

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2013

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
LYNN A. MURRAY
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT
KIM R. VOGT

OTHERS PRESENT:
SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 Principal
DALE R. MUNN, JR., Director of Student Services
MARCIA MUNDY, District Treasurer

President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. which convened in the Band Room. The pledge to the Flag was said.

Meeting called to order

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve previous minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2013.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report, Warrants and the School Lunch Report.

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0

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

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

K-12 Principal Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ NHS recruited the entire elementary to assist in decorating the Christmas tree in the main hall during the holiday season. Many wonderful comments were made by staff and community members.
- ✓ The annual elementary sing-a-long was great fun for the children and particularly poignant this year after our moment of silence for Sandy Hook Elementary.
- ✓ The senior student leaders delivered their leadership presentations for the underclassmen. They had a good time with one presentation based on what they took away from "PlayFair" at the leadership conference.
- ✓ Approximately 9-10 families attended Financial Aid night. For those who take advantage of this opportunity, the information is invaluable.
- ✓ Students and teachers continue to work at implementing their new vocabulary terms each week.
- ✓ Our students made us proud at Workforce 20/20. They were well dressed, well prepared and well received by the employers who interviewed them.
- ✓ Regents exams have been administered and scored amid some challenges brought about by the new regulations from State Ed.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ Teachers created their next interim assessments during the RTTT work day in December and have been administering them these past two weeks. As a result, the next round of data chats has begun.
- ✓ The new safety and security measures that have been put into place have been well received by nearly the entire community.
- ✓ Our teachers and administrators continue to work with BOCES to develop the post-tests for SLO testing.
- ✓ Mrs. Clarke is settling in nicely as our new nurse. Mrs. Shambo is also adjusting well in her new role as attendance officer. Both are taking initiative to make changes to smooth out their duties.
- ✓ The second semester master schedule has been tweaked and is ready for the start of the 30 weeks marking period.
- ✓ All parties involved have completed their parts in getting permission from State Ed. for students to use the calculators on their iPads for the state assessments.
- ✓ The RTTT work day in January was productive as teachers completed their mid-year reflections for their Professional Learning Plans in addition to many other requirements.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ Feb 2 - Bi-County Concert
- ✓ Feb 7 - Parent iPad Event: "Catch Up With Your Kids"
- ✓ Feb 8 - Valentines Dance
- ✓ Feb 13 - NHS Inductions
- ✓ Feb 18-22 - Winter Vacation

Director of Student Services, Mr. Munn offered the following:

- ✓ The last BOE meeting he addressed Data Chats being completed and advised they are already onto the mid-year data chats which will be completed within a couple of weeks. Also coming up are the Mid-Year Reflection Conferences with non-tenured staff. Tenured staff can request a Mid-Year Reflection Conference if they wish. Formal observations are well underway and should be completed in March. The use of the rubrics has generated numerous professional discussions and substantial amounts of reflection.
- ✓ CSE annual reviews are well under way as well. Mrs. Lee has well prepared her substitute for working with her students as well as preparing for meetings and progress reports. Congratulations to Mrs. Lee on the birth of her son!
- ✓ Response to Intervention (RTI) second screening of the year is completed. Meetings were held with grades K-4 staff and RTI service providers to discuss which appropriate Tier student's best fit and services have been scheduled accordingly.
- ✓ The first half of the year is completed with Primary Project. Ms. Kari Chavoustie, our Child Associate and I reviewed the twelve students and determined if they will be continued, discontinued or referred to the Youth Advocate Program in our building. Additional students will be selected for the program for the rest of the school year.
- ✓ Ms. Amy Earle has volunteered to work with a group of our special needs students teaching them therapeutic dance. She has worked with a similar group of students at Lowville and brings with her quality recommendations from the Special Education staff there. Goals include sequencing, motor integration and socialization. Ms. Earle will be come in once every other week!
- ✓ Mr. Munn has taken on a student intern, Mr. Wesley Ratliff, an aspiring school psychologist. Mr. Ratliff will be working with volunteering in classrooms with some of our students with special needs as well as consulting with me re: professional practice.
- ✓ The Scrubby Bears program was offered again this year to our UPK through Grade 2 classrooms. A selected group of students are chosen from grades 9-12 and are trained to teach younger students the appropriate way to wash their hands to avoid the spreading germs especially during flu

season. The students have done a great job working with the younger students; they have shown responsibility, organization, kindness and caring. I would like to thank the Copenhagen School PTO for funding our supplies for next year.

Special Education

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
8/19/10	58	5	12
8/22/11	59	0	21
8/21/12	62	3	18
10/29/12	60	6	18
12/19/12	62	8	18
1/28/13	60	10	18

CSE – 2 transfer out, 4 new referrals
 1 out of district referral

504 – 1 new referral

CPSE – 2 just classified, 1 pending referral

Upcoming events:

February 18-22 – Winter Break

Superintendent Scott Connell offered the following:

- Mr. Connell noted that state aid figures for 2013-2014 have been received and that it is too early to call but the figures do not look bad. He advised the District is looking at a 3.23 increase. He noted there is a mention of stabilization aid but we are not sure what that means at this point.
- Mr. Connell has a draft of the 2013 – 2014 BOCES instructional calendar. He noted April break has been moved back to the middle of the month and there is a two-week break over Christmas, however, that calendar has not as yet been approved.
- Mr. Connell noted the athletic budget for 2013-2014 has been developed; it is up \$5,000. He has included Junior Varsity teams, however, those teams will not be fielded if the numbers are not there to support the program. He noted officials’ fees and coaching salaries have increased.
- Mr. Connell noted that during the week and a half of sub zero weather the new geothermal heating system kept everyone warm.
- Mr. Connell reported on the conference call he held with the U.S. Department of Education, grant writers, Laura Payne Bourcy and Margaret Nevills, with regard to Copenhagen Central’s consortium grant application and the fact that the proposal was never even reviewed. He indicated that a letter concerning same has been crafted and is being sent to Senator Griffo, Rep. Owens, Senator Gillibrand, Assemblyman Blankenbush, Senator Schumer, Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, Governor Cuomo and NYS Commissioner of Education, Dr. John King.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Policy Committee met this evening and is working on the 6000’s.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following District Volunteers:

- (a) Jodi Doyle
- (b) Wesley Ratliff
- (c) Amy Earle
- (d) Tim Roberts

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0;

Approved District Volunteers

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to appoint the following substitute applicants:

- a) Emily Olley – substitute teacher

Approved substitute teachers

- b) Logan J. Whitmore – substitute teacher
- c) Jennifer Beller – substitute teacher
- d) Amy McGraw L’Huillier – substitute teacher
- e) Scott Aspinall – substitute teacher
- f) Amy Earle – substitute teacher
- g) Wesley Ratliff – substitute teacher
- h) Sarah Woodruff, pending fingerprint clearance – substitute teacher
- i) Amy Jacobs – substitute teacher aide/teaching assistant
- j) Dennis Robert Puccia, pending fingerprint clearance - substitute teacher

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0;

There was no action taken with regard to item # 2. k) Asa Stackel, pending fingerprint clearance – substitute teacher and Item #4. Overnight trip for Varsity Wrestling trip to Schoharie Tournament due to abstentions causing a lack of quorum.

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.

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0;

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

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following Applications for Use of Facilities:

- a) Request from WinDenmark to use the District Office Conference Room for a meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- b) Request from Jennifer Spaulding, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, to use Small Elementary Gym and Cafeteria on February 2, 2013 from 9:15: a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Frontier League Cheer Clinic.
- c) Request from Cindy Carroll, President Copenhagen Pee Wee Wrestling Program, to use gymnasium for a Dual Meet on March 8, 2013.

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0;

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve request from Mary Harding for transportation for her son, Nathaniel Harding, to Augustinian Academy in Carthage. The Hardings just moved back into the District.

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0;

Approved transportation request from Mary Harding for her son Nathaniel Harding

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Amber Ostrowski Coulombe as long-term substitute teacher to fill vacancy created by Nicole Lee’s maternity leave (January 18, 2013 – April 8, 2013).

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

Approved appointment of Amber Ostrowski Coulombe as long-term sub

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the following resolution was offered and approved:

Approved resolution authorizing the issuance of \$207,500.00 in Serial Bonds

RESOLUTION, DATED JANUARY 29, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$207,500.00, OR SO MUCH LESS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SERIAL BONDS OF THE COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LEWIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, NEW YORK, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 66-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES.

WHEREAS, a majority of the duly qualified voters of the Copenhagen Central School District, Lewis and Jefferson Counties, New York (the "School District"), voting at the annual district meeting duly called, held and conducted on May 15, 2012, approved a proposition which authorized the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$207,500.00, or so much less as may be necessary, and authorized the levy of a tax upon taxable property of the School District to be collected in installments in such amount for such purpose;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the School District desires to provide for financing the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger school buses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section a. The purchase of two (2) 66-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$207,500.00, or so much less as maybe be necessary, is hereby authorized.

Section b. The plan of financing such object or purchase is by the issuance of \$207,500.00, or so much less as may be necessary, serial bonds of the School District, which are hereby authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the School District, and the faith and credit of the School District are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance law, such bonds shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by the President of the Board of Education, the Chief Fiscal Officer.

Section c. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the School District. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section d. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is five (5) years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section e. The validity of such bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such bonds are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Said bonds are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section f. A summary of this resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published once in the *Watertown Daily Times*, a newspaper having general circulation in the District, together with a notice of the School District Clerk in substantially the form provided in §81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section g. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve resolution to authorize increase in the price of school lunches .10 from \$1.75 to \$1.85, effective March 1, 2013.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

Approved resolution to authorize increase in the price of school lunches .10, effective March 1, 2013.

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve resolution to authorize increase in the price of school breakfasts .10 from \$1.10 to \$1.20, effective September 1, 2013.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve contract in the amount of \$1,492.26 for Health and Welfare services provided for seven Copenhagen District students attending non-public schools in the Lowville Academy & Central School District.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to accept letter of resignation from Maren Farney and Pamela Ratliff from their position as co-advisors for the Class of 2016, effective June 30, 2013.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve appointment of Cathy Snyder and Virginia Hovendon as co-advisors for the Class of 2016, effective September 1, 2013. The Board expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Hovendon in picking up the slack, so to speak.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to accept letter of resignation from Lori Tiffany from her position of counselor intern effective February 1, 2013.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Christina Petersen as Youth Advocate, effective February 4, 2013 through the end of the school year at the per diem rate of \$95.00.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve the Revised (January 3, 2013) Copenhagen Central School Safety Plan.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve resolution to modify the 2012 – 2013 school calendar to include four (4) early dismissals, Friday, February 8; Friday, March 15; Friday, April 26 and Friday, May 17. Instructional staff will be engaged in professional development, i.e. The Common Core and writing assessments.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

Approved resolution to authorize increase in the price of school breakfasts .10 effective September 1, 2013

Approved Health and Welfare Contract w/ Lowville Academy

Accepted letter of resignation from Maren Farney and Pamela Ratliff from their position as co-advisors of the Class of 2016

Approved appointment of Cathy Snyder and Virginia Hovendon as co-advisors for the class of 2016

Accepted letter of resignation from Lori Tiffany

Approved appointment of Christina Petersen, Youth Advocate

Approved Revised Copenhagen Central School Safety Plan

Revised 2012 – 2103 school calendar

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve appointment of the spring coaching staff, as follows:

Varsity Baseball – Jim Spaulding
J.V. Baseball – Logan Spaulding
Modified Baseball –
Varsity Softball – John Cain
J.V. Softball – Tamie Stephenson
Modified Softball – Cathy Snyder

*Approved
spring
coaching staff*

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;

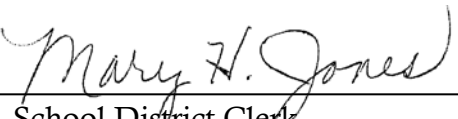
Mr. Munn left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

- Discussion ensued regarding a request from the Music Department to take a group C.C.S. High School students to a PG-13 rated musical entitled “Rock of Ages”; the Board requested the teachers screen the musical first to see if they would feel comfortable taking students to see it.
- The next Board Work Session will have to be advertised as an official special meeting in order that the Board may award bids on the proposed security doors.
- The regular April Board meeting and work session will be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 15, 2013.

At 7:46 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES 4; NO – 0;



School District Clerk