

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 29, 2013

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
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, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
MARCIA A. MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER
LAURA TOUSANT, INTERESTED PUBLIC

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

Meeting called to order

Koreen Freeman made a motion, seconded by Prudence Kunert, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 Special Official Board of Education meeting.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Principal O'Shaughnessy offered the following

Student Highlights:

- ✓ Own Energy is sponsoring a logo contest exclusively for CCS students. We will have seven winners. The grand prize winner's entry will serve as the logo for all documentation associated with the WinDenmark project.
- ✓ All public schools are receiving a free copy of the movie, *Lincoln*, from Disney. We've received ours.
- ✓ More than once over the last month, substitutes and people new to our building have commented that they are so very impressed with our students. They say that our students are polite, respectful, and simply nice kids in general. Mr. Connell noted that the local television station comes here a lot and their comments are the same with regard to our students.
- ✓ The senior trip was a success with all students arriving safely home after a rainy week in Florida.
- ✓ Our district had 100% participation on the ELA 3-8 Assessments. We are hoping for the same in math.
- ✓ Parent/grandparent luncheons are off to a great start for the year.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ Work has begun on next year's master schedule. In discussions regarding the schedule and electives, a decision was made with the music department to offer one band section (either concert band or jazz band) this year since student participation has not yet begun to recover in the high school. Music selection will be more of a jazz variety since many students seem to prefer it. Adjustments will also be made to the marching band.
- ✓ The last of the year's data chats are nearly concluded.
- ✓ All formal observations are completed for the year.

- ✓ A final round of training in OASYS has been undertaken and we are in good shape to utilize the composite scoring part of the program as we finish the APPR process.
- ✓ Regional scoring is fully planned and should run smoothly now that all participants know their own specific roles in the process.
- ✓ Post-tests have been ordered and are expected by BOCES to be administered at some point during the window May 15 – June 15.
- ✓ Spring fire drills have begun with great success.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ April 30- Spring Choral Concert
- ✓ May 2 - YAC Variety Show
- ✓ May 4 - PTO Family Bowling Night
- ✓ May 7 - Spring Band Concert
- ✓ May 8 - 4th Grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- ✓ May 9 - Elementary Invention Convention and Science Fair
- ✓ May 11- Prom
- ✓ May 15- 5th Grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- ✓ May 15- Elementary Concert
- ✓ May 16- Academic Banquet
- ✓ May 17- Senior Picnic
- ✓ May 18- Elementary Musical “Alice in Wonderland”
- ✓ May 22- 3rd Grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- ✓ May 22- NJHS Inductions
- ✓ May 27- Memorial Day Parade

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

- ✓ Scheduling for the 13 - 14 school year is well underway and we have three general education teachers participating in the scheduling process.
- ✓ Grade 3 – 8 testing in ELA and Math will have been completed by the time we meet. Elementary Staff will be participating in Regional Scoring on May 1st in other districts. Early feedback suggests that there was difficulty for students to complete tests in allotted time.
- ✓ Parent/Grandparent Luncheons have begun and continue to be well attended! Parents have been encouraged to enter through the back door by the cafeteria to decrease traffic in the school.
- ✓ Weather permitting; the Carthage Exceptional Games will take place on May 30th. This event has been a good team building activity for our students, staff and parents in the past.
- ✓ Students in UPK – Grades 5 participated in a “School Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge” program sponsored by Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County. Our elementary students collected 19,859 bags! The class with the most bags collected was Mrs. Scholler’s kindergarten class with a total of 4,898!! Students not only learned the importance of recycling but worked on their math skills. I learned to reread directions and realized that the district had the responsibility of taking care of all the bags! A special thank you to John McGraw and his daughter for taking care of them for us!
- ✓ We have 32 prekers registered for UPK next year, including six out of district residents. Kindergarten has 37 incoming students as of this date. Of those 37 students four receive services classified by the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- ✓ BOCES continues to offer the Extended School Year Program for six weeks during the summer for students with special needs offering both programs and related services. Eligible students qualify in order to maintain their developmental levels, which includes the extent to which a student would experience substantial regression. Recommendations are made by the Committee on Special Education. This year the CSE has recommended eight students for the summer program and two for related services. Because of busy summer schedules, parents sometimes choose for their child not to participate.
- ✓ Plans are underway for the Summer Learning Program. We hope to have staff hired soon and letters of participation out to parents soon as well.

- ✓ The Safety Committee met recently and is researching suggested ways to continue to provide the safest environment for our students and staff. Mr. Connell is arranging for staff development offered by the Office of Homeland Security for our beginning of the year Superintendent's days.
- ✓ Our last round of Response to Intervention Data Chats has been completed. RTI data has been used throughout the year to monitor students' progress and is shared with parents every ten weeks at report card time. Students who have consistently failed to show improvement were referred to the Committee on Special Education for evaluation. Teachers in grades K-4 have recently reviewed the Response to Intervention Plan and have made a few adjustments.
- ✓ Thus far, 45 psychological evaluations have been completed this year. These range from out of state screenings and ADHD evaluations to psycho-educational evaluations related to Asperger's and Learning Disabilities. The 4 students with highest levels of Atypicality have been assigned to School Psychologist for counseling.
- ✓ When a high needs student transfers out of district and is placed in the care of NYS from our district, our financial obligations continue until that student completes school.

