

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education
3020 Mechanic Street
Copenhagen, NY 13626



Thursday, April 25, 2019
Official Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

PRESIDENT, LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

TROY BUCKLEY
KOREEN FREEMAN
ROBERT STACKEL
ALFRED TOMASELLI

KEITH LEE
GABRIELLE THOMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
SCOT LUTHER, District Treasurer
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, Building Principal
PAMELA RATLIFF, PreK-5 Principal
ZACHARY MAKUCH, Social Studies Teacher
MAREN FARNEY, Elementary Teacher
CHRISTINA PETERSEN, Elementary Counselor
HANNAH MATHOUS – Participation in Government Student
ERIC ALLEN - Parent

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 meeting agenda.

Approve agenda

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board voted to approve the March 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Approve minutes

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve budget transfers, warrant report and the treasurer’s report for March 2019.

Approve budget
Transfers, warrant
Treasurer’s report

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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GROW RACK SYSTEMS PRESENTATION: Mr. Makuch discussed and shared the new Grow Rack Systems purchased through a grant. The goal is to eventually use the fruit for the backpack program and lessons will be taught in Makerspace.

TENURE PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Maren Farney, Mrs. Christina Petersen.

BUILDING PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Student Highlights:

- Grades 3-8 ELA assessments, both CBT and PBT, are completed. Only one student missed the examination period. The technical problems that hit the news did not affect our students’ testing experience, although it was inconvenient for the adults in the technology and main offices.
- We still have one student staying the course in an effort to earn the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. She’s done her research, met with her mentor, given her in-house presentation and submitted her application. The last step is to present her research in Spanish to the panel of judges in May.

- The I.A.M. Concert was a pleasure, as always.
- The 10th Mountain Band performed for our elementary and middle school students. Amazing concert!
- Several students participated in the video and presentations for Day of Remembrance for the Holocaust happening on April 30. They and their parents are all invited to The Commons to attend the ceremony.

Administrative Highlights:

- Staff enjoyed several choices during the early dismissal professional development day including: Project Based Learning, Makerspace, Multi Tiered Systems of Support, and Incorporating Play in the Writing Curriculum.
- Planning and prep work for the Grades 3-8 Math assessments has been completed.
- Second round observations will be done the week after vacation.
- The 2019-2020 Middle School master schedule is complete.

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

- Fort Drum CAB provided the second level of dignity and respect training for our juniors and seniors. Students have requested they return for the third and final level.
- By all accounts so far, the senior trip was a great success for both the students and chaperones.

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

- Mr. Williams, Mrs. Greene and Mr. Makuch continue to offer after school makerspace and technology time for students in middle and high school.

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

- For the early dismissal day, the staff hosted a potluck lunch for the 10th Mountain Band who performed for the students that morning.

Upcoming events:

- April 26 - Student Council Blood Drive
- April 26 - PTO/CTA Family Movie Night
- April 30 - Holocaust Day of Remembrance on Fort Drum
- May 2 - School Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 3 - PTO Mother/Son Dance
- May 8 - Grade 1 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- May 9 - Spring Band Concert
- May 11 - Prom and After Prom
- May 15 - Grade 4 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- May 16 - Grade 8 Career Jam
- May 16 - Spring Chorus Concert
- May 17 - Academic Excellence and Awards Recognition Program
- May 17 - PTO Daddy/Daughter Dance

PRE-K-5 PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Elementary News

- The advisory committee for our in school dental program, sponsored by North Country Family Health Center, met on April 2nd. The current number of students currently receiving dental care here at school has topped 100 students. Ideas for reaching more Middle and High School students were brainstormed, as most of the student patients enrolled are in grades WK-5.
- Sheree Vora and Lou Ann Keefer from the Lowville Lions Club were back at CCS to provide a vision screening for all students in Wee Knights - 1st grade. For more information on this screening: www.LionsKidSightUSA.org

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

- We will be participating in Cornell's Eat Smart Garden Project again this year. This grant will pay up to \$500 for plants, seeds, small garden tools and other misc. garden supplies.
- March was Music in our Schools Month.

- Kudos to our elementary students (and their music teachers!) for awesome performances at the IAM concert.
- Although it isn't easy to keep the attention of every student in such a large age group, the Fort Drum Army band did just that on March 29th. Students in grades PK-8 were highly entertained!
- Miss Emily and Miss Ashlee met with all parents of our Pre-Knight students for the Spring Parent Conferences last week.
- Students (PK-5) were issued a Water Safari Spring Reading Challenge. Students who read and log 360 minutes of reading in April will be rewarded with one free ticket to Enchanted Forest Water Safari.
- Youth basketball for both boys and girls in grades 3-6 is either just finishing up or will be finishing up in early May. A special thank you to Coach Scott and her varsity girls team for running the girls program, and to Dawn Carroll, Alex Sullivan, and Shareef Stokely for coaching the boys' teams.

BOE Goal #2 To Continue to Lead in Technology Integration

- Students in grades 3-6 participated in Computer Based testing for the NYS ELA test and will do the same for the math tests.

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

- Teachers play an important role in choosing what professional development they are involved in. One of our new teachers was amazed that she could choose from the BOCES catalog and sign up to go.

Special Education Numbers

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
01/24/19	73	15	19

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

- Senior Trip went well. Cathy Snyder said it was one of the best group of students she has ever taken. They were recognized more than once by others on how well behaved they were.
- We are in the process of screening applications for elementary and aide positions. We were very lucky last year and it appears we will be this year as well.
- Trying to touch base with Andre' who was the project manager for the Windmill Projects regarding the playgrounds and finally spoke with a manger for our area and Powis Construction is going to be completing the playground. Mr. Powis didn't think there would be an issue and will propose a bill to them and said it would take up to three weeks to complete.
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Windmill projects on the whole on June 22, 2019 in the back parking lot. They will keep us up to date.
- We received a Better Outcomes Research certificate saying we have been identified as a school that is boosting the achievement of Economically Disadvantaged Students for the 18-19 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF:

1. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved a Resolution approving the proposed 2019 – 2020 Copenhagen Central School Budget in the amount of \$10,996.686.00 to include Proposition #1 and to be submitted to the voters of the School District on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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*Adoption of
2019-2020
Budget*

2. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Robert Stackel the Board adopted the Property Tax Report Card and Six Day Notice, as presented.

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*Approval of
Property Tax
Report Card &
Six Day Notice*

3. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel the Board approved the Appointment of the Annual Budget Election (May 21, 2019) Poll Workers, Meeting Chairperson and Poll Workers:

*Approval of Annual
Meeting, workers,
Chairperson*

Meeting Chairperson: Margaret Nevills

Poll Workers: Staff from the Lewis County Board of Elections

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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4. On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Koreen Freeman the approved the Resolution to cast one vote for two (2) candidates below for Board of Education of Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services as follows:

*Approval of two
Candidates for
BOCES Board*

1. Mr. Peter E. Monaco, Watertown City School District
2. Mr. Michael Kramer, Adirondack Central School District

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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5. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli the Board approved the resolution of the Board of Education of the Copenhagen Central School District authorizing the school district to enter into a joint agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, Herkimer and Oneida BOCES, New York ("BOCES") and the other component school districts of BOCES, for the acquisition, construction and renovation of facilities to house services provided by BOCES pursuant to Section 1950 of the Education Law and for the Allocation of the costs thereof among the component school districts of BOCES.

*Approval to
Contract
with BOCES*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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6. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel approving the proposed 2019 – 2020 Administrative Budget of the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

*Approval of
BOCES Budget*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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7. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved Resolution allowing the Copenhagen Central School District to Cross Contract with Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Regional Recruitment/On-Line Application System for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

*Approval to
Cross Contract
With Putnam/
Northern
Westchester
BOCES*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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8. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Copenhagen Central School District allowing the District to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement" for the 2019/2020 school year.

