

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education  
3020 Mechanic Street  
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Tuesday, October 30, 2018  
Special Official Board of Education Meeting  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

PRESIDENT, LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING	
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
TROY BUCKLEY	GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
KOREEN FREEMAN	
KEITH LEE	
ROBERT STACKEL	
ALFRED TOMASELLI	
OTHERS PRESENT:	
SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent	

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

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the Revised Agenda.

VOTE:	YES	6	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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DISCUSSION:

Mr. Connell shared Beaver River CSD is interested in sharing a food service person starting with the 2020 school year. Discussion will continue as we research how this will affect us financially.

Mr. Connell reviewed the scope of the capital project, the tax cap, a possible reserve fund, and possible timeline for a public informational meeting and project vote.

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the following Resolution to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA):

**WHEREAS**, the Copenhagen Central School District (the “District”), is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), and

**WHEREAS**, the District is considering undertaking a capital improvement project (the “Project”) consisting of certain additions, renovations and improvements to the District's main school building and athletic fields, including construction of an infill addition and conversion of the existing natural grass athletic field to artificial turf, construction of an addition to the existing bus garage and demolition of the District’s existing metal storage building, all to include site, access, parking and playfield improvements, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, the acquisition of original furnishings, fixtures and equipment and payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project does not contemplate the expansion of such facilities, either individually or collectively, by 10,000 square feet of gross floor area or more; and

**WHEREAS**, a short form Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”), dated October 27, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was prepared by William Taylor Architects PLLC, the District’s architectural firm, to facilitate a review of the potential environmental impacts of the Project; and

Meeting called  
to order  
  
Revised Agenda  
Approved

**WHEREAS**, William Taylor Architects PLLC, upon review of the scope of the Project, has advised the District that although the Project may reasonably be classified as a Type II Action under the Regulations, to ensure a thorough environmental assessment of the Project the District should (a) classify the Project as an Unlisted Action as that term is defined in Part 617.2 of the Regulations, and (b) declare itself lead agency to undertake an uncoordinated review pursuant to Part 617.6(b)(4) of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, William Taylor Architects PLLC, having reviewed and compared the EAF against the standards set forth in Part 617.7 of the Regulations, has advised the District that the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the District has carefully considered the nature and scope of the Project as set forth in the EAF, has carefully reviewed the criteria contained in Part 617.7(c) of the Regulations together with the recommendations provided by William Taylor Architects PLLC, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The District hereby determines that the Project is an Unlisted Action as such term is defined in the Regulations.

Section 2. The District hereby declares itself lead agency to undertake an uncoordinated review pursuant to Part 617.6(b)(4) of the Regulations.

Section 3. The District hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained within the EAF and in accordance with the reasoned elaboration set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto, the District finds and concludes that the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Section 4. The Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the Project.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly moved, the resolution was acted upon by the Board of Education and there were six votes in favor of the resolution and zero votes against the resolution as follows:

Lynn Murray, President	Yes
Alfred Tomaselli, Vice President	Yes
Keith Lee	Yes
Gabrielle Thompson	Absent
Koreen Freeman	Yes
Robert Stackel	Yes
Troy Bucley	Yes

The resolution was declared adopted.

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**Exhibit B**

**Reasoned Elaboration**

Set forth below is a reasoned elaboration of the District’s determination of significance.

1. The proposed action consists of certain additions, renovations and improvements to the District's main school building and athletic fields, including construction of an infill addition and conversion of the existing natural grass athletic field to artificial turf, construction of an addition to the existing bus garage and demolition of the District’s existing metal storage building, all to include site, access, parking and playfield improvements, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, the acquisition of original furnishings, fixtures and equipment and payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work.

2. The Project does not contemplate the expansion of the District’s facilities, either individually or collectively, by 10,000 square feet of gross floor area or more. Pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, constitute Type II Actions for SEQRA purposes and are not subject to review. Although the Project may fairly be classified as a Type II Action under the Regulations, in an effort to conduct its affairs with an awareness that the District is a steward of the air, water, land, and living resources, the District has determined to classify the Project as an Unlisted action (as opposed to merely a Type II action) to insure that a rigorous environmental review is undertaken.

3. The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production nor a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.

4. The Project will not cause the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, nor will it substantially interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; nor will the Project impact a significant habitat area or cause substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species; or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.

5. The Project will not cause the impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area as designated pursuant to subdivision 617.14(g) of the Regulations.

6. The Project will NOT cause:
- (a) the creation of a material conflict with the Copenhagen community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;
  - (b) the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;
  - (c) a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;
  - (d) the creation of a hazard to human health;
  - (e) a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;
  - (f) the encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action;
  - (g) the creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences; or
  - (h) changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment.

(7) The District is not taking any other actions which, when considered together with the Project, will have or would have a cumulative significant impact on the environment.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board of Education approved to access a 2012 Bobcat C1230 Bobcat Tractor on Auction International. Tractor has 418 Hours, includes 60 inch blower, 60 inch sweeper.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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At 7:20 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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Brenda C. Shelmidine  
School District Clerk

*Approval of  
Resolution to the  
NYS  
Environmental  
Quality Review  
Act*

*Approval to  
Access BobCat  
Tractor*

*Meeting  
adjourned*