

Beekmantown Central School District

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Place: MS/HS Library

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Time: 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order

at: 5:05

by: Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Karen Armstrong

Jane Donahue

Marilyn Dwyer

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

Frank Hay

Stan Kourofsky

George Palmer

Steve Trombley

Emily Dyer

C. Attendees

Also Present:	Doug Rogers	Garth Frechette	Sue Coonrod
	Don Strong	Kevin Hebert	Gary Lambert
	Ron Clamser	Greg Myers	Jeannine Kerr
Visitors:	Leonard King	Susan King	Julie Jock
	John Trombley	Robert King	David Witkowski
	Sharon Nephew	Marlene Rollier	Patience Landry

2. Executive Session To discuss a particular person or person's employment history and contract negotiations.

In: 5:06	Motion: MD	Seconded: ST	Yes: ALL	No:	Abstain:	(<u>Accept</u> Reject Table)
Out: 6:05	Motion: GP	Seconded: SK	Yes: ALL	No:	Abstain:	(<u>Accept</u> Reject Table)

3. Minutes

Resolved that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

March 7, 2006 (Special Meeting)
March 14, 2006 (Regular Meeting)
March 28, 2006 (Special Meeting)
April 4, 2006 (Regular Meeting)

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

Changes addressed for March 14th to page 3 and to March 28th, page 4. Changes will be made and then posted. Jane Donahue amended the motion to reflect changes made.

4. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

Resolved, that the Superintendent of School recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following resignation on the date indicated:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Brooks, Esther	Assistant Track Coach	3/15/06

Motion: MD Seconded: GP Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

2. Appointments

A. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to appoint the following *Civil Service probationary* appointments as indicated:

Name	Title	Probationary Period	Salary	Contract
LaBelle, William	Custodial Worker	4/19/06 – 10/19/06	\$14,062	12 months
Boyd, Lynn	Custodial Worker	4/19/06 – 10/19/06	\$14,062	12 months

* Pending Fingerprinting Clearance

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

B. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following *substitute* appointments beginning on the date indicated:

Name	Substitute	Effective Date
Weishaupt, Stephanie	Instructional	4/19/06
DeCamp, Ryan	Instructional	4/19/06

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

C. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following spring *athletic* coaching positions for the 2005-2006 school year effective 3/20/06:

Assignment	Name	Salary
Coughlin, Tracey	* Track & Field – Assistant (Mixed)	\$1,308.50
Verkey, Christopher	* Track & Field – Assistant (Mixed)	\$1,308.50

* The amount of \$2,617 is split between the two coaches.

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

Jane Donahue asked if student teachers need to have cleared fingerprints.

Both have received fingerprint clearance

3. Termination

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to eliminate the following appointment as indicated due to *job abandonment*:

Name	Title	Effective
Craig, Sheila	School Monitor (Cafeteria)	4/6/06

Motion: KA Seconded: ST Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

B. Policy

Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the following policies as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
Interscholastic Athletics	5280 (1 st reading)
Student Awards and Scholarships	5800 (1 st reading)
Naming of Facilities	7500 (final)

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

Interscholastic athletics, in the section on selection/classification Greg Myers mentioned that the wording for number 2 needs changes made. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes noted that it was an operational issue to determine that the policy was being applied fairly. Marilyn Dwyer expressed concerns that students are getting more than one chance to try out and others are not. Greg Myers said that tests are given by the physical education teacher and it is that person's decision whether a student gets a second chance or not. Marilyn Dwyer states that all children should get a second chance. George Palmer stated that we need to trust the individuals giving the tests and making the decision about who gets a second chance and who doesn't. Stan Kourofsky stated that the rubric should be the indicator of what criteria is required. The first reading of the policy has been accepted.

Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Student Awards and Scholarships, first reading. Kathleen Grinberg Funes asked about including sexual orientation as one of the items that cannot be used against students. We will check with NYSSBA about the proper legal wording for this paragraph. Karen Armstrong asked if the BOE made the decision about who receives awards. Garth Frechette responded that the decision has always been made by the committee assigned to that specific award. Stan Kourofsky stated what is needed is a rubric for the district to follow which states whom is decided upon for each award. Gary Lambert stated that the descriptions of each award offered has been posted to the website and that the information was obtained from the guidance office. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes asked that we get the criteria for a second reading and attach it as an exhibit. The BOE agreed on the changes discussed for this first reading.

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

Naming of Facilities is a SECOND read, not a final. Superintendent Sposato suggested that the word deceased be removed from the second paragraph. Karen Armstrong made a second suggestion for the second paragraph that the BOE liked and will be incorporated in the draft change. The BOE decided to table this until the May 9th meeting.

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

5. Financial

A Recommend to the voters of the District at the Annual District Meeting on May 16, 2006 the following propositions:

Propositions I – Adoption of the 2006-2007 Budget

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2006-2007 school budget in the amount of \$33,623,144.

Motion: MD Seconded: JD

\$750,000 of the Fund Balance would be taken from the undesignated fund balance and transferred to the designated portion of the budget. This would be used to offset the cost of the increase. Frank Hay commented that the budget process this year was outstanding and bringing the amount of 3.08% to the public is quite an accomplishment for our district. George Palmer stated that this budget is below austerity budget. Superintendent Sposato stated that if we did go to austerity we would go with the same budget we are minus all of the equipment and initiatives.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Armstrong

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

George Palmer

Jane Donahue
 Marilyn Dwyer

Frank Hay
 Stan Kourofsky

Steve Trombley

Proposition II – Bus Purchase

To purchase four 65-passenger school buses replacing existing ten-year-old buses and to purchase one mini-van. The total cost not to exceed \$325,340 (including trading in four buses), shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments and to issue obligations therefore, in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law. *As part of the district's ongoing replacement plan, this purchase enables the district obtain a potential State reimbursement rate of approximately 74.8%.*

Motion: JD Seconded: MD

Stan Kourofsky asked if the mini van (small bus) would be used to transport students. Kevin Hebert stated that this would not be used for handicapped students but would be used for transporting students.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Armstrong
 Jane Donahue
 Marilyn Dwyer

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes
 Frank Hay
 Stan Kourofsky

George Palmer
 Steve Trombley

Proposition III – Board of Education Election

Acceptance of five (5) petitions as listed below to fill one (1) five-year term (7/1/06 to 6/30/11) and one (1) unexpired term (5/16/06 to 6/30/08) on the Board of Education.

Motion: ST Seconded: SK

Second lowest number of votes gets sworn in right away.

Leonard King
Randy LaValley
Patrick Hicks
Richard LaVigne
Bill Marvin

Roll Call Vote

Karen Armstrong
 Jane Donahue
 Marilyn Dwyer

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes
 Frank Hay
 Stan Kourofsky

George Palmer
 Steve Trombley

- B.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept a donation from Lowe's for 120 PC tubes – 2 inch P trap for a value of \$207.20 for the elementary faculty at Beekmantown Elementary and Cumberland Head Elementary Schools.

Motion: ST Seconded: KA Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

- C.** Resolved, that the Board of Education approve a Stipulation and Order (Index No. 05-816) with Plattsburgh Holiday Inn, LLC for the tax year 2005 and that Joseph Lavorando, School Attorney be authorized to execute same on behalf of the District.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Tax Map No.</u>	<u>2005 AV</u>	<u>Corrected 2005 AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
412 Route 3	206.4-3-14	\$4,900,000	\$4,100,000	\$800,000

Motion: MD Seconded: GP Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes stated that this is the second time discussing this particular property because this property has

appealed their assessment. The district is to provide notice to the property owner within 45 days of the amount to be credited. Either a credit for the reduction will be done on next year's tax bill in the approximate amount of \$14,000 or there will be a check in the amount of the reduction plus interest issued to the property owner. Stan Kourofsky asked for clarification on what the BOE was voting on. Dr. Sposato stated that the BOE is voting on the fact that Joe Lavorando is going to handle this process for the district.

Roll Call Vote

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombly |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Dwyer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky | |

- D.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to amend the Letter of Agreement from the Board of Education meeting dated 11/8/05 between Mary Fleming, Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist and the Beekmantown Central School District Special Education Department to provide rehabilitation services at a monthly rate of \$315 for two (2) hours of service from September 9, 2005 to June 23, 2006 to two (2) hour sessions, twice a month as indicated on the student's IEP, from April 5, 2006 to June 23, 2006 for a total monthly amount of \$585.

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

Superintendent Sposato stated that Item D and E are amended from once a month to twice a month. George Palmer asked if these are all school age children, and Karen Glushko stated they all are school age children.

- E.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to amend a Letter of Agreement from the Board of Education meeting dated 12/13/05 between Dale J. Tompkins, Teacher for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide orientation and mobility services at a rate of \$375 per month (four hour session) from January 3, 2006 to June 23, 2006 to twice a month (4 hours per session) as indicated on the student's IEP, from April 5, 2006 to June 23, 2006 for a rate of \$375 per session for a total of \$750 per month.

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

Superintendent Sposato stated that Item D and E are amended from once a month to twice a month. George Palmer asked if these are all school age children, and Karen Glushko stated they all are school age children.

- F.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve a Letter of Agreement between Lea J. Bedore, Speech and Language Pathologist and the Beekmantown Central School District to provide speech therapy services for three (3) sessions per week (150 minutes per week) as indicated on the student's IEP from April 18, 2006 to June 22, 2006 at a rate of \$70 per session for a rate of \$210 per week.

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

6. Capital Project

- A.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve payment for Project #6434 (design and engineering fees for the Middle School/High School Auditorium & Cumberland Head Entry way) *District Capital Project Initiatives* as indicated:

Application No.	Name	Amount
#50026525	Thomas Group	\$ 9,609.45

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

- B.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve payment to

Brockway Mechanical Systems, Inc. (Project: Tri-Party Agreement) as indicated:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04 Final	\$15,500

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

7. Additional Items to Discuss

- *Establish meeting time for Board meeting on April 27th to vote on CVES Board Members and Budget for 6:00 pm on the 4/27 will be the meeting.*
- *RFP for Independent Auditor
Kathleen Grinberg-Funes stated the RFP for the external auditor has been established. They will be recommended to the board at the organizational meeting. George Palmer asked if the company needs a letter of intent so they are aware that we will need there services effective as of 7/1/06. The company is Teller and Conroy.*
- *Jane Donahue commented that the School Board convention is October 26th in NYC, she wanted to make sure that the BOE had enough time to plan if they wish to go. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes stated that the BOE usually can afford for at least two people to attend.*
- *Kathleen Grinberg-Funes stated that there is an invitation to the honor society ceremony for this Sunday April 23rd.*

8. Public Comment (5 minutes)

None at this time

9. Adjournment

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