

**Beekmantown Central School District**

**Place: MS/HS Library**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

**Board of Education Open Forum**

**5:30 pm –6:00 pm**

Meet your new Board of Education Members

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**Time: 6:15 pm**

**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order at: 6:17 pm by: Kathleen Grinberg-Funes**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jane Donahue**

**B. Roll Call**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Dwyer                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Dyer, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member |   |   |

Kathleen Grinberg-Funes asked the board for permission to move this item to after the presentation of the retirement plaques and also to remove Jay Cameron from B, 2, e from the soccer coach

**B.1. Executive Session** (To discuss a particular person or persons employment history and negotiations)

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| 7:02 | MOTION | RL | Second MD | ALL |
| 7:49 | Motion | RL | Second FH | ALL |

**C. Attendees**

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|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Also Present: | Sandra Gardner                     | Gary Lambert        | Ron Clamser     |
|               | Don Strong                         | Kevin Hebert        | Doug Rogers     |
|               | Sue Coonrod                        | Garth Frechette     | Greg Myers      |
| Visitors:     | Visitors:                          | Renee Julian        |                 |
|               | Joe Lavorando (arrived at 6:46 pm) |                     |                 |
|               | Leanord King                       | Robert King         | Marlene Rollier |
|               | John Trombley                      | Marion Jolicour     | Dan Drowne      |
|               | Earl Burnell                       | Susan King          | Ronald Howard   |
|               | Patience Landry                    | Samantha Southworth | James Chauvin   |
|               | Linda Wicichowski                  | Esther Baker        | Glenn Baker     |
|               | Sharon Nephew                      | Chari Racine        | Debbie Mesec    |
|               | Julie Jock                         | Patty Gallagher     | Sharon Roraback |
|               | Keith LaPier                       | Ryan Loucy          | Kerie Wood      |
|               | Christine Tedford                  | Anthony Perez       | Sharon Carlin   |
|               | Renee Julian                       | Stephen LaFlam      | Pat LaFlam      |
|               | Tim Palmer                         | Kathy Hay           | Renee Wooster   |
|               | Virginia Mary                      | Dianne Cook         | Betty Heywood   |

## 2. Presentation

**A. Topic:** Retirement Plaques

**Presenter:** Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

Name	Area	Years of Service
Dybas, Allen Dr.	Industrial Arts Teacher	25
Rogers, Douglas Dr.	Principal	9

**B. Topic:** Ex-Officio, Student Board Member

**Presenter:** Kathleen Grinberg-Funes

(15 minute celebration break)

Allen Dybas was not present due to a personal conflict. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes shared some information about Dr. Dybas' career with the district. She then presented an Eagle to Dr. Rogers and shared some information about his career with the district.

## 3. Spotlight on Education

**A. Topic:** Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

**Presenter:** Sandra Gardner

(15 minute discussion)

Renee Julian co-presenter. Sandra Gardner presented on the administrative portion of the UPK program including the funding requirements. Sandra also reviewed the program regulations to include what programs were included. A copy of the powerpoint presentation will be maintained in the file for this meeting.

Renee Julian covered program content and curriculum. The program is very family based, child centered and teacher directed.

This summer an addition will be erected on the playground for the younger children. This year a pre-reading training was done to benefit the community. Goals for next year; home visits, provide more workshops, pre-k reading program.

Jane Donahue asked about new standards for early education. Jane Donahue also asked about the attendance since the family is responsible to drive them with the cost of gas. Renee Julian stated that the attendance is good. Marilyn Dwyer asked about the 40 children on the waiting list and it was stated that 40 is the total number of children interested, and the district can maintain 18 in the AM and 18 in the pm. George Palmer asked about income eligibility for this program. Sandra Gardner stated that currently there are no income guidelines but it is being reviewed. Renee Julian stated that there are other places that offer this type of service for low income families.

**B. Topic:** MS/HS Climbing Wall & Adventure Curriculum

**Presenter:** Andy Hastings

(15 minute discussion)

Adventure based curriculum. Jay Mageira, Joni Moschelle, Jay Cameron and Andy Hastings all presented on this topic. Jay Mageira described the difference between bouldering and climbing. Bouldering is only being about a foot above the floor and traversing across, climbing is going upward using supports. Jay Mageria spoke about the specifications on how the wall was built. Jane Donahue asked about certain students failing due to physical limitations and/or fear of heights. Marilyn Dwyer asked how they would achieve getting certain students to the level they are supposed to be because of the new availability of this particular curriculum. Jane Donahue asked about when the curriculum began for this program. Andy Hastings stated that it began at the beginning of this school year and was written in January. George Palmer asked about the proposed site of this wall. Garth Frechette stated that it would be in the right hand corner of the Middle School gym for the bouldering wall and the climbing wall would be the far wall in the back of the gym.

