	John McCarty
HS	Student Council (HS)	1	Keith LaPier	
HS	Asst. Student Council (HS)	1	Sae-lyn Garrant Loucy	
MS	Student Council (MS)	1	Stacy Bobbie	Vickie Belrose
Other				
BE	Newspaper/Yearbook (BE)	3	Renee Wooster	Carolyn Wilson
			Brenda Peralta	
CH	Newspaper/Yearbook (CH)	2	Patty Gallagher	JoLee Yeddo
MS	Newspaper (MS)	2	Marlene Raffel	Piper Wells
HS	Yearbook (HS)	2	Mary Williams	Patricia Chotkowski
MS	Yearbook (MS)	2	Robin Brunelle	Patti Landry
MS/HS	BOSC-Adventure Club	1	<i>Vacant</i>	
MS/HS	Chess Club	1	<i>Vacant</i>	
MS	Drama Club (MS)	2	Rebecca Hagar	Jennifer Goodwin
HS	Foreign Language Club (HS)	1	Carlos Madan	Sharon Roraback
MS	Foreign Language Club (MS)	2	Kathryn Konstanty	Michelle Frechette
HS	FTA	1	Ron Moss	
MS	6th Grade Fitness Club	1	Carrie Redmond	
HS	Honor Society	1	Jeannine Murphy	
MS	Jr. Honor Society	1	Duffy Nelson	
MS/HS	Library Club	1	Cheryl Turner	

MS/HS	Literature Magazine	1	Marlene Raffel	Piper Wells
MS	Math Counts	1	Juliette Cleland	
HS	Model U.N.	4	Scott Tuller	Carlos Madan
			Jeff Jolicoeur	Jon Chapman
HS	Photo Club (Art Club)	1	Renee Hall	
HS	SADD	1	Cindy Allen	
MS	Technology Student Assoc.	1	Marlene Raffel	
	Extra Curricular Treasurer	1	Patti Landry	
HS	Varsity Club	1	Shana Fessette-Hileman	
MS/HS	Yorker Club	1	Sarah Vagi	
Non-Contractual Assignments				
DW	Ticket Seller	N/A	Jeri Bennett	Farole Watts
			Danelle Pelkey	

Miscellaneous

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve the correction of tax roll and tax bill where the correction does not exceed \$2,500 for the 2008-2009 school year with the Business Manager designated in his absence in extenuating circumstances.

Authorization of Tax Roll & Tax Bill under \$2,500

Policy

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the final reading on the following policy as indicated:

Policy

Name

Policy

Local Educational Agency ("LEA") Education of Homeless Children Policy TBD (Final)

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Education of Homeless Children Policy

Financial

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education accepts the following donation and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$2,153.54.

From	For	Amount
Beekmantown Booster Club	Golf Equipment	\$2,153.54

Roll Call Vote

Donations

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

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education approve the following 2007-2008 year end transfers over \$2,500:

Health Insurance to In-service BOCES

Transfers

From: A90608002200 **To:** A20704900000 **Amount:** \$ 22,532.00

Retirement Incentive to Retirement Incentive

From: A21101200002 **To:** A21104000000 **Amount:** \$ 62,668.00

Retirement Incentive to Retirement Incentive

From: A21101300002 **To:** A21104000000 **Amount:** \$ 41,492.00

Handicap Tuition to Special Education BOCES

From: A22504700000 **To:** A22504900000 **Amount:** \$106,555.16

Health Insurance to Technology Contractual

From: A90608002200 **To:** A26304000000 **Amount:** \$ 5,000.00

Health Insurance to Teachers' Retirement System

From: A90608002200 **To:** A90208002100 **Amount:** \$ 9,448.98

Roll Call Vote

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| <input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer <i>absent</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong | |

Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes and roll-call voted;

Confirm Tax Rolls & Authorize Tax Levy

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2008 - 2009 school year a sum not to exceed \$16,649,997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

Name of Town	Total Assessed Valuations by Towns	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total Tax Levy by Towns w/o STAR	Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value
Town of Altona	\$3,342,013	100%	\$56,509.36	0.016908778
Town of Beekmantown	\$243,829,646	100%	\$4,122,861.35	0.016908778
Town of Chazy	\$39,281,027	100%	\$664,194.17	0.016908778
Town of Plattsburgh	\$566,323,572	100%	\$9,575,839.56	0.016908778
SUB-TOTAL	\$852,776,258	XXX	\$14,419,404.44	X.XXXXXX X
STAR	\$131,919,217	XXX	\$2,230,592.75	X.XXXXXX X
TOTALS	\$933,638,107	XXX	\$16,649,997.19	X.XXXXXX

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AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2008 and end October 31, 2008 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 65 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- 1st month free period,
- 2nd month interest of 2 percent added,

Roll Call Vote

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

Additional Items to Discuss

Supt. Evaluation

- Supt Evaluation

Discussion followed regarding the Superintendent’s Evaluation. The Board President and Vice President presented the Superintendent with the annual evaluation on 7/30/08.

Board Retreat

- Board Retreat

The Board scheduled the Board Retreat for 9/16/08 at 6:15 pm in the MS/HS library.

Candidates for Vacant Board Seat

- Candidates for Vacant Board Seat

Letters would be set to candidates who filed letters to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education.

Public Comment

Public Comment

Gisele Regan thanked the Board for the service to the community and for a student serving on the Board as an Ex-Office Student Board Member.

Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk