

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2012

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY in @ 6:35 p.m.
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT in @ 7:00 p.m.
LYNN A. MURRAY
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI
KIM R. VOGT

OTHERS PRESENT:
SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
MARCIA A. MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER
GERALD AND SALLY CARTER, INTERESTED PUBLIC

President Robert F. Stackel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

Lynn Murray made a motion, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, to approve minutes of the August 27, 2012 regular meeting.

Approved previous minutes.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report, submitting all for audit.

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve Budget Transfers #5, as presented by the District Treasurer.

Approved Budget Transfers #5.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Accepted Revised Agenda.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Sally Carter reported her biggest concern is the condition of the playground, noting she saw an elderly man stumble over the 6 X 6 wooden planks surrounding the wood chips under the playground equipment. The wooden planks need to be anchored into the ground so that they will not cause people to trip. Mr. Connell noted he will ask John McGraw to correct the situation. Mrs. Carter said she and her husband have been Copenhagen Central soccer fans for 40 years and hoped the District would install an escalator to the soccer fields so they can continue to watch their great grandchildren play soccer. Gerald Cater extended a thank you to all Board Members for the volunteer work they do as October 29 – November 2, 2012 is "School Board Recognition Week". He also wanted to recognize Troy Buckley for his volunteer work with the Varsity Boys Soccer team, noting during a recent game he was heard

shouting “get your bags and get off the field” as a thunder storm was approaching. Mr. Carter also thanked Mr. Connell for his regular meetings with transportation staff at the bus garage.

K-12 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. O’Shaughnessy offered the following report:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ Orientations for sixth and ninth grades were highly attended and ran very smoothly. Students had many questions and were very interested in what was being shared.
- ✓ Administration met with every grade level 6-12 on the first day to review key elements in the handbook. Teachers covered other points assigned to them during an extended first period.
- ✓ Many steps have been taken in the name of the Dignity Act. The principal and guidance counselor are giving some class presentations, the intern counselor is also presenting to classes, NHS is preparing videos and PSAs for the high school, and elementary classes are using techniques from Responsive Classroom.
- ✓ Open House was highly attended and the Middle School iPad Parent meeting was hosted for a standing-room-only audience. The vast majority of parents and students are excited about this opportunity.
- ✓ The two student nominees for the St. Lawrence Augsburg scholarship, along with the principal, attended the exclusive luncheon at the university.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ SLO training and APPR awareness has been completed with all necessary staff. Most staff members have given their baseline pre-tests and will begin writing their SLOs during the RTTT work day tomorrow. This process should be completed in short order.
- ✓ Progress is being made on the RTT-D grant writing endeavor. Mrs. Nevills is very thorough and is working diligently with the other districts involved.
- ✓ Fire drills are nearly completed for the spring.
- ✓ Several adjustments have been made to schedules at teachers’ requests. The end results are helpful and beneficial to students.
- ✓ Podcasts have been created as guidance for teachers navigating the new requirements for their APPRs and Data Driven Instruction.
- ✓ Implementation of My Learning Plan and OASYS for our teacher data reporting is getting closer. Two preliminary meetings have already occurred. The projected date for first use is in middle to late October.
- ✓ The APPR team has determined the method for creation, delivery and administration of the district’s Vocabulary Test. This will be put into place starting next week.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ Sept. 29 – STARS Apple Picking
- ✓ Oct. 1-5 – Pink Week
- ✓ Oct. 5 – Homecoming Dance
- ✓ Oct. 25 – Leadership Day
- ✓ Oct. 26 – Early Dismissal
- ✓ Oct. 26 – Halloween Dance

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

- ✓ Academic Intervention Services for grades 4/5 will continue to be provided this year during 10th period. During this time eleven staff members will deliver services such as: Resource, AIS Math, AIS ELA, Science and Technology Enrichment, Chorus and Band. Utilizing 10th period for a variety of services allows staff to have more instructional time during the day.
- ✓ All RTI screenings have taken place and all AIS/RTI services have been scheduled. Despite reductions in staff in recent years, we are able to currently provide services in groups of appropriate size and frequency. Universal Screenings are completed in the area of reading for students in grades K-4.

- ✓ We have made accommodations to bring back further high needs students into the district. At this point all students with significant cognitive and learning difficulties receive their core academic instruction in-district. The only students that we have been unable to accommodate require significant behavioral supports. It is a joy to see these high needs students in the hallways/classrooms and to see other students embrace them! Creative scheduling and an accommodating staff make Copenhagen unique in its ability to be able to offer many services/programs to our students with special needs.
- ✓ The Summer Reading Challenge was successful! Copenhagen students read more than twice as much as last summer. Their combined total of 60, 255 minutes, which converted into our theme of “one minute equals one mile,” which took them around the world more than two times!
- ✓ Data from the Summer Learning Program suggest success in meeting its goals of reducing the effects of the summer slump. A majority of students that attended maintained or improved in reading fluency from June to September, whereas previous data suggested a likelihood that a majority of these students would regress approximately 3 month’s worth of instruction. Fifth grade students that participated also received a head start in acquiring skills needed to become fluent learners on their iPads, which will help in their transition to the middle school.
- ✓ Mentoring Disability Day, sponsored and organized by Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, is October 18th. This day enables our students with special needs to spend a day job shadowing with a local community employer. This is an opportunity to make connections between school and work and explore career paths and to develop mentoring relationships.

Special Education

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
8/19/10	58	5	12
8/22/11	59	0	21
7/24/12	63	4	19
8/21/12	62	3	18
9/24/12	61	4	18

CSE – 1 transfer out

504 – no changes

CPSE – 2 pending referrals

Upcoming events:

October 1 – 5: Pink Week

October 17 – CSE Chairpersons Meeting

October 18 – Mentoring Disability Day

October 22 – Grades 3 – 8 Assemblies: From Bach 2 Rock

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Connell reiterated that this school year started off great with a nice, clean building as opposed to last year when we were in the middle of the geothermal construction project. He noted that the work done during the summer by administration and teachers helped greatly shape our APPR in a timely manner. On September 4th, we had all our ducks in a row. With regard to the CTA contract, Domenic D’Imperio, Labor Relations Specialist at BOCES, and Janet Curtis, NYSUT, are working together to work out details with regard to employees health insurance in retirement. With regard to the capital project punch list, the propane tanks in the front lawn which were buried too deep have been retrofitted so that water and ice will not form on the top. The flagpole water situation has also been corrected. With regard to windmills, plans are moving forward and it looks like it is going to happen; 95% of the property leases have been secured and animal impact studies are complete. Balloons are going up to measure interference. The windmill group which meets here at school has received its first payment, \$5,000.00. The group has elected officers with John McGraw, President; Sam Lundy, Vice President and Judy Bartlett will serve as Treasurer. Mr. Connell advised the RTTT-D grant stakeholders have been meeting weekly and with each meeting a new focus evolves. A NYSUT grant writer has become involved and she brings much to the table with regard to ideas as she has had much experience in writing federal grants. Mr. Connell noted vocabulary

tests for grades 3 – 12 are done. He also noted he plans to enforce the dress code at soccer games.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the following substitutes:

- (a) Gregory Burns – Substitute Teacher
- (b) Julie Ranieri – Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Teaching Assistant, Office Substitute and Cafeteria Substitute

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved substitutes

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Brenda Shelmidine as Military Kids Club Advisor.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Brenda Shelmidine as Military Kids Club Advisor.

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Cynthia Graves as SADD Advisor

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Cynthia Graves as SADD Advisor.

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Ed.

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the second reading of the CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT MODEL POLICY, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved the second reading of the Concussion Management Model Policy.

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the second reading of the following 5000 policies, as presented:

Approved the second reading of the 5000 policies.