## 4. Public Comment (5 minutes)

Gil Murray of the Incarcerated Youth Program would like to thank the district for their work in assisting the incarcerated program.

## 5. Reports/Presentations

**A. Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Mark A. Sposato

Jim Girard from NERIC is coming on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> with his boss to see the district because there are no other districts in the North Country using Finance Manager in as high capacity as we are.

The Medicaid inspector general came to audit us. He stated that since 1998 to the present we have not claimed some things we should have. It was determined that we can go back two years, and we were provided with

guidance on what and how we can claim certain things. The auditor was here for 4 days and verified that we are up to compliance, and this will provide us with more money. The district can get up to 25% of the total amount submitted. George Palmer asked if we were only getting 25% because we were submitting it late and Superintendent Sposato stated that is the way it is handled not because it was being submitted late.

The Cumberland Head Principal search has been concluded, and a name will be brought to the next BOE meeting.

**B. Business Manager's Report – Ron Clamser, Jr.**

The policies discussed at the last meeting where the BOE requested some adjustments, they have been made and have been given to NYSSBA for review. Then it will be sent back to the BOE for final review.

NYSDOL came as a courtesy call to discuss prevailing wages for contracts.

**C. Board Committee Reports**

1. Public Relations Committee – Marilyn Dwyer and Steve Trombley

No meeting last month, a rap up meeting will be held at the end of June to review this year and is asking if a BOE member would be interested in chairing that committee next year. The meeting will be from 7-8:30.

2. Ex-Officio – Student Board Member – Emily Dyer None at this time

**6. Minutes**

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

5/09/06 (Regular Meeting)

5/16/06 (Annual Meeting)

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

**B.** Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following subcommittee minutes as indicated:

**PR Committee**

(None at this time.)

**7. Unfinished Business**

**8. New Business**

**A. CSE Recommendations**

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve the CSE recommendations dated 6/13/06 for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.

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

Richard LaVigne asked if they were Beekmantown students or Beekmantown and BOCES. Superintendent Sposato stated they are all our students.

**B. Personnel**

1. Resignations (None at this time)

2. Appointments

a. 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
Levine, Jessica	Instructional	6/14/06
Spring, Kristin	Instructional	6/14/06
Ero, Cathy	Non-Instructional	6/14/06

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

- b. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to change the appointment of Karin Ryan from a ***Middle School Vocal Music Teacher*** in a three year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2003 from the board meeting minutes of June 18, 2003 to that of a three year probationary appointment in ***Music*** beginning September 1, 2003 and ending on August 31, 2006. Karin Ryan holds a provisional certificate in the area of Music.

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

- c. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to change the appointment of Lisa Furnia from a ***AIS Math Teacher*** in a three year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2003 from the board meeting minutes of August 28, 2003 to that of a three year probationary appointment in ***Mathematics 7-9 (Ext)*** beginning September 1, 2003 and ending on August 31, 2006. Lisa Furnia holds a provisional certificate in the area of Mathematics 7-9 Ext..

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

- d. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following permanent civil service appointment as indicated:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	Initial Board Meeting	Permanent Date
Scott Ferris	Custodial Worker	11/30/05 – 5/30/06	11/29/05	6/1/06

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

- e. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following fall athletic positions for the 2006-2007 school year as indicated:

Assignment	Name	Total
Cheerleading -Football	Cheryl Turner	\$1,812
Cross Country - Assistant	Gary Phillips	\$2,029
Cross Country - Head Coach	Andy Hastings	\$2,995
Football - Varsity Assistant	Jamie Lozier	\$3,281
Football - Varsity Assistant	<i>Open</i>	\$3,281
Football - Modified Assistant	Matthew Crucetti	\$2,101
Football - JV Assistant	James Knight	\$2,715
Football - Head JV	Shannon Manor	\$3,444
Football - Head Modified	Dan Rillahan	\$2,431
Football - Head Varsity	Paul O'Connell	\$4,733
Gymnastics - Assistant	Shana Fessette-Hileman	\$2,409
Gymnastics - Head Coach	Jennifer Duffy	\$3,386
Soccer - Head JV (Boys)	Mark Fragassi	\$3,126
Soccer - Head JV (Girls)	Maureen Fragassi	\$3,126
Soccer - Head Varsity (Girls)	Gayle Roy-Colin	\$3,742
Soccer - Varsity Assistant (Boys)	Anthony Perez	\$2,659
Soccer - Varsity Assistant (Girls)	Ryan Converse	\$2,659
Soccer - Modified (Boys)	Ryan Loucy	\$2,396
Soccer - Modified (Girls)	Jay Mageria	\$2,396

Soccer - Modified (Girls) (BOE added 04-05)	Hilarie Dickson	\$2,396
5 Activities		<b>\$60,861</b>

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

Steve Trombley asked about the modified team for girls and George Palmer asked about a second modified team for boys. Greg Myers stated there were not enough athletes yet to meet a second team. Jane Donahue asked about the elementary teachers leaving early to cover away games, and Greg Myers stated they would need to take personal time. Superintendent Sposato asked if this happened often and Greg Myers stated it doesn't.

