

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MAY 28, 2013

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TROY W. BUCKLEY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT
KIM R. VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

LYNN A. MURRAY
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY, K – 12 PRINCIPAL
DALE MUNN, DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS SERVICES
MARCIA MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER
CATHY SNYDER, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ADAM
WOODRUFF, CLASS OF 2014
LAURA TOUSANT, INTERESTED PUBLIC

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

Meeting called to order

Kim Vogt made a motion, seconded by Prudence Kunert, to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2013 Regular Meeting and the May 7 and 21, 2013 Annual Meeting and Vote.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, 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 Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to accept the Revised Agenda.

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Cathy Snyder, Director of Student Activities, and C.C.S. Junior Adam Woodruff presented a PowerPoint to the Board with regard to the proposed 2014 Senior Trip to Disney World in Florida. They are proposing the trip occur during JCC's spring break (March 22 – March 26, 2014) rather than the traditional Easter Week due to escalating air fares and hotel rates during Easter Week. Students going on that trip would potentially miss three days of school; however, those taking the Distance Learning courses would not miss any of those classes. Currently 20 of the 36 seniors are planning on going on the trip. The Board was concerned about students making up missed work both here and at BOCES. More research will be done to help weigh the pros and cons.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Principal O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ All students in grades 6-10 with email have been taught how to back up their important documents to the cloud.
- ✓ The new concert/art show format (chorus and band on separate nights) seems to be well received this year. The children are done much earlier and the audience is more attentive throughout each show.
- ✓ The sixth graders had their annual ATV safety presentation provided by the sheriff's department.

- ✓ The YAC Variety Show raised over \$800.00 for their local charity. Mr. Munn also contributed to their efforts by offering to have his head shaved!
- ✓ All of the student logos have been submitted to Own Energy. No word about winners yet.
- ✓ The second grade students are in the midst of their annual chick hatching collaboration with students at South Jefferson Central School.
- ✓ The annual Invention Convention/Science Fair was very informative. Students were so proud of their work.
- ✓ High School students attended a presentation the day before the prom regarding the dangers of drinking and driving.
- ✓ The elementary students did a great job on both the I.A.M. Concert as well as the *Alice in Wonderland* musical.
- ✓ The Academic Banquet was not highly attended. Changes may need to be made for future banquets.
- ✓ Parent/Grandparent luncheons have concluded for the year. Attendance was very high.
- ✓ Once the marching band slips came in, there were not enough students to participate at Sherburne. Students are still going to watch. Students will still participate in the Fireman's and Dairy Parades.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ The school Report Card and Accountability Report show that we did not make AYP in math at the middle school level for our white students. This has become quite a topic of discussion on several listservs since it seems to be a problem with white subgroups at many levels and in all content areas.
- ✓ Fire drills and lock-down drills are done for the year.
- ✓ The master schedule for 2013-2014 is complete.
- ✓ All Common Core training sessions for the year have been provided for all teachers who are affected.
- ✓ Regional scoring is being arranged for grades 4 and 8 science exams.
- ✓ Post-tests for SLOs are under way.
- ✓ Teachers are progressing through the last steps of their APPR process. Many will not be able to complete the final steps until August-September after their growth scores arrive from State Ed.
- ✓ All math and ELA teachers have been informed that we plan to use the curriculum modules provided by State Ed. next school year.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ May 31 - Grades 6-12 Activity Night
- ✓ June 1 - Sherburne Parade
- ✓ June 6 - Athletic Banquet
- ✓ June 7 - Dairy Parade
- ✓ June 8 - Fireman's Parade
- ✓ June 10 - Last Full day of Classes (9-12)
- ✓ June 11-20 - Regents Exams
- ✓ June 13 - Kindergarten Graduation
- ✓ June 14 - No school for Kindergartners
- ✓ June 17 - Middle School Awards
- ✓ June 17 - Last Day of Classes (6-8)
- ✓ June 17 - MS Semi Formal
- ✓ June 17 - Grade 8 Spanish Proficiency
- ✓ June 20 - Last 1/2 day Elementary
- ✓ June 21 - Senior Luncheon
- ✓ June 22 - Alumni Banquet
- ✓ June 23 - Senior Commencement

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following:

Our students with special needs, who have been participating in dance class with Mrs. Amy Earle, participated in a dance recital at Lowville School with their students. Parents were invited to come and watch! Following the recital students and staff went to McDonalds for lunch and then to the Lowville Fairgrounds to enjoy the playground facility. A donation was received from the Lowville Elks Club for expenses for the recital and the T-Shirts for the Carthage Games.

Kindergarten Registration was held on May 21st and 22nd. A total of 32 students attended registration and 2 more were unable to come, for a total as of this date of 34. To assist with transitions, UPK teachers walked their students through the registration process the day before registration, showing them where the rooms were and made sure they knew who the therapists/teachers were so they would be more comfortable during the registration process.

