

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

January 13, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

President Stan Kourofsky called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and Leonard King led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present

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| <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 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
- Sandra Gardner, BE Principal
- Diane Fox, CH Principal
- LeeAnn Short, Director of Special Services
- Donna Eggleton, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Don Strong, Supt. of Building & Grounds
- Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator
- Shane Brink, Transportation Supervisor
- Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager
- Ed Cook, Director of PE, Athletics, Health, & Health Services
- Joha Battin, HS Assistant Principal
- James Knight, MS Assistant Principal
- Ron Clamser, Business Manager
- Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney
- Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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| Julie Jock | Kate Skiff | Lucy Giroux | Susan King |
| Robert King | Cathy Buckley | | |

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

Public Comment *(None at this time.)*

Spotlight on
Education
Video Production
Class Demonstration

Spotlight on Education

Topic: Video Production Class Demonstration

Presenter: Sue Coonrod, MS Principal
Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator

Sue Coonrod, MS Principal, and Gary Lambert, Educational Technology Coordinator gave a demonstration on the Video Production Class, which is a ½, elective credit offered to 8th graders and taught by Marlene Raffel.

Presentations

Reports/Presentations

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- Beekmantown Middle School learned that the costs of students to attend the luge event in Lake Placid in February was just reduced because of the \$200 grant just received from ORDA.
- The following students attended the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Boards Association meeting on 1/8/09, which featured Commissioner Richard Mills and Regents James Dawson.

Nathan Bull

Haden Head

Jessica McNeil

James O'Connell

Tevin Conners

- The Beekmantown Harmonica Eagles comprised of 39 students from Beekmantown Elementary School from grades 1-5 receiving instruction from Russell Gray, School Social Worker, performed a concert of winter holiday music on 12/16/08 for Meadowbrook Health Care, Evergreen Valley Nursing Home, and the Clinton County Nursing Home.
- Interviews for the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds I position were held on 1/5/09 & 1/6/09 with ten finalists for consideration. The committee is completing background checks on four individuals and will meet to complete its recommendation priorities.
- Attended the public meeting on 1/12/09 regarding Saranac Power's proposal for an amended pilot agreement. The district will proceed in budgeting as revenue, the amount to be received once the taxing jurisdictions and company have finalized the terms.
- The budget process with the administrators and supervisors has begun. All departments are well aware of the financial situation within the state and will budget accordingly. More detailed "picture" at the January 27 Board meeting.

Ron Clamser, Business Manager reported on the following:

- stated the IRS changes effective 1/1/09 regarding 403(b) Retirement Plans went smoothly.
- W2's and 1099's went out this week.
- the NYS Comptroller requests an annual audit of payroll checks for verification of addresses which was done on 1/2/09.
- the District's insurance carrier has hired individuals to perform an evaluation audit.
- bids were received last week for district-wide printers, toner, maintenance, etc. for 2009-2010. This will be rebid.

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

- Approximately 20 students attended the Harvard UN at Harvard University. Outstanding delegates in their committee were 11th graders Brendan Courneene and Bryn Retherford.
- The student council sponsored a HS Fun Day with \$150 being donated to the Beekmantown Food Shelf,
- The Student Council sponsored a toy drive and collected five boxes of toys for *Toys for Tots*. A drawing was held for a MS and HS student who donated a \$5.00 toy.
- The HS Drama Club will perform a Musical “A Little Shop of Horrors” with performances on 1/30 & 1/31 at 7:00 pm and 2/1 at 2:00 pm.
- The students and advisor Amy Campbell attending the Clinton County School Boards Dinner with Commissioner Mills. The students spoke about Freshman Academy, Work Study Lunch, Special Earth Science Lab, Peer Connectors, and Mentoring Program.

The Board stated the students attending the Clinton County School Boards Dinner Meeting did an outstanding job representing the District.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

12/09/08 Board of Education Meeting

It was moved by Leonard King, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the minutes of the Audit Committee held on December 9, 2008.

New Business

CSE
Recommendations

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Guy Falcon, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 1/13/09.