- 3. Unpaid Leave (None at this time)
- 4. Termination (None at this time)
- 5. Intent to Retire (None at this time.)
- 6. Child Rearing Leave (None at this time.)

7. Tenure

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve the following tenure appointments effective on the date indicated:

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Probationary Period	Date Board Meeting	Tenure Date
Tedford, Christine	School Counselor	School Counselor	5/14/03 - 5/13/06	6/10/2003	5/14/2006
Trudeau, Janice	Health	Health	9/1/04 - 8/31/06	8/10/2004	9/1/2006
Furnia, Lisa	Mathematics 7-9	Mathematics 7-9	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	6/13/2006	9/1/2006
Ryan, Karin	Music	Music	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	6/13/2006	9/1/2006
Wood, Kerie	PreK-6	PreK-6	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	7/29/2003	9/1/2006
Carlin, Sharon	PreK-6	PreK-6	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	4/20/2004	9/1/2006
Julian, Renee	PreK-6	PreK-6	9/1/04 - 8/31/06	8/24/2004	9/1/2006
Perez, Anthony	PreK-6	PreK-6	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	8/9/2005	9/1/2006
Korth, Megan	Reading	Reading	9/1/04 - 8/31/06	7/13/2004	9/1/2006
Sawanec, Michelene	Special Education	Special Education	9/1/03 - 8/31/06	7/15/2003	9/1/2006
Matthews-Knight, Sara	Special Education	Special Education	9/1/04 - 8/31/06	7/13/2004	9/1/2006
La Mora, Teri	Special Education	Special Education	9/1/04 - 8/31/06	7/13/2004	9/1/2006

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

Stan Kourofsky stated that he would like to congratulate all of the candidates. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes asked all present candidates to stand and introduce themselves.

- 8. Elimination of Position (None at this time.)

**C. Policy** (None at this time.)

**D. Miscellaneous**

- a. Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to adopt the 2006-2007 School Calendar. (See Attached.)

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

Marilyn Dwyer wanted to make sure that the half days on days other than Fridays, is to follow the same days as BOCES. Jane Donahue mentioned that she will also address this at the BOCES meeting on Thursday. Jane Donahue is also checking on the networking day that they held last year. Superintendent Sposato stated that BOCES requested that all schools follow there days and there half days on Thursdays. It was determined that if BOCES decides to change their days, we will do the same and make the changes at the next BOE meeting. George Palmer stated that this could also conflict with the parochial schools if we don't coincide with their schedule.

- b. Resolved, that the Board of Education does hereby schedule a Reorganization Meeting for July 11, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. at the Beekmantown Central School District Middle/High School Library.

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

- c. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the following athletic mergers for the 2006-2007 athletic season:

Sport	School
Varsity Gymnastics	Saranac Central School District
Varsity Hockey	Chazy Central School District

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

- d. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve a trip to Spain during the April 2007 break and/or to France in July 2007 sponsored by the Foreign Language Department at no cost to the District.

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

Jane Donahue asked about the prices indicated for the passports and the difference listed on each side of the paper.

- e. Resolved that the Board of Education approve the amendments to the existing employment agreement by and between Dr. Mark Sposato and the Beekmantown Central School District.

Motion: MD Seconded: FH

Roll Call Vote:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Armstrong No       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Grinberg-Funes | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne No       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Donahue  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Hay               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Dwyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Kourofsky No                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley No        |

Yes: 5 No: 4 Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**9. Financial**

- A. Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the following reports:

- Appropriation Status Report – (April)
- Treasurer’s Revenue Report – (April)
- Cafeteria Revenue & Expense Report - (April)
- Treasurer’s Monthly Report – (April)
- Trial Balance – (April)
- Warrant Report – (April)

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

- B.** Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following donation and approve amending the District budget to be increased in the amount of \$34,090.28.

