

# COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education  
3020 Mechanic Street  
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Monday, September 17, 2018

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting

## APPROVED MINUTES

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PRESIDENT, LYNN MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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TROY BUCKLEY

KOREEN FREEMAN

KEITH LEE

ROBERT STACKEL

ALFRED TOMASELLI

GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

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SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent

NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, Building Principal

PAMELA RATLIFF, Elementary Principal

SCOT LUTHER, District Treasurer

ANDREW HODGE, Public

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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 Keith Lee, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the Revised Agenda.

*Revised Agenda  
Approved*

VOTE:	YES	7	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the following previous meeting minutes –August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.

*Approval of  
August 20, 2018  
minutes*

VOTE:	YES	7	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andrew Hodge – Mr. Hodge presented to Mr. Connell on behalf of the Board of Education and the Copenhagen Central School students an autographed copy of a book he wrote entitled, *In the Hills of Rutland, The Story of Tylerville, New York*. Mr. Hodge was thanked for sharing this history with our communities.

## **BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

### **Student Highlights:**

- Open House was a fun night, but not as highly attended as in previous years.
- Holding Open House and orientations prior to the first day of school provided plenty of time for the guidance office to respond to questions and tweak schedules. As a result, the opening day (and week) went amazingly smoothly with very few students needing last minute adjustments to their schedules.
- CCS is working with CCE 4-H After School to offer our older students an "Internet Cafe" option after school as an alternative to ASP.
- Students have been provided the STOP!t app for the purpose of anonymous reporting. So far this has been a successful way to reach out to students in need and to address incidents that would have otherwise gone undetected.

### **Administrative Highlights:**

- Principals are recertified to perform evaluations for teacher APPRs.
- Administrators attended ESSA training to learn how school accountability will be measured for the foreseeable future. This information was shared with teachers at the first faculty meeting.
- A portion of the opening day for all staff was a focus on cultural awareness.
- Fall fire drills will be done next week.

### **BOE Goal #1:        **To provide a complete educational experience for CCS students.****

- Students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 will be completing the Prevention Needs Survey this year.
- College Week is October 15-19. There will be many activities happening throughout the school including classroom presentations by our counselors, college visits, guest speakers among other things.

### **BOE Goal #2:        **To continue to lead in technology integration****

- CCS was very well represented at the annual Teacher Tech Fair, both as attendees and as presenters.
- Student devices are being deployed at the highest rate possible without going so fast that students who aren't ready would receive them in haste.
- The staff, representing many stakeholder groups, are doing a great job with CCS branding. Our social media presence has increased and has become very uplifting and positive.
- Nearly 100% of students have opted to take home their devices. It will very likely be 100% in days to come.
- We are reaching the final stages of security upgrades, including cameras and access to exterior doors, with anticipated training to happen before the end of September.

### **BOE Goal #3:        **To maintain a positive working relationship with all employees.****

- This year's "welcome back" address focused on our CCS family and what we all can do to make it easier to help each other. The new "pineapple chart" has gotten off to a great start.

- Arrangements were made so any staff member who wished to attend calling hours could do so without worrying about the Superintendent's Day agenda.
- What has become the annual first day pot luck luncheon was wildly successful with most staff participating.
- Early dismissal days are being planned with at least one of them remaining unstructured so teachers can work on a "passion project."

#### **Upcoming events:**

- Sept 22 - Miss Adirondack Pageant
- Sept 27 - Financial Aid Night
- Sept 28 - PTO Family Bingo
- Oct 1 - High Ed Day at JCC
- Oct 3 - BEDS Day
- Oct 5 - Grades 6-12 Homecoming Dance
- Oct 10 - PSAT for all Juniors
- Oct 12 - 8th Grade Manufacturing Day Trip
- Oct 12 - Fall Festival 4-H After School Program
- Oct 17 - Pre-ACT for all Sophomores
- Oct 19 - Student Council Blood Drive

