

Beekmantown Central School District

Board of Education Meeting

Place: **MS/HS Library**

January 27, 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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
 Ron Clamser, Business Manager
 Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Visitors

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| Robert King | Lucy Giroux | Patty Gallagher | Kendi Rankin |
| Tracy Downey | Cathy Buckley | Sherry Kourofsky | Barb Stone |
| Charlie Stone | Jeri Bennett | | |

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 agenda.

Presentation to Don Strong

The Board President presented Don Strong, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds with an eagle for his years of service as Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds (9/1/95 - 1/31/09).

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Presentation

Topic: Discussion 2008-2009 Budget

Presenter: Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools and Ron Clamser, Business Manager

Superintendent Amo and Ron Clamser, Business Manager presented progress on the 2009-2010 budget. The following was highlighted:

- The process used by the administrators and supervisors for budget development.
- Projected enrollment from 2008-09 to 2009-10 is down 26 students.
- Two elementary teachers will be retiring at the end of the 2008-09 school year.
- This budget assumes \$1.5 Million from the fund balance.
- Proposed tax rate is \$18.38 against the current rate of \$16.92. These figures are subject to change.
- Cost centers were created to reflect Curriculum & Staff Development.
- Budget to Budget increase is 2.8%, which is subject to change.
- Current fund balance and allowable State Education fund balance was discussed.
- Present figures show no increase in assessed value. Presently assessments are unknown.
- More employees are now enrolling in the districts health insurance plan which increases the district financial contribution.
- The District projects State Aid to decrease in the amount of \$257,343 based upon the Governor's current proposal.
- Presently 21 employees are in grants.
- The Special Education Department is projecting increases in State Aid to the District through Medicaid reimbursement, STACS, and program changes.
- Items currently not included in the budget are:
 - Replacement of Football Field (sod, fencing, bleachers, etc.)
 - Project Adventure – Climbing Wall

Reports

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following:

- the weather report was calling for inclement weather tomorrow which is a regents day. The State Education Department has provisions for missed regents. *“Schools may not administer State examinations when weather conditions are severe enough to warrant closing school and canceling normal bus transportation.”*

Ron Clamser, Business Manager had no report at this time

Minutes

Approval of 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:

1/13/09 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 Operations Committee held on January 13, 2009.

CSE
Recommendations

New Business

CSE Recommendations

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Steve Trombley, and unanimously carried that the Board of Education approves the CSE recommendations dated 1/27/09.

Resignation

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

Corey, Tracy

Name	Position	Effective Date
Corey, Tracy	Science Teacher, District-Wide Coordinator for Fitness Center & Indoor Track, Curriculum Lead Teacher	2/20/09

Appointments

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

Substitutes

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Garrand, Angela	Instructional	2/2/09
Relation, Dustin	Instructional	2/2/09
LaBombard, Holly	Instructional	2/2/09
Johnson, Elizabeth	Non-Instructional	2/2/09

Winter Athletic
Position

It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Richard LaVigne and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve the following *winter athletic position* for the 2008-2009 school year as indicated effective 1/27/09:

Lozier, Jamie

Assignment	Name	Salary based 2007-2008
Basketball – Girls Modified B	Lozier, Jamie	\$2,160

Supt. of Buildings &
Grounds

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

Noonan, Daniel

Name	Title	Period	Salary (08-09)	Contract
Noonan, Daniel	Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds I	2/2/09 pending exam results	\$51,000	12 months

The Superintendent introduced Daniel Noonan.

Unpaid Leave

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Rankin, Kendi

It was moved by Karen Armstrong, seconded by Steve Trombley and unanimously carried, that the Board of Education approve an unpaid leave of absence for Kendi Rankin as a English 7-12 Teacher after her maternity leave which will begin on or about 2/12/09 consistent with Federal Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993, Board of Education Policy #9520.2. and Article IX Child Rearing Leave in the Agreement between the Beekmantown

Teachers' Association and the Beekmantown Central School District.

Policies
Leave of Conduct
Code of Conduct

Policies

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Leave of Absence	9520.5 (Revised)
Code of Conduct	5300 (Revised)

Health Services Fees

Financial

It was moved by Richard LaVigne, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously that the Board of Education approve the payment for health service fees to the Plattsburgh City School District for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$15,194.34 for 31 students @ \$490.14 per pupil.

BAN

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's for buses at the lowest interest rate possible and on the maturity date indicated:

Payment No.	Amount	Due Date
2 of 5 payments	\$68,868.35	2/13/09

The roll-call vote was as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong
<input checked="" 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

Public Comment

Public Comment (None at this time.)

Clerk Pro-Tem

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It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that Stan Kourofsky be appointed Clerk Pro-tem.

Respectfully Submitted, Joanne Menard, District Clerk

Executive Session
(to discuss a
particular person(s)
employment history)

Executive Session

Time 8:02 pm It was moved by Steve Trombley, seconded by Frank Hay and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a particular person(s) employment history.

Time 9:04 pm. It was moved by Frank Hay, seconded by Leonard King, and unanimously carried, that the Board return to regular session.

Adjournment

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It was moved by Guy Falcon, seconded by Frank Hay, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Stan Kourofsky, Board President