

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education
3020 Mechanic Street
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Monday, January 28, 2019
Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

VICE-PRESIDENT, ALFRED TOMASELLI, PRESIDING
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

TROY BUCKLEY	KEITH LEE
KOREEN FREEMAN	LYNN MURRAY
ROBERT STACKEL	
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON	

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, Building Principal
PAMELA RATLIFF, Elementary Principal
SCOT LUTHER, District Treasurer
BRENDA SHELMIDINE, District Clerk

PUBLIC: Mickey Dietrich, NYS Tug Hill Commission

STUDENTS: Kimberlina Dolan, Brooke Craig, Logan Marcinko, Alexander Steele, Participation in Government Class

Vice President Alfred Tomaselli called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve the Meeting Agenda.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve previous minutes – December 19, 2018 Regular Meeting; January 3, 2019 Capital Project Meeting; January 14, 2019 Capital Project Vote; January 14, 2019 Special Official Meeting.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mickey Dietrich, NYS Tug Hill Commission presented three copies of the “Tug Hill Shaping the Future of the Region” book. Mr. Dietrich is a project manager for the literary council of governments. Donations of the book are being made to all Lewis County Schools.

Mr. Dietrich left after the presentation.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Student Highlights:

- Students were provided a special treat at this year’s holiday sing-along. Their music teachers each performed a song for them, Miss Adams singing and Mrs. Harvey playing her instrument. Additionally, the elementary teachers performed their own comic version of a holiday classic.
- Unfortunately, the weather prevented our students from attending the MLK Remembrance Day at The Commons on Fort Drum. Sgt. Webb has made certain they will be able to see the video in which they were featured, and a recording of the entire event if they choose. Our students were mentioned on the news even though they were unable to attend.
- Discussion continues regarding types of furniture to place in the Internet Cafe. When the committee comes to an agreement, funding sources will then be solicited.

Meeting called to order

Agenda Approved

Approval of previous minutes

- NBC Watertown has asked for four CCS students to participate in an advertisement they are creating. Teachers selected two boys and two girls with alternates.
- All regents exams except one were administered as scheduled. The snow delay had no effect on the schedule, but the snow day pushed one student's exam back a day.

Administrative Highlights:

- Planning has begun for the statewide CBT simulation in February. Additionally, a neighboring district has requested our input and advice on best practices for CBT implementation.
- The first step of planning next year's master schedule has been done - the staff survey.
- Teachers have been recruited to attend the network trainings offered at BOCES regarding the NexGen Standards.
- The Middle School I Am A Knight team has re-worked their "minor incident report" process and implemented their plan for tracking student behavior and communicating with parents.
- Formal observations are nearly halfway completed for the year.
- Active Shooter training was appreciated as several staff members thanked the district for making it happen.

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

- Sgt Webb and his team from Fort Drum came and provided dignity and respect training for our juniors and seniors. The feedback has been very positive from both teachers and students. They would all like a follow-up session.
- Sophomores went on their annual field trip to visit JCC and BOCES to learn about programs and tour facilities.

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

- Technology Committee Reviewed Goals from 18-21 Plan at monthly meeting and made plans to add student representation to the committee.
- We welcomed a visit from General Brown incoming Technology Director, Mike Parobeck, at the request of his administration to spend a day at CCS to observe our tech department, meet with students and teachers to discuss successful implementation practices.
- We are in the discussion phase of reviewing benefits and options of comprehensive assessment and curriculum products. In an effort to meet our (18-21) goal of developing an evaluation protocol to be used in selecting and implementing digital content in a unified way across the district.

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

- A teacher suggested that we invite everyone who ever works in the district to attend the upcoming Active Shooter training. That idea was adopted and all people, including substitute teachers, were invited to attend at their own discretion.
- This month's faculty meeting was time provided for teachers to work on the passion projects.
- The social committee planned another amazing potluck lunch on the day of early dismissal.

