

**Beekmantown Central School District**

Board of Education Meeting/Work Session

Place: **Cafeteria – Cumberland Head Elementary School**

**August 26, 2008**

*Note: The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Guy Falcon on 8/20/08.*

**Minutes**

**Call to Order** President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm and Guy Falcon led the pledge of allegiance.

**Members Present**       Karen Armstrong                       Frank Hay                       Richard LaVigne  
 Guy Falcon                               Leonard King                       George Palmer  
 Kathleen Grinberg-Funes               Stan Kourofsky                       Steve Trombley

**Others Present**      **Present**

Scott Amo, Superintendent  
LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services  
Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Diane Fox, CH Principal  
Ron Clamser, Business Manager  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk

**Visitors**      **Visitors**  
Lucy Giroux                      Patty Gallagher                      Lynn Want                      Cathy Buckley

**Approval of Agenda**      **Approval of Agenda**  
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.)

**Presentations**      **Presentations**

*Topic: Focus Review of Special Education, Quality Indicator Process, & Disproportionality*

**a. Topic:** Focus Review of Special Education, Quality Indicator Process, & Disproportionality  
**Presenter:** LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services

Mrs. Short informed the Board the district was being reviewed by the State Education Department for it disproportionality statistics and plans for compliance.

**b. Topic:** Textbook/Novel Adoption  
**Presenter:** Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

**Topic: Textbook/Novel Adoption**

Ms. Eggleton stated that “Nothing but the Truth” and “Milkweed” are 8<sup>th</sup> Grade novels which were purchased through building funds but needed board approval to be added onto the novel list. In addition, the driver’s education textbook “Drive Right” has not yet been purchased and the curriculum for driver’s education is being developed.

**Approval of Minutes**      **Minutes**  
It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:  
August 12, 2008 (Regular Meeting)

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by George Palmer and roll-call voted, that the minutes of 7/1/08 be amended to reflect the discussion of the resignation of the Board President.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne ( <i>No</i> )   | <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 type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley ( <i>No</i> )        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon ( <i>abstained</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King ( <i>No</i> )                | <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky ( <i>abstained</i> ) |

*Motion failed due to a lack of a quorum.*

**New Business**

CSE  
Recommendations

**CSE Recommendations**

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 8/26/08.

**Personnel**

Resignations

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*Pelkey, Shelly  
Ferris, Scott*

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

| Name           | Position         | Effective Date |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Pelkey, Shelly | Teacher Aide     | 8/14/08        |
| Ferris, Scott  | Custodial Worker | 9/03/08        |

**Appointments**

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*Drapeau, Denise  
King, Tina  
Riley, Barbara  
Wang, Lynn  
Brow, Johanna*

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

| Name            | Title              | Period           | Salary (08-09) | Contract  |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Drapeau, Denise | Teacher Aide       | 9/2/08 – 3/24/09 | \$13,255       | 10 months |
| King, Tina      | Teacher Aide       | 9/2/08 – 3/24/09 | \$13,255       | 10 months |
| Riley, Barbara  | Teacher Aide       | 9/2/08 – 3/24/09 | \$13,255       | 10 months |
| Wang, Lynn      | Teacher Aide (40%) | 9/2/08 – 3/24/09 | \$5,302        | 10 months |
| Brow, Johanna   | Bus Driver         | 9/2/08 – 3/24/09 | \$23.74/run    | 10 months |

Lynn Wang was present.

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

Substitutes

| Name                  | Substitute    | Effective Date |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Duprey, Lynn          | Instructional | 9/3/08         |
| Maloney, Pammy        | Instructional | 9/3/08         |
| Mulholland, Lynn      | Instructional | 9/3/08         |
| Fish, Joseph          | Instructional | 9/3/08         |
| Bombardier, Jacquelyn | Instructional | 9/3/08         |
| Rock, Elizabeth       | Instructional | 9/3/08         |

Renewal of  
Consultant Services  
*Carol Deshaies*

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 2008-2009 school year for Medicaid eligible students at the rate of \$80.00 per hour effective 9/02/08.

**Miscellaneous**

Textbooks/Novels

*Driver Right*  
*Nothing but the Truth*  
*Milkweed*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Education approve the following textbooks/novels:

| <u>Subject</u>   | <u>Book Title</u>     | <u>Author</u>                | <u>Grade Level</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Driver Education | Drive Right           | Johnson, Crabb, Opfer, Thiel | 11-12              |
| English          | Nothing but the Truth | Avi                          | 8                  |
| English          | Milkweed              | Jerry Spinelli               | 8                  |

**Policy**

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

Policies

| <u>Name</u>                                                                  | <u>Policy #</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| AUP Cover & Signature Page                                                   | TBD             |
| Computer/Network Use & Internet Access- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)          | 4526            |
| Computer/Network Use & Internet Access Student Network Account Agreement     | 4526-E.3        |
| Student Media Release Form                                                   | TBD             |
| Specific Violations & Consequences that are result of those violations (AUP) | TBD             |

Discussion followed on the Athletic Policy as it pertains to students wishing to transfer into the District and their eligibility to participate in athletics. The policy will be reviewed with possible changes at a future date.

**Financial**

*Financial Reports*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne 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:

| <u>Payment No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 of 5 payments    | \$70,780.62   | 8/29/08         |

Roll Call Vote

|                                                     |                                                  |                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong           |
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**Bid Award**

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*Trash Removal*

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon and roll-call voted, that

As competitive bids were sought for trash removal

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

*Northern Sanitation* \$34,841

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education award the trash removal bid to the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$34,841

Roll Call Vote

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The Green Committee is up and running and making a difference.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the firm of *Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP* to serve as the districts Bond Counsel for the EXCEL Capital Project at the following fee schedule:

*Appointment of  
Bond Counsel  
Trespasz &  
Marquardt*

**Bond Anticipation Notes**

\$1,200 base fee plus 90¢ per \$1,000 principal amount for the first \$5,000,000 and 65¢ per \$1,000 principal thereafter

**Serial Bonds – New Money Issues – Capital Projects**

\$4,000 base fee plus \$1.35 per \$1,000 principal amount for the first \$5,000,000 and \$1.25 per \$1,000 principal amount thereafter

It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Leonard King and roll-call voted,

Roll Call Vote

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**Adjournment**

*Adjournment*

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard