

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education
3020 Mechanic Street
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Monday, March 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – via You Tube

APPROVED MINUTES – 4/21/21

PRESIDENT, LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KOREEN FREEMAN
ROBERT STACKEL
GABRIELLE THOMPSON
ALFRED TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

TROY BUCKLEY
KEITH LEE

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
SCOT LUTHER, District Treasurer
BRENDA SHELMDINE, District Clerk
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, Building Principal
PAMELA RATLIFF, Elementary Principal
ADAM ZEHR, Technology Coordinator
ANTHONY WILLIAMS, Instructional Technology

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

President Lynn Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

On motion of Gabrielle Thompson, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda.

Approve meeting agenda

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the previous minutes: Regular Meeting February 22, 2021; Public Hearing March 15, 2021.

Approve previous Minutes

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve the Treasurers Report for February 2021.

Approve treasurers Report

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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Mr. Luther discussed the tax cap and tax levy for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

On motion of Gabrielle Thompson, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve the Warrant's for February 2021.

Approve warrants

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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2021 – 2022 TECHNOOGY / ATHLETICS BUDGET PRESENTATIONS –

- Technology: Adam Zehr, Anthony Williams
- Athletics: Scott Connell

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Student Highlights:

- The sophomores were the first in-person group to complete Mad City Money sponsored by CCE and Northern Credit.
- High school students were able to participate in a traditional Career Day with both in-person and virtual presentations by local professionals.
- The seniors were treated to goodie bags, pizza party and ice skating on the last remote learning day.
- HS juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT and SAT this spring here at Copenhagen, for the first time.

Administrative Highlights:

- Conversation has begun in planning for this year's Academic Awards Ceremony.
- A new EDGE course through JCC, Chemistry 131, has been added to our course catalog, thanks to Mr. Cooper's efforts. If enough students sign up, CCS will be the first and only district to accomplish this offering.
- All teacher evaluations will be complete by spring break.
- The number of remote learners has decreased dramatically since winter recess.

Student Issues: to reduce bias (ethnicity, religion, gender, weight, socioeconomic status, etc.,)

- No new actions have been taken this month to address this goal.

BOE Goal #2:

Technology:

Data safety and security

Cyber awareness - teaching behavior that ensures safe use

- Chromebooks have arrived from the July order. We are working to get these into student's hands as soon as possible.
- Work continues on a digital equity project that could bring broadband to students that lack access. Additional information will be provided in the IT presentation.
- As part of Ed-Law 2D requirements a Data Privacy and Security section has been added to the District website.

BOE Goal #4:

NYS Standards

- The new LOTE, soon to be renamed World Languages, standards have been shared with Spanish teachers who will attend upcoming introductory workshops focused on unpacking the standards and implementation timeline.

BOE Goal #5:

Social/Emotional

- Sources of Strength Club, TLC, and HS teacher subgroup planning spring events for coping strategies, "mental health moments", etc.

Upcoming events:

- Apr 2-9 - Spring Break
- Apr 21 - Remote Learning Day, ACT (school day testing)
- Apr 27 - SAT (school day testing)

Apr 30 - Senior Decision Day

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- It's hard to believe it's that time already, but planning for the 21-22 school year is underway. Teachers have been surveyed on the pros and cons of smaller class sizes and scheduling has begun.
- Mr. Carden and Mrs. Ratliff attended a Lost Boys seminar on the differences between boys and girls in the classroom. A few strategies were shared for making school more conducive to learning for boys.
- Mr. Williams and Mrs. Greene are providing enrichment opportunities for some of our higher achieving students.
 - Two groups of 4th graders are completing an animal research project using Ozobots to navigate a codable map of the report.
 - A group of 2nd grade students are completing an Engineering is Elementary project focusing on wind turbines.

- The North Country Family Health Center facilitated the distribution of oral hygiene kits for all students from Wee Knights through 1st grade. The kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste and flossers in fun, child - friendly designs.
- Storybook Character Day is coming up on April 1st! Teachers and students alike can share their excitement for reading by dressing like their favorite character and sharing their favorite book.
- Elementary teacher interviews were held over the course of several days. 10 outstanding candidates were interviewed, and the hiring decision has been extremely difficult.
- Formal observations for all elementary teachers have been completed.
- Mr. Williams helped kick off 3rd grade's Vikings Quest by visiting the classroom dressed as Leif Erikson.
- Registration packets have been sent home to future Wee Knight and Pre-Knight students. We currently have the potential for 24 Wee Knights and 18 Pre-Knights.
- Mrs. O'Mara once again issued the Kids' Heart Challenge. Within one week of the kick off, students had already raised over \$3,000.