Upcoming events:

- Feb 1 - CTA/PTO Family Movie Night
- Feb 8 - Family STEM Night
- Feb 8 - Grades 6-12 Valentine's Dance
- Feb 11 - Billy Martin Circus
- Feb 18-22 - Winter Recess

PK-5 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

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

- A request for funding for the NYS "Seeds for Success" grant has been submitted. This opportunity is sponsored by Senator Patty Ritchie.
- Grant updates:

- Knights in Training - A progress monitoring team has been created to develop progress monitoring tools and to assist with Math RTI scheduling challenges.
- Knights' Armour/Knights in Training - Fall semester reports have been submitted to DoDEA
- Wee Knights - A revised budget to reflect changes in staffing was submitted and approved. Our new staff is settling in well.
- Expanded Day Pre-K - A revised budget to reflect a change in the number of operational days was submitted and approved. Classrooms are all set up, schedules have been created and tweaked, and our 4 year old students are excited to be here all day.
- Snow tubing day is coming up on January 29th. Students really look forward to this annual event!
- Mrs. Brenden, mother of 3 of our students, works at training therapy dogs. She will be coming to present her dog and to describe the very important jobs of therapy dogs on January 29th.
- A diverse group of teachers have been attending Network meetings at BOCES and will share upcoming changes as we transition from Common Core to Next Generation Standards.

BOE Goal #2 To Continue to Lead in Technology Integration

- Kindergarten teachers were excited to share how the iPads were being used in Math and how helpful Mr. Williams was in teaching their students proper management of their devices.

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

- The "I am a Knight" team offered a hot chocolate bar on a cold January morning.

Special Education Numbers

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
01/24/19	72	12 3 Pending	17

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- The Fire Inspection recheck was completed today and we did okay. The biggest issue was with hand sanitizer as it is 70% alcohol; and we have changed them all. Dale Clarke invests a lot of time making sure everything is okay and he cares about the school and our safety.
- Met with Bill Taylor and Matt Cooper to discuss the building project process last week. They are comfortable with our timeline: February to June will be the design phase; July to September it will be sent to NYSED for approval. A independent review takes up to ten weeks. We could be out to bid in September or October and construction could start in November or December and the field could be ready by September 1st.
- There will be a meeting with the seven district residents on Maple Avenue on Monday, February 4th to share any concerns they have in regards to the run off of water with the capital project. Matt Cooper and Dale Clarke will be in attendance.
- The first semester is school has been completed.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF:

1. On motion of Troy Buckley seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the NYSED 2018-2021 Instructional Technology Plan.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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2. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to accept a letter of resignation of Jeremy Parkin from his custodial position with regret, effective February 1, 2019.

*Approval of
Instructional
Technology Plan*

*Letter of
Resignation of
Jeremy Parkin*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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3. On motion of Troy Buckley and seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to dissolve the previous appointment of Nicole Tanner as long term substitute for Sarah Gerow.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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4. On motion of Troy Buckley and seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve Jennifer Spaulding as long term substitute aide for Sarah Gerow; to commence on or around February 25, 2019 – April 17, 2019.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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5. On motion of Troy Buckley and seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the Contract for Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (three students) attending non-public school in the Beaver River Central School District for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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6. On motion of Troy Buckley and seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education, as presented.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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7. On motion of Troy Buckley and seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the application for use of facilities:

- Request from Duane St.Louis, Copenhagen 150th Anniversary Committee; for use of facilities between August 22, 2019 and August 23, 2019.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Connell shared with the board that we have three dirt roads in the district and when we are getting freezing rain the roads are not plowed down to the dirt and are very slippery while every other place in the district is fine. There are seven elementary students who reside on the dirt roads. Would we be willing to call the families and tell them they will have the day off as our buses are not able to make it down those roads? The day we had freezing rain after the two hour delay they were fine as they were sanded and salted. Mrs. Thompson suggested going to a town board meeting or contacting the highway superintendent and requesting they sand the roads earlier. Mr. Connell is going to speak with the families before this happens again and may offer a solution.

At 6:55 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, 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 7:31 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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Into
Executive Session

Out of
Executive Session

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:32 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
District Clerk