#### **PK – 5 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

##### **BOE Goal #1** To Provide a Complete Educational Experience for CCS Students

- The 4-H Afterschool Program began on September 5<sup>th</sup> with 54 total students registered. Students are able to participate in activities both before and after school.
- Response to Intervention (RTI) screenings and data chats for grades K – 3 have taken place. Students performing below the benchmark in targeted areas have been scheduled for academic intervention, which will begin on September 18th. Preliminary data points to the success of curriculum alignment and summer programs.
- K-5 wide behavior expectations were shared with all K-5 students as they rotated through various locations on the first day of school during a First Day Kick Off.
- Programming especially designed for students based on the NYS 3-8 test scores has been implemented in grades 3-5. AIS Services are scheduled consistent with NYS adjusted cut scores, and high achieving students are scheduled in enrichment programs.
- The Summer Reading Challenge "It's a Mystery!" was a great success! Twenty -one students read 1,000 minutes or more, and a total of thirty - four students participated.
- Wee Knights are served breakfast each morning as part of their preschool program. Breakfast is served family style, with conversations revolving around manners, nutrition and the art of conversation included!

- Mrs. Harvey invited students and families interested in participating in 4th grade band to an Instrument Information Night. More than 10 families attended and learned ways to be successful in 4th grade band.

**BOE Goal #2** To Continue to Lead in Technology Integration

- Planning for this year's Family STEM Nights is in the works. We are hoping to host 4 family nights throughout the school year.

**BOE Goal #3** To maintain a positive working relationship with all employees

- Many staff members could be found enjoying a potluck lunch sponsored by the social committee on one of our first days.
- A number of teachers have been sharing effective teaching ideas with our entire staff by signing up on our "Pineapple Chart." Classroom coverage has been provided for teachers wanting to visit other classrooms.

SPED Numbers: As of 9/14/18: CSE: 75, CPSE: 5, 504: 15

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

- Mr. Connell and Mr. Luther met with Fiscal Advisors and Joe Eberle who had concerns in the scope of the project in regards to the percentage earmarked as incidentals. The bill was returned to Mr. Taylor's office and he made adjustments and it is with Fiscal Advisors now.
- Mr. Connell and Mr. Luther have been attending windmill meetings. The next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Maple Ridge windmills are at the point where the money is going to have to be split. The Deer River Project talks are on what the payments will look like. We have learned that developers don't like to pay out in the beginning of a project due to costs still being incurred. It isn't advantageous for us to make all the money at the end. Continued conversations will take place.
- CSE/School Psychologist – Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Shelmidine are working together and things seem to be running smoothly. Our school psychologist has been in a few times.
- Discussion on a change for the yearbook. Mrs. Snyder is proposing that instead of asking community businesses to pay for an add in the yearbook to ask senior parents to buy a part of a page or a whole page dedicated to their child which they can use pictures, poems, etc., for. If parents get involved this way it gives our local businesses a break. The board was in favor of this change. This will be the last year we will be with Jostens.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF:**

1. On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Nicole Lee as follows:

*Appointment of  
Nicole Lee –  
CSE Chair  
504 Coordinator*

Committee on Special Education Chairperson/LEA Representative  
Committee on Special Education Subcommittee Chairperson/LEA  
Representative Section 504 Committee Coordinator

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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2. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board of Education approved the change in the Real Property Tax Exemption Chart as presented.

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2. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board of Education approved the letter of request from Michelle Bartlett for maternity leave to commence on or around November 5, 2018 with an expected return date of January 9, 2019.

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<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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4. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, Letter of request from Nicole Grandjean for maternity leave to commence on or around November 13, 2018 with an expected return date of January 3, 2019.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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5. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board of Education approved the Letter of request from Christopher Day for paternity leave from October 17, 2018 to October 26, 2018 for eight school days.

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6. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Zachary Makuch as National Honor Society Advisor for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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7. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Kelsey Pitts as a District Volunteer for Tennis.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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8. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board of Education approved appointment of Marissa Kerins as Modified Boys Soccer coach for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

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9. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board of Education approved the appointment of following substitutes:

- Nicole Nugent – Substitute Teacher
- Heidi Ricks – Substitute Teacher
- Greg Lubbers – Substitute Teacher
- Karen Quina – Substitute Teacher pending fingerprinting clearance
- Carlo Tan'Alberto – Substitute Teacher

*Approval of  
recommendations  
of CSE*

*Into  
Executive Session*

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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10. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board of Education approved the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, as presented.

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*Out of  
Executive  
Session*

At 6:30 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

*Adjournment*

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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At 7:00 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

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At 7:01 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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Brenda C. Shelmidine  
School District Clerk