Resignation

Resignation

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the following resignation on the date indicated:

Wang, Lynn

Name	Position	Effective Date
Wang, Lynn	40% Teacher Aide	12/10/08

Appointments

Appointments

Substitutes

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

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Brault, Susan	Non-Instructional	1/20/09

Wilson, Laura	Non-Instructional	1/20/09
Fountain, Marvin	Non-Instructional	1/20/09
LaFountain, Mark	Non-Instructional	1/20/09
Dodd, James	Instructional	1/20/09
LaValley, Stephanie	Instructional	1/20/09
Wilfore, Lindsey	Instructional	1/20/09
Bunker, Elizabeth	Instructional	1/20/09

Unpaid Leave

Ducharme, Tracey

Unpaid Leave

It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education accept the unpaid leave of absence from Tracey Ducharme as a Bus Driver from 2/12/09 – 8/12/09.

*Budget Calendar
2009-2010*

Budget Calendar

Discussion followed on the 2009-2010 Budget Calendar and how to involve the community. Suggestions were to have an event prior to the board meeting and information available on the website like a “blog”.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education adopt the following Budget Calendar:

2009-2010 Budget Calendar

January 1st – February 24th

Administration reviews and develops current and projected: Budget Assumptions (Revenues and Expenditures), Enrollment, Building Allocations, District-Wide Allocations, and Staffing.

January 13, 2009

- Board of Education approves Budget Calendar

January 27, 2009

Administration presents preliminary budget forecast in the areas of: Enrollment, Building Allocations, Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, Staffing, and Fund Balance Projections.

February 24, 2009

- Budget draft sent to Board of Education

March 10, 2009

- Superintendent’s Budget Presentation to Board of Education.

March 11, thru April 20, 2009

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

- Public presentations at Cumberland Head, Beekmantown Main Campus, etc.

April 21, 2009

- Board of Education adopts budget

April 24, 2009

- Report Cards sent to SED

May 5, 2009

- **General Information on Proposed Budget & Propositions mailed to all residents.**
- **Detailed Proposed Budget available and will be mailed to residents upon request.**

May 12, 2009

Location: Auditorium

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- Budget Hearing

May 13, 2009

- *Budget Notice* mailed (**Six Day Notice**).

May 19, 2009

Location: Beekmantown HS (*Front Gym*)

Time: 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.

- Annual Budget Vote

Voter Registration: Registration will take place at the District Office, 197 Haynes Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Ballots: Deadline to return absentee ballots is May 19, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Novels

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Karen Armstrong and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve adding the following novels to the approved novel list:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Copyright Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>
ELA	The Misfits	2001	James Howe	15:1 Reading
ELA	Sir Gawain & the Green Knight, Pearl and Sir Orfeo	Not Available	JRR Tolkein	10
ELA	Dubliner	2006	James Joyce	12
ELA	The Merchant of Venice	Not Available	William Shakespeare	AP
ELA	Welcome to the Arc	2000	Stephanie Tolan	7
ELA	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	2000	Jack Gantos	7

Policies

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Admission of Non-Resident Regulation

Discussion followed on the new Relationship with Booster Organization Policy and the revisions to the Leave of Absence Policy. Several changes were suggested with the policies being brought back to the Board for review.

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Leonard King and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following policy:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Admission of Non-Resident Regulation	5152-R (Revised)

Financial

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Steve Trombley and roll-call voted, that the Board of Education authorizes Champlain Valley Education Services to change the billing format for district participation in CV-TEC Programs from an annual cost to an average cost formula over a 3-year period.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne (No) | <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay (No) | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong (No) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Palmer (No) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes (absent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley (No) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guy Falcon (No) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard King (No) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky (No) |

The motion was unanimously defeated.

Additional Items to Discuss

Operations Committee

- *Operations Committee*

Mr. King informed the Board at the Operations Committee earlier this evening five items were discussed:

- Progress of the Excel Project
- Realtors Report on the West Chazy Building
- Communication from NYSDEC on sewage problem and District’s wells
- Bleachers
- The District’s 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Audit Committee

- *Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee changed the meeting start time from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm effective 1/27/09.

Public Comment

Public Comment (5 minutes)

Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Richard LaVigne, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Menard, District Clerk