*Approval to
Participate in
St. Lawrence/
Lewis BOCES
Cooperative
Purchasing*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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9. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved the Acceptance of letter of retirement from **Rita Carroll** from her Teacher Aide position with regret effective June 30, 2019.

*Approval of
Letter of
Retirement of
Rita Carroll*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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10. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel the Board Acceptance a letter of request from Nicole Lee for maternity leave to commence on or around June 12, 2019 with an expected return date of October 4, 2019.

*Approval of
Maternity leave
for Nicole Lee*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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11. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli the Board approved a transfer from Repair Reserve Fund of \$20,000.00 to General Fund to offset the cost of \$34,603.00 to replace the hot water heater.

*Approval of
Transfer of
Funds*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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12. On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board approved the Contract for Engineering Services between William Taylor Architects PLLC and Copenhagen Central School.

*Approval of
Contract*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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13. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Robert Stackel, the Board approved the addition to Policy 8505 STUDENT MEAL/SHAMING POLICY – first and only reading:

*Tabled Motion
Student Meal/
Shaming
Policy*

Adults are NOT allowed to have a negative balance on their account. Money must be put on their account ahead of time or use cash. No charging is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!

VOTE:	YES		NO		ABSTAIN:	MOTION TABLED
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14. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Robert Stackel the Board approved a Resolution for Office of Inter-Municipal Legal Services Agreement between Jefferson-Lewis Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES and the Copenhagen Central School District for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

*Approval of
Agreement with
BOCES for
Legal Services*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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15. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved the May 11, 2019 Prom at the Ridgeview Inn, Lowville (8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) and the After Prom Party to be held at Lewis Lanes, Lowville (11:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m.).

*Approval of
Prom at
Ridgeview Inn*

VOTE:	YES	5	0		ABSTAIN:	
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16. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved the Contract for Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (eight students) attending non-public schools in the Watertown City School District for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

*Approval of
Contract for
Health and
Welfare Services
For non-public
Schools in
Watertown CSD*

VOTE:	YES	5	0		ABSTAIN:	
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17. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Robert Stackel the Board approved the Requests for parochial transportation for the 2019 – 2020 school year:

*Approval of
Request for
Parochial
Transportation*

- Gavin Parker – *Faith Fellowship Christian School*
- Samuel Tomaselli – *Faith Fellowship Christian School*
- Joshua Smith – *River Valley Mennonite School*
- Crystal Widrick - *River Valley Mennonite School*
- Angela Widrick - *River Valley Mennonite School*

VOTE:	YES	5	0		ABSTAIN:	
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18. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Robert Stackel the Board approved the excess of 20 obsolete iPad’s that will be given to Hand in Hand Early Childhood, Lowville.

*Approval to
Excess 20
iPad’s*

VOTE:	YES	5	0		ABSTAIN:	
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*Approval of
Leave of absence
For Charity
Smykla*

19. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Alfred Tomaselli the Board accepted Acceptance the letter of request from Charity Smykla for a leave of absence from April 24, 2019 to approximately June 19 2019.

VOTE:	YES	5	0		ABSTAIN:	
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*Approval of
Anita Jones
As long-term
Substitute*

20. On motion of Troy Buckley, and seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board approved Anita Jones as long-term substitute for Charity Smykla effective April 24, 2019 to approximately June 19, 2019.

VOTE:	YES		NO		ABSTAIN:	MOTION TABLED
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Allen addressed the Board with concerns racism and lack of consideration for others.

At 6:51 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to enter Executive Session.

*Into Executive
Session*

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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*Out of
Executive
Session*

At 7:30 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE:	YES	5	NO	0	ABSTAIN:	
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At 7:31 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, 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
School District Clerk