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
2/25/13	60	8	18
3/25/13	62	9	19
4/29/13	62	9	19

CSE – 1 classified, 1 out of district referral pending, 4 pending referrals, 1 transfer in,

1 transfer out and 1 declassify

504 – 1 classified, 4 pending referrals

CPSE – 2 new referrals

Upcoming events:

April 30 – Spring Choral Concert

May 1 – Regional Scoring

May 7 – Spring Band Concert

May 7 – Annual Meeting

May 15- Elementary IAM concert

May 16 – Elementary Principal's Meeting

May 17 – Early Dismissal for Staff Development

May 17, 18 – Alice in Wonderland Musical

May 21 – Annual Vote

May 22 – CSE Chairpersons Meeting

May 30 – Carthage Exceptional Games

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mr. Connell delivered prom invitations to the Board Members from the Junior Class. He also distributed the proposed 2013 – 2014 school calendar which is on the agenda for approval.
- Mr. Connell said Copenhagen Central's proposed budget increases the tax levy 2.9%, noting we are on the low side compared to other schools.
- WinDenmark has decided not to fund the Summer Recreation Program. Village Mayor Kenneth Clarke contacted Mr. Connell to advise that the Windmill company may directly help fund the Summer Rec Program.
- 3 – 8 State Assessments – the District had 100% participation, however, the fight to “opt out” has not ended. There has always been some who are against standardized testing.
- There is talk of a new graduation requirement, that being that everyone will have to write a research paper prior to taking the English Regents

in 11th grade. Our students should be in great shape as they do research papers with Mrs. Griffin in 10th grade.

- Interviews will be conducted early May for the Social Studies and PE positions.
- Mr. Connell noted letter from Congressman Bill Owens with regard to Copenhagen's grant application which was not even scored.
- Mr. Connell noted he has received and completed a BOCES survey with regard to AP classes. Syracuse University is offering an associates degree before they graduate from High School.
- Mr. Connell told the Board Members about his trip to Albany with Mr. Boak seeking bullet aid which is to help Districts for which "the formula" does not work.
- Mr. Connell noted he was humbled by the remarks and comments received on his evaluation. He also noted he appreciates the work of Mr. Munn and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy as well as everyone in his office. He appreciates the fact that the Board is not "rubber stamping" his ideas but offering their input on decisions which have to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the first reading of the following 6000 Policies:

Policy 6000	Fiscal Management Goals
Policy 6110	Budget Planning
6110-R	Budget Planning Regulation
6150	Budget Transfers
6215	Senior Citizens' Exemption
6240	Investments
6240-R	Investments Regulation
6255	Gifts and Grants
6410	Authorized Signatures
6600	Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
6650	Claims Auditor
6650-E	Claims Auditor - E
6660	Independent/External Audits
6660-E	External Audit Guidance for School District Officials
6670	Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts
6670-R	Petty Cash Accounts Regulation
6680	Internal Audit Function
6685	Medicaid Compliance
6690	Audit Committee
6690-E	Audit Committee Charter
6700	Purchasing
6700-R	Purchasing - Regulation
6710	Purchasing Authority
6740	Purchasing Procedures
6740-R	Purchasing Procedures Regulation
6741	Contracting for Professional Services
6800	Payroll Procedures
6830	Expense Reimbursement
6830-R	Expense Reimbursement Regulation
6900	Disposal of District Property

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following applicants for substitute teaching:

Dylan Eddy, pending fingerprint clearance
Kristin Puccia, pending fingerprint clearance

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved first reading of 6000 Policies

Approved substitutes, Dylan Eddy and Kristin Puccia

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the Copenhagen Central School 2013 – 2014 Instructional Calendar, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

Approved 2013-2014 Instructional Calendar

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Donald Herbert and Jake Spaulding, District Volunteers for the Spring Sports season.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved District Volunteers: Donald Herbert and Jake Spaulding

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.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve request from Bethany Lee Zehr for maternity leave beginning with the 2013 – 2014 school year through Friday, October 28th, 2013.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved request from Bethany Zehr for maternity leave

On motion of Troy Buckley seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve resolution in keeping with Section 265.01 of the New York State Penal Law and the provisions of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (NYSAFE) Act of 2013, authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to grant permission to all federal, state, local police officers and other law enforcement officers to possess a firearm pursuant to their duties while in or upon any building or grounds of the district or upon a school bus of the district.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approves resolution in keeping with Section 265.01 of NYS Penal Law and provisions of the NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act

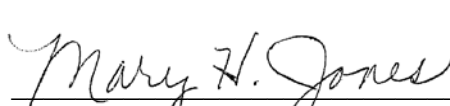
DISCUSSION:

2013 – 2014 Instructional Calendar - With regard to the 2013 – 2014 school year, Mr. Connell noted classes go into late June, 2013, therefore traditionally graduation would be on June 29, 2013. He noted other schools are scheduling their graduation a week earlier, June 22, even though there are regents scheduled June 23, 24, and 25. He asked the Board if they wanted to consider holding graduation on June 22 instead of June 29. A decision will be made at a later date.

Mr. Connell plans to do some research on students living in Deer River as Mr. Boak suggested he write a letter to Mr. Peter Turner, Carthage District Superintendent, requesting Deer River students be allowed to attend Copenhagen Central School as the Carthage is “bulging” in student population due to Fort Drum and Copenhagen’s numbers are down.

At 7:45 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0


School District Clerk