Special Education Numbers, 3/19/21:

CSE - 72; CPSE - 10 (2 pending, 1 declassified); 504 - 14 (1 pending)

D. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- COVID update - we haven't had a positive case in 2.5 weeks, to date we have had 39 total. Lewis County last 14 day average was 3.8%; yesterday was 1.1% and it is trending in the right direction which is great. Over 80% of our staff has been vaccinated which will be helpful which is good we will not have to be quarantined if we come in contact with someone who is positive. The news is talking about changing social distancing from 6 feet to 3 feet and we will not make a change. In September, it will be beneficial to go inside 6 feet with the middle school, as it is a long day for them. We have used every inch of our building. There will be no changes for the rest of the year.
- There have been many discussions about what we are doing in the elementary next year. We have had three sections this year and we have learned many great things coming out of it with small classes sizes. It is our plan to stay in three sections in the elementary for the 21-22 school year. We would give up some AIS support but the kids are getting more out of a small class.
- Sports – are continuing and some are overlapping this week, basketball, wrestling, cheerleading is continuing. Starting soccer and tennis this week.
- Project - they are working outside again and working on the sound system as well as landscaping.

E. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the Communicable Disease Pandemic Plan as an annex to the District's Safety Plan.

Approve Communicable Disease Pandemic Plan

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the appointment of **Madison Shaw** to Full Time Aide, effective March 8, 2021.

Approve appointment of Madison Shaw

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of **Andi Kloster** to Temporary School Monitor, effective March 15, 2021.

Approve appointment of Andi Kloster

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson to Board voted to approve **Tanner Souva** as Audio Visual Consultant, effective October 1, 2020.

Approve Tanner Souva as Audio Visual Consultant

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli the Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for election services between Lewis County Board of Elections and Copenhagen Central School District Board of Education concerning Copenhagen Central School District Vote and Election to be held on May 18, 2021.

Approve election services with Lewis County Elections

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson the Board voted to approve the Class of 2021 Senior Trip to Evangola State Park, Buffalo, NY; June 17, 2021 - June 21, 2021 together with chaperones: Lori Atkinson, John Cain, Krisha Greene, Matthew Greene.

Approval of Senior Trip

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli to Board voted to approve a resolution modifying the 2020 – 2021 C.C.S. Instructional Calendar to excuse the attendance of students and 10-month staff on the following days:

Approval of modification of 20-21 Instructional Calendar

Monday, April 12, 2021 (*extend spring break*)
 Friday, May 28, 2021 (*extend Memorial Day Weekend*)
 Monday, June 1, 2021 (*extend Memorial Day Weekend*)

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Gabrielle Thompson, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the Fall 2 / Spring 2021 coaching staff, as follows:

Appointment of coaching staff

Fall 2 Coaches

Varsity Girls Soccer - Charity Smykla, Jill Micek (assistant)
 Varsity Boys Soccer - Logan Spaulding, Katherine Stackel (assistant), Jill Micek (assistant)
 Varsity Girls Tennis - Juli Hebert

Spring Coaches

Varsity Baseball - Jim Spaulding, Logan Spaulding (assistant)
 Varsity Softball - John Cain
 Modified Baseball - Christopher Day
 Modified Softball - Kaillie O'Mara

VOTE:	YES	4	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	1 - Stackel
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kevin LaFlesh as Substitute Cleaner for the 2020 – 2021 school year, effective March 8, 2021.

Appointment of Kevin LaFlesh

VOTE:	YES	4	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, Section 504 Committee, as presented.

Approval of Recommendations Of CSE, 504

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve a contract extension for Superintendent Scott Connell to June 30, 2025.

Approval of contract extension

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Mr. Connell discussed moving forward with a School Resource Officer. Had a recent conversation that we would like to be able to send them to the academy and then be trained as a sheriff and if the program stopped they would still be a sheriff. Have pursued a couple of people. We want someone who is great with kids.

At 7:11 p.m. and on motion of Gabrielle Thompson, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to enter Executive Session.

Entered Executive Session

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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At 7:52 p.m. and on motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

Out of Executive Session

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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At 7:53 p.m. and on motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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Brenda C. Shelmidine
District Clerk