UPK numbers for the fall of 2013 are at 34. Both classes will be held in the morning. Parents have been notified who their child's teacher will be. UPK students will have a visitation day to kindergarten on June 14th. Plans are underway for UPK graduation which is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th. Parents have been notified of the change for first grade next year. They have been offered the option of calling with questions or scheduling an informational evening event for discussion. The possibilities for instruction, enrichment and academic intervention services are exciting.

We have one more day of Committee on Special Education meetings for this year. Committee on Preschool Special Education annual reviews and transition to CSE reviews are scheduled for the beginning of June. Meetings of students entering kindergarten in the fall are also attended by a kindergarten teacher and, if appropriate, the Speech Therapist and/or Occupational Therapist. It is a team effort to plan for the smoothest transition to kindergarten for the student and the parent. It is always exciting to hear success stories of students with special needs during Committee on Special Education meetings. We have had many of those meetings this year. It is our goal for students who attend programs outside the district to return them to their home school. In particular I think of a few students who have made that transition quite successfully. Our special education staff at Copenhagen and in our BOCES programs all work hard to teach our students independence and to be prepared for life after school.

The Elementary Military Kids Club supervised by Mrs. Shelmidine, will be going on a field trip to Fort Drum on June 11th. Students will have the opportunity to view large equipment (humvees, tanks, and big trucks), see a demonstration of the working dogs, visit the fire station, and have a fire safety presentation. All elementary classes will be going on one field trip per grade level.

Congratulations to Mrs. Amber Coulombe, our new Social Studies Teacher replacing Mr. Hodge who will be retiring. She appears to have been preparing for this position for quite some time. We are looking forward to having her assist in our special education department as her schedule allows. Best wishes to Mr. Hodge!

The month of June will be busy meeting with teachers and discussing end of the year reflections, student learning objectives, post assessment data and reviewing final rubrics.

Recent increases in CSE identification appear to be related to difficulties in the acquisition of decoding skills. Efforts are being made to streamline our provision of remedial services to address these difficulties.

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
4/29/13	62	9	19
5/28/13	64 (includes 1 out of district student, 1 parentally placed in another)	9	22 (includes 1 out of district student)

CSE – 4 classified, 2 declassified

504 – 1 initial referral from CSE, 3 new classified, 1 discontinued

CPSE – 2 pending referrals

Upcoming events:

May 30 – Carthage Exceptional Games

June 6 – Safety Committee Meeting

June 13 – Kindergarten Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.

June 14 – UPK Moving Up Day
June 17 – Middle School Awards Ceremony
June 17 – Middle School Formal @ 7:00 p.m.
June 19 – Last Full Day for Elementary
June 20 – UPK Graduation
June 20 – Last Day for Elementary – dismissal @ 11:30

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Connell noted the budget passed 74 – 6. He believes trust and transparency play an important role in the positive results.

Mr. Connell will attend another windmill meeting tomorrow, noting it is time to draw a line in the sand. It is looking like the District will realize approximately \$220,000.00 to \$230,000.00 in income from the windmills.

Interviews have been conducted for the High School Social Studies position as well as the P.E. position. Amber Coulombe was the successful Social Studies candidate. The second round of PE interviews will take place on the 29th and 31st with the two finalists teaching a high school and elementary lesson. The long-term elementary substitute teacher interviews will take place on June 3rd. Seven candidates will be interviewed.

A June 7th meeting is planned to discuss the fate of Marching Band.

Mr. Connell will attend the Jeff-Lewis School Boards Annual Dinner Meeting tomorrow evening to hear Regent Anthony Bottar speak.

On Thursday of this week personnel from LaFargeville and Belleville-Henderson Central School will visit us to observe our iPad Program.

Mr. Connell has a survey that Mr. Boak has asked Districts to complete with regard to feelings on consolidation. He will send it to Board Members.

Mr. Connell will meet with Peter Turner, Superintendent of Carthage Central School, to discuss the possibility of redistricting the school district lines as Carthage District is “bursting” at the seams and Copenhagen’s population is down considerably.

Mrs. Kunert and Mr. Buckley will participate in senior graduation this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, MAREN R. FARNEY, a probationary Elementary (Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6) teacher, having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated July 25, 2011 to a two-year probationary position of Elementary (Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6) teacher; that it having been shown that MAREN R. FARNEY holds New York State Permanent Certificate in Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 6 , Certificate # 1854445; and it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on June 30, 2013; the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure MAREN R. FARNEY, effective September 1, 2013.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, DALE R. MUNN, JR., a probationary School District Leader, having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated July 6, 2010, to a three-year probationary position of School District Leader effective July 12, 2010; it having been shown that DALE R. MUNN, JR., holds New York State Professional School District Leader Certificate # 756025; and it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on July 11, 2013; the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure DALE R. MUNN, JR. effective July 11, 2013.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0;

*Approved
appointments to
tenure for Maren
Farney and Dale
Munn*

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve Applications for Use of Facilities, as follows:

a) Request from Terrance W. Fleming to use the cafeteria on June 3rd, 5th, 6th between the hours of 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. and June 8th (12:00 – 1:00) for the purpose of running a NYS DEC Hunter Training