

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education
3020 Mechanic Street
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

PRESIDENT, LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

KOREEN FREEMAN TROY BUCKLEY
KEITH LEE
ROBERT STACKEL
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
ALFRED TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
NADINE O’SHAUGHNESSY, Building Principal
PAMELA RATLIFF, Elementary Principal
SCOT LUTHER, District Treasurer
DARLENE ROWSAM, Technology Specialist
ANTHONY WILLIAMS, Instructional Computer Specialist

EMILY GRIFFIN, Watertown Daily Times
STUDENT: Madison Freeman, Participation in Government Class

President Lynn Murray called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

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

Revised Agenda Approved

VOTE:	YES	6	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve previous minutes – November 26, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Approval of November 26, 2018 minutes

VOTE:	YES	6	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Darlene Rowsam and Anthony Williams reviewed the 18-21 Instructional Technology Plan that has been developed over the past year. The department goals were reviewed and projects going on throughout grade levels were shared. Mrs. Rowsam shared that currently students in grades 3-6 and 9-12 have chrome books and students in grades 7-8 currently have iPads and could be transitioning over to chrome books as early as January, 2019.

Madison Freeman left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Darlene Rowsam, Anthony Williams and Alfred Tomaselli left at 2:12 p.m.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Student Highlights:

- Matt Rogers, our Fort Drum liaison, presented to all middle schoolers how to “Put it into Perspective” for November’s Middle School Advisory.
- The Chorus Concert was very well attended. The ensembles were well prepared and confident in their performances and included an audience sing-along.
- FCS students prepared healthy and hearty soups with the intention of having them for the Family Literacy Night. Then the first snow day of the year happened. Therefore, there was a nice surprise lunch for the staff the next day.

- The Band Concert is always interesting to watch because we have the entire range of abilities, from brand new fourth graders who can barely get a few notes out, to the high school, which is polished and plays music that is engaging and entertaining.
- Taylor Ridsdale - 7NEWS Academic All-Star; Emily Scholler - 7NEWS Arts All-Star

Administrative Highlights:

- Meetings continue to be held to make sure we are meeting the new Mental Health Literacy in Schools curriculum.
- ESSA training was offered at BOCES again. Every session provides a bit more light on this complicated subject.
- The second lockdown drill of the year showed that our staff is very aware and diligent with student safety in this emergency situation. We also discovered one room that still requires connection to the PA system.

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

- A BOCES representative gave a presentation to our sophomores describing the programs that are available and what life is like for students who choose BOCES.
- Mountain View Prevention was here to provide informational sessions for high schoolers regarding Opioid/Meth/Heroin use, abuse, and addiction.
- Career Connections - each month interested students connect with professionals outside of our area. December - Medical Research / Pharmaceuticals

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

- Makerspace has been in high gear with holiday projects, green screen recordings, 3D ornament creation, laser engraving and cooking projects in conjunction with our elementary and middle school teachers and students.
- Internet Cafe continues to provide a safe and inviting opportunity for our students to utilize internet access to complete school work after school hours. With winter sports in full swing, we have seen an increase in student participation and interest. Attendance ranges from 4 - 15 students on any given day.

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

- Teachers continue to look forward to the free half personal day raffle at faculty meetings.
- A quarterly perfect attendance award was established at the last faculty meeting. It was also well received.

Upcoming events:

- Jan 4 - College Forum
- Jan 10 - Sophomore visit to BOCES and JCC
- Jan 11 - PTO/CTA Family Movie Night
- Jan 18 - Grades 6-12 Dance/Activity Night
- Jan 26 - Staff Holiday Party

PK-5 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

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

- Copenhagen's proposal for expanded day Pre-Kindergarten for 4 year olds was approved by NYSED. Planning is in its early stages for this program that will begin in January.
- The "I am a Knight" team has been working hard to improve our PBIS and Responsive Classroom initiatives (courtesy of the Knights' Armour grant) both in the classroom and throughout the school.
- Mr. Plante has resigned from his position as site coordinator for our 4-H after school program. Cornell Cooperative has advertised for someone to fill this position. We wish Ben all the best with his future endeavors.
- Thanks to the hard work and running of our elementary boys students, the Mighty Milers program sent us a \$50 gift certificate to US Games that Mrs.O'Mara can use to buy something new for their P.E classes.
- Exciting Christmas events have been taking place throughout the school...
 - 2nd graders attended *The Nutcracker* in Syracuse on November 30th.