5000 Student Policies Goals	5280 Interscholastic Athletics
5020.3 Rights of Students w/Disabilities Under Section 504	5405 Student Wellness
5030 Student Complaints and Grievances	5420 Student Health Services
5030-R Student Complaints and Grievances Regulation	5420-R Student Health Services Regulation
5100 Attendance	5420-E.1 Student health Services Exhibit
5120 School Census	5420-E.2 Student Health Services Exhibit
5150 School Admissions	5421 Concussion Management
5151 Homeless Children	5425 Automated External Defibrillators
5151-R Homeless Children Regulation	5450.1 Notification of Sex Offenders
5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students	5460 Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
5152.1 Admission of Foreign Students	5460-R Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation
5152.1-R Admission of Foreign Students Regulation	5500 Student Records
5162 Student Dismissal Precautions	5500-R Student Records Regulation
5162-R Student Dismissal Precautions Regulation	5500-E.1 Student Records Exhibit – Notice
5205 Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics	5500-E.2 Student Records Exhibit – Directory Information
5210 Student Organizations	5500-E.3 Student Records Exhibit – Military Recruiters
5220 School-Sponsored Student Expression	5550 Student Privacy
5225 Student Personal Expression	5710 Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting
5252 Student Activities Funds Management	

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to move all typists, clerks employed by the Copenhagen Central School District from the support staff bargaining group to the confidential/managerial group effective immediately.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve revisions to the Handbook for Non-Unionized Employees which reflect offering confidential/managerial employees all privileges offered to the support staff in the 2012 – 2015 contract, namely offering a retiring individual up to one (1) year paid up health insurance at the rate as determined by years of service for each twenty-five (25) days of accumulated sick leave for a maximum of seven (7) under Retirement Option A, the Board will pay \$25.00 per day up to 190 days of unused accumulated sick time instead of \$20.00 per day.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the following Applications for use of Facilities:

- (a) submitted by Mrs. Kimberly Shipman to use a room every other Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding Girl Scout meetings.
- (b) submitted by Mrs. Jennifer Spaulding to use the elementary gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for C.C.S. Cheerleading Open Gym

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Michelle Castor as fall sports District Volunteer.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve request from Mrs. Susan Colton for Family Medical Leave for her impending surgery on Friday, September 21 with expected time for recovery 2 – 4 weeks.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the following resolution, WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Scott Connell has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Copenhagen Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of principals, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Scott Connell be certified as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the following resolution, WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Dale Munn has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Copenhagen Central School District Annual

Approved resolution to move all typists, clerks employed by Copenhagen Central School from support staff bargaining group to the confidential/managerial group.

Approved revisions to the Handbook for Non-Unionized Employees which reflect offering confidential/managerial employees all privileges offered to the support staff in the 2012 – 2015 contract.

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities.

Approved appointment of Michelle Castor as fall sports district volunteer.

Approved request from Mrs. Susan Colton for Family Medical Leave.

Approved resolution certifying Scott Connell as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

Approved resolution certifying Dale Munn as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of teachers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dale Munn, be certified as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the following Resolution, WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided evidence that Nadine O’Shaughnessy has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Copenhagen Central School District Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of teachers, therefore

Approved resolution certifying Nadine O’Shaughnessy as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Nadine O’Shaughnessy be certified as a Lead Evaluator of teachers.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to revise the 2012 – 2013 Instructional calendar to include four early dismissals which are Friday, September 21, Friday, October 26, Friday, December 14, and Friday, January 18 for the purpose of allowing staff to work on the Race to the Top Reform Agenda.

Approved revisions to the 2012 – 2013 instructional calendar.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the request from Deborah LaFontaine for a Family Medical Act Leave starting September 7, 2012 and due to back problems.

Approved request from Deborah LaFontaine for a Family Medical Act Leave.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO

Mr. and Mrs. Carter left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

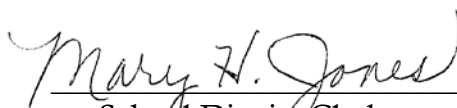
DISCUSSION:

1. 2012 – Lewis County Aged Exemption Chart – It was noted Copenhagen is about middle of the line with regard to granting aged exemptions with respect to taxes and the Board should consider whether not they want to raise the current exemption. General consensus was that it should remain the same.

2. Lynn Murray who is also a member of the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Education noted that at the Board’s pleasure he would like to talk about BOCES as he has done previously. Mr. Connell noted he will put Mr. Murray on the October agenda.

At 7:32 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0


School District Clerk