<b>From</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Beekmantown Elementary FSO	Elementary Playground	\$34,090.28

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

- C.** Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve transfers over \$2,500:

**BOCES Personnel to BOCES Admin. (incorrect coding)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A14804900000	A13104900000	\$20,000.00

**BOCES Instructional to BOCES Operational (incorrect coding)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A21104901100	A16204900000	\$ 3,000.00

**Fuel Oil (over budgeted) to Electric (under budgeted)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A16204790000	A16204760000	\$50,000.00

**Home Teaching MS (over budgeted) to Substitutes MS (under budgeted)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A21101400911	A21101401100	\$ 8,000.00

**Interscholastic Non-Instructional (over budgeted) to Instructional (under budgeted)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A28551600000	A28551500000	\$ 8,577.06

**7-12 Teacher Salaries (over budgeted) to Interscholastic Instructional (under budgeted)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A21101300000	A28551500000	\$ 6,660.42

**Fuel Oil (over budgeted) to Operational Projects (complete playground purchases)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A16204790000	A16214630000	\$ 3,500.00

**Fuel Oil (over budgeted) to Operational Contractual (upgrade existing PA system)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A16204790000	A16214000000	\$15,500

**Fuel Oil (over budgeted) to Operational Contractual (separate dialer for emergency services)**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A16204790000	A16214000000	\$17,475

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

Richard LaVigne asked if this playground number was originally intended to go back in.

George Palmer asked about the fuel funds going to the electric.

Steve Trombley asked how we over-budgeted for fuel, and it was stated that it was due to the mild winter. Don Strong stated we budgeted the same for next year.

**10. Capital Project**

- A. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve payment for Project #143-6470 (design and engineering fees for the Middle School/High School Auditorium & Cumberland Head Entry way) from the *District Capital Project Initiative* funds as indicated:

Application No.	Name	Amount
50031597	Thomas Group	\$ 4,647.44
Motion: FH Seconded: SK Yes: ALL No: Abstain: ( <u>Accept</u> Reject Table)		

- B. Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to approve payment for Project #6436 (alternations to the Middle School/High School Auditorium) from the *District Capital Project Initiative* funds as indicated. This has been verified by our architect.

Application No.	Name	Amount
1 Final	S & L Electric, Inc.	\$20,263
Motion: RL Seconded: MD Yes: ALL No: Abstain: ( <u>Accept</u> Reject Table)		

C. Change Orders

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to accept the following change order request on Project #6436 (alternations to the Middle School/High School Auditorium) S & L Electric, Inc. This change order has been verified by our architect.

<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
E-1	Unused portion of \$5,000 Electrical Work Unforeseen Conditions Allowance	(\$367.00)
Motion: ST Seconded: FH Yes: ALL No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)		

This is a credit as explained by Don Strong, it came in under what was estimated.

11. Additional Items to Discuss

Marilyn Dwyer commented about the severe thunderstorm and students came home wet because it occurred at release time. Marilyn Dwyer stated that parents commented on this.

Jane Donahue referenced the NYC training for BOE members. There will need to be a delegate to vote at the convention. District Clerk will send a reminder for RSVP to all members to see who is going.

Stan Kourofsky asked about whether the local BOCES would be offering the board member training.

George Palmer wanted to state a thank you to Jay Cameron for his years of Service and Frank Hay agreed. Kathleen Grinberg-Funes asked if the BOE would like to forward a letter to Jay Cameron and it was decided they would.

12. Late Items None at this time

13. Public Comment (5 minutes)

Dr. Diego Grinberg-Funes stated that he sent a letter to the Press Republican that has not yet been printed. Dr. Grinberg-Funes thanked Dr. Sposato and his staff for putting forth a tax rate that actually went down for the first time in fifteen years. He also stated that the tax presentation was excellent and he feels for the first time the district will have a legal budget surplus where in the past it was higher which meant that more was being paid in taxes than needed. Dr. Grinberg-Funes also stated that Bernie Bassett, Supervisor for the Town of Plattsburgh wants a transparent town council and wants to know who has conflict of interests between their votes and what has happened. Dr. Grinberg-Funes wants that here too. Dr. Diego Grinberg-Funes stated he wants to know if there is any conflict of interest between anybody here, because he voted for BOE members to support the kids and tax payers. Dr. Grinberg-Funes stated that if there is any conflict of interest between that and where the BOE members votes might go, he wants to know what they are. He asked that the BOE consider and to write this information down as to who has kids and who has family members that work for the district. In the future when individuals run for elections this information should be made public because that is the right thing to do.



**14. Executive Session** None at this time

In: Motion: Seconded: Yes: No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)  
Out: Motion: Seconded: Yes: No: Abstain: (Accept Reject Table)

**15. Adjournment** 8:46 pm

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