- The Music department has been super busy this month with visits to the mall, the meal site, and the nursing home and with the annual choral and band concerts. Kudos to Miss Adams and Mrs. Harvey for outstanding performances!
- PTO’s Evening with Santa will be held on December 14th. Although this event has yet to take place, it is usually very well attended and everyone big and small seems to enjoy themselves.
- Kindergartners went to the GLD Christmas Tree Farm and returned with red cheeks, big smiles and a tree for their classroom.
- 34 students were included on our staff angel tree. The outpouring of generosity is overwhelming!
- Craft days have been held at several grade levels. Parents and students alike seem to be enjoying this time to spend together.
- The second round of Universal Screenings in reading has just been completed. Response to Intervention (RTI) Data Chats will be done early next week. A Progress Monitoring team has been created to help develop tools for Math RTI, one initiative of the Knights in Training grant.

BOE Goal #2 To Continue to Lead in Technology Integration

- Teachers in grades 3 and 4 have signed on for using computer based testing for the NYS Mathematics and ELA tests given in the Spring. Grade 5 will participate in computer based testing for ELA.
- The Makerspace has been in high demand this month. Along with curriculum based projects such as the animal report soundboard and the longhouse narratives, students (and teachers!) have been busy creating unique gifts for parents and family.

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

- Grade level/content area meetings have been scheduled as a way to keep up with what’s happening in the elementary. Teachers seem happy to share the great things that are happening in the classroom, along with challenges they are facing.
- The social committee, PBIS team and CTA planned several events over the the holiday season for all teachers to become better acquainted, both with each other and with school traditions.

Special Education Numbers

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
12/14/18	73	11 2 Pending	

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Winter festivities are happening. Grades 4 & 5 bands are in the learning process and Middle School and High School bands were great.
- Family Literacy Night was cancelled because of the snow day and is rescheduled for January 14th which is the same night as the Capital Project Vote.
- Active Shooter Training is scheduled for January 18, 2019 in the afternoon for all staff. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. The NYSP will provide the training.
- Mrs. Freeman asked about ensuring there is a door in the front of the building open for large night time events such as concerts.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF:

1. On motion of Robert Stackel, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, as presented.

*Approval of
Recommendations
from the CSE/CPSE.*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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2. On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to accept a contract for the Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (six students) attending non-public school in the Lowville Central School District for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	

3. On motion of Robert Stackel and seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to accept a RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL REGARDING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE MAPLE RIDGE WIND FARM as presented.

DISCUSSION:

- We will be discussing payments for the BOCES Building Project to decide if we will pay cash or go through a bond. If we choose a bond for payment over 20 years we will end up paying 30% more. It is a group effort and a few schools are going to make the payments. Our current fund balance will allow us to pay cash. The final decision will be made in January.
- The Shared Decision Making Committee have a couple of proposals:

Discussed making a change in policy for students transcripts and only putting their highest score on the transcript. Mrs. Thompson disagreed noting it erases a students academic history and could affect grants, scholarships and testing for a struggling student. Colleges want the whole picture of a student. Federal and NYS Programs are looking for a specific population of students and the transcript is used as a record. Administration will share this information with the committee.

Middle School students last day of school historically has been the Monday on the last week of school. Teachers asked to discuss changing it to be the same day as the High School. A meeting was held with administration and teachers and a follow up meeting will be held in January.

- Everyday another question about the Building Project comes up. Discussion has been on why we are not putting in a pool instead of a turf field. A pool would be more costly to maintain and we would have to hire lifeguards.

Consideration was made to have Fiscal Advisors at the Proposed Capital Project Public meeting and after discussion it was decided not to.

- The band teacher has talked about new uniforms. The last ones were bought by Andy Dolloff and they were very expensive. A sales person came and met with a group and will send us a quote and we will go from there. Mrs. Thompson suggested a matching top (polo with logo) and matching shoes and pants.
- We are in the discussion stages with Beaver River CSD about sharing our Food Service supervisor due to a retirement at Beaver River. Nicole is very excited about doing it. She has worked out how it would be, she would be here two days a week and at Beaver River three times a week. It would not be a huge cost savings to the district and we would cross contract with St.Lawrence BOCES.
- We are also in the discussion stages about our Technology Department and possibly sharing one of our tech people. Instructional technology is a passion for Tony Williams and he is great at it. Beaver River has a tech guy and its his passion, so possibly we could share them with one another. There are some good options out there and we need to have a back up plan.

Approval of Health and Welfare Services for students attending non-public school in Lowville CSD.

Accept resolution of Payments in Lieu of Taxes from Maple Ridge Wind Farm

non-public school

At 2:50 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Keith Lee, 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.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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At 3:45 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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At 3:46 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

*Into
Executive Session*

*Out of
Executive Session*

Adjourn Meeting