

Beekmantown Central School District

Monday, April 17, 2006

Place: MS/HS Library

Special Board of Education Meeting

Time: 6:15 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order at: 6:25 pm by: Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, President

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer (arrived at 6:55 pm) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Dwyer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky | |

C. Attendees

Also Present: Mark A. Sposato, Superintendent of Schools
Ron Clamser, Jr. Business Manager

Visitors:	Rudy Pribis	David Witkowski	David Hinsman
	Sarah Cromie	Lawrence Cromie	Dan Drowne
	Fred Woodward	Phil Raetuce	

2. Cler Pro Tem

Frank Hay, Board Member, nominated Karen Armstrong as Clerk Pro Tem.

Motion: FH Seconded: JD Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

3. Presentation

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes, Board President, turned the meeting over to Dr. Sposato for his 2006-2007. Budget Summary. Dr. Sposato indicated that the estimated 2006-2007 appropriated fund balance would be increased by \$464,968 due to an error when levying the 2005-2006 Tax Levy which should have been \$14,235,048, instead of \$14,700,016 which was levied. This error was identified by the State Comptroller Auditor. The difference will be given back in the 2006-2007 proposed budget in the fund balance figure. Therefore the undesignated fund balance is \$464,968 higher than it would have been.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed questions regarding the following items in the budget:

- Cafeteria table replacement - Dr. Sposato indicated that the replacement tables are to conform with the current design of other, (newer) tables and are lighter which is an advantage for employees moving them on a regular basis.
- Department Chairpersons - The questions was raised as to why these positions exist when BCSD is the only district to have them, and what are their duties. Dr. Sposato noted that other schools have designated persons such as Curriculum Directors to fulfill the duties that are performed by the BCSD Department Chairpersons. Dr. Sposato added that their duties now include program evaluation and curriculum review K-12. The Superintendent meets approximately once a week after school from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm.
- Additional mechanic position - Questions raised about the necessity of an additional mechanic. Dr. Sposato informed the Board that the additional mechanic would reduce the number of overtime hours, including weekends that are being worked in order to maintain the bus fleet.

- Climbing Wall - Question was asked about monies proposed for this equipment in the absence of a curriculum. Points also made by Board members regarding viability of the older wall, (Adirondack Club Donation), taken down during construction project and lack of curriculum for the Fitness Center. Dr. Sposato stated that staff were informed that a summer curriculum project would need to include curriculum for a climbing wall if the budget proposal was accepted. After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded by the Board that these monies would be designated for general curriculum and that the older wall could be replaced for utilization by the Adventure Club.
- Music Department Monies- Dr. Sposato noted that the monies proposed for the Music Department was not for instruments normally rented to parents, rather for acquisition of “one-time” purchases of expensive and/or unusual instruments.
- Class Advisors- Question was raised if evaluation of impact of advisor time/contract amount for services has been completed. Dr. Sposato reported that he has implemented review of this in order to address effectiveness of these organizations. He added that changes can be made to the amount spent for advisors as these are contract amounts, however, Administrators will address impact to kids following the completion of the evaluation process to plan activities for the 2006-2007 school year.

4 Adjournment 8:40 pm

Motion: FH Seconded: SK Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)