

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TROY W. BUCKLEY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT
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
CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD WINNER - TESSA TANNER, with her parents
CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD WINNER - KASSANDRA HUERTA-McDONALD with her family
COPENHAGEN INSPIRING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER – MRS. DARLENE ROWSAM
LAURA TOUSANT, AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND INTERESTED PUBLIC
PAMELA RATLIFF AND MAREN FARNEY, C.C.S. TEACHERS AND INTERESTED PUBLIC

Presentations:

Copenhagen Champion of Character Student Awards - Tessa Tanner and
Kassandra Huerta-McDonald Copenhagen Inspiring Excellence – Mrs. Darlene Rowsam
K-12 Principal Nadine O'Shaughnessy and Director of Student Services, Dale Munn

President Stackel called this regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President Stackel presented each award winner an award certificate and C.C.S. shirt created by Designs by Knight. The award winners and their families left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (January 29, 2013 and February 12, 2013).

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve Warrants and School Lunch Report, submitting all for audit.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Munn discussed their proposals for staffing and purchasing for the 2013-2014 school year.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following report:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ January Regents results proved to be a success for several students who truly needed and worked hard for a passing score on their exam.
- ✓ This year's Distance Learning students have been particularly dedicated to their classes. They have come in on snow days and delays asking if they can

Meeting called to order

Approved minutes of previous meetings

Approved Warrants and School Lunch Report

- still attend. It has been shared with them that this will be accommodated only if there is not a “no unnecessary travel” warning issued.
- ✓ Students and teachers executed another lock down with perfection. A few modifications have been made on the administration end to improve communication and reduce stress for the smaller children.
 - ✓ “Catching up with Our Kids” parent iPad night was attended by approximately fifty people. Our students presented two of the sessions in the rotation and they were remarkably prepared and poised. Door prizes were awarded.
 - ✓ The National Honor Society inductions ceremony was such a nice event again this year. Mrs. O’Shaughnessy likes the change in the induction ceremony, noting the people who really care are the ones in attendance.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ The second round of interim assessments and data chats are complete with varying degrees of appreciation from the staff. Nearly all of the last round assessments have been submitted and scheduled.
 - ✓ The final adjustments to the Master Schedule were made and the new semester started out more smoothly than we could have hoped.
 - ✓ The first round of formal observations is nearly complete.
 - ✓ Staff PLP Mid-year Reflections have been completed and most evidence recorded for their APPRs.
- Administrative support has been put in writing for a grant that JCC is seeking which would include CCS as a public school partner in implementing iPads in elementary classrooms.
- ✓ An “Administrative Update” was provided by the Network Team, and attended by Mrs. O’Shaughnessy and Mr. Munn, with regard to the timeline of RTTT implementation and availability of modules for the pK-12 Core Curriculum. The expectations are steep and the learning curve sharp, but continued efforts will be made to keep on top of the changes with upcoming training sessions being hosted by Copenhagen.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ Mar 1 - Rescheduled Valentine’s Dance
- ✓ Mar 15- St. Patrick’s Dance
 - Early Dismissal for RTTT Work Day
- ✓ Mar 21 - Mandatory Senior Trip Parent Meeting
- ✓ Mar 22 - STARS Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Festival

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following report:

- ✓ Our students with special needs are having a great time working with Ms. Amy Earle who has volunteered to teach them therapeutic dance. Ms. Earle is also working with our kindergarten classes.
- ✓ Collaboration with the BOCES staff has taken place in order to increase College and Career readiness for some of our CSE students. Three students that were failing, due in part to increased academic rigor of programs, are now receiving Resource room support at BOCES. Two students are participating in Community Job Based Training. CBT offers students an opportunity for “on the job training”. Our current students are based in work sites in Lewis County. The CBT Program is supervised by Jefferson Lewis BOCES where a job coach works with the students and employers on site. Several students have been hired by the sites after graduation.
- ✓ New York State Alternate Assessments (NYSAA) have been completed for the school year. Alternate Assessments are a part of the New York State Testing Program. It is a data folio style assessment in which students with severe cognitive disabilities demonstrate their performance toward achieving the New York State Learning Standards. Eligibility for participation is determined by the Committee on Special Education. Student performance is recorded through direct observation and documentation which may include

other information such as student work products, photographs, audio and videotapes. Special education teachers participate in training to administer the assessments and they are regionally scored.

- ✓ Several students have been referred this school year to the Child Study Team (CST). The CST meets with teachers and service providers and reviews any problems that are interfering with the student's school performance, to brainstorm solutions, and to make recommendations to meet the student's needs and to review the results of the recommendations. Frequently Academic Intervention Services in Math or Reading are recommended, referrals for a speech/ occupational /physical therapy evaluations can also be recommended, as well as psychological evaluations. When psychological evaluations are recommended students are tested after school or during vacations to avoid pulling them out of class during instructional time.
- ✓ The frequent and seemingly never-ending changes in NYS curriculum implementation have led to certain levels of unrest among faculty members. Many are attempting to implement NYS modules with integrity and finding them to be valuable. However, mid-year changes to curriculum maps and sequences of instruction, unavailability of resources and a general lack of knowledge re: format of NYS assessments tied to teacher's APPR have led many to express a feeling of being overwhelmed. Stress management and the provision of as much information as possible as well as consultation with other districts lead me to believe that we are in as good a position as anyone around.
- ✓ Master scheduling at the elementary level has begun. Attempted modifications will include a two hours of literacy blocking, an hour long math block, attempts to provide access to band lessons at different times in the day, slight modifications of lunch times and the consolidation of a first grade class. The schedule needs to be completed by the end of March in order to provide a framework for MS and HS scheduling to take place. Adjustments will be made as needed throughout the MS and HS scheduling process.

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
2/25/13	60	8	18

CSE – 1 classified, 1 out of district referral, 5 pending referrals, 1 transfer

504 – 1 classified, 1 transfer, 3 pending referrals

CPSE – 2 transfers, 2 pending referrals

Upcoming events: March 14 – Elementary Principals Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- ✓ Mr. Connell discussed copy of letter received from Congressman Bill Owens addressed to Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, with regard to Copenhagen Central School's acting as lead agency in applying for the Race to the Top District Grant competition and the fact that the grant application was not even scored because it requested lesser funding to serve its participating students than was stipulated within the RTTT's budget requirements.
- ✓ Mr. Connell will be attending a meeting with Questar on Wednesday, February 27, to find out the status of 2013 - 2014 State Aid.
- ✓ The next Wind Mill meeting is scheduled for March 4th. Negotiations are in progress with OwnEnergy offering \$8,000.00 and the taxing jurisdictions requesting \$9,200.00. Both sides are looking for compromise.
- ✓ In addition to Mr. Munn's and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy's reports of frustration from teaching staff regarding RTTT, Mr. Connell spoke to the recent article in the New York State School Boards Association "On Board" Newsletter about educators feeling "initiative fatigue" across the state.

- ✓ A representative from Marchuska Glass, Endicott, NY was here last week to measure for the new aluminum/glass security door. He said it would take one day to install and he will wait until no students are in the building to complete the work, hopefully April Break.
- ✓ A Utica National Insurance (the District's insurance carrier) representative was here last week to do the company's annual walk through; she did find two very minor issues and announced that the building is in great shape.
- ✓ Mr. Connell told the Board about a Westchester County school district, Harrison, which was 19 minutes late in submitting its APPR and as a result will lose \$46,000.00.
- ✓ The new fire alarm system has been installed in the Bus Garage and is up and working but not tied in with the main building as yet, but will be soon.
- ✓ Mrs. Cathy Snyder, Director of Student Activities and Senior Class Advisor, will present to the Board at the March 12th Board Work Session with regard to specifics on the senior trip which will take place soon. Students planning this year's prom will also present on that date with regard to plans for an off-campus prom.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve contract with Carthage Central School District for Health and Welfare services for the 2012 – 2013 school year for two (2) Copenhagen students attending non-public schools in the Carthage Central School District in the amount of \$321.60.

Approved contract for Health and Welfare services

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve contract with Watertown City School District for Health and Welfare Services for the 2012 – 2013 school year for six (6) Copenhagen students attending non-public schools in the Watertown City School District in the amount of \$1,998.00.

Approved contract for Health and Welfare services

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to accept sealed bid from Rob Cooper in the amount of \$11.00 for older speakers from Gymnasium A which were deemed "surplus equipment" as per Board action on December 19, 2012.

Accepted sealed bid for old speakers from gymnasium A which were deemed "surplus equipment"

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement, with deep regret, from Nancy C. Henry from her physical education teaching position, effective June 30th, 2013.

Accepted letter of retirement from Nancy Henry

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement, with deep regret, from Andrew Hodge from his secondary Social Studies teaching position, effective June 30th, 2013.

Accepted letter of retirement from Andrew Hodge

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert the Board voted to approve the 2013 – 2014 Tax Levy Limit Worksheet as prepared and submitted by the District Treasurer.

Approved 2013 – 2014 Tax Levy Limit Worksheet

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Maureen Scoville as substitute teacher.

Approved Maureen Scoville, substitute teacher

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

Approved recommendations from CSE and CPSE Committee

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Troy Buckley Modified Baseball Coach.

Approved Troy Buckley Modified Baseball Coach

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 1
Mr. Buckley

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kyle Clarke, District Volunteer.

Approved Kyle Clarke District Volunteer

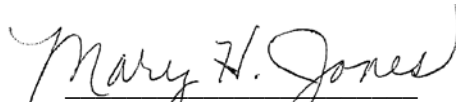
VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

DISCUSSION:

2013 – 2014 Budget - Mrs. Mundy advised the Board that most of the items discussed by Mrs. O’Shaughnessy and Mr. Munn were already included in the proposed budget. She advised the District did receive its \$50,000.00 “in kind” money. However, the reality is that in two or three years the District’s fund balance will be depleted.

President Stackel advised the Board that at the March 12 Board Work Session he would pass out the Superintendent’s Evaluation instrument for members to complete.

At 8:03 p.m. and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to adjourn.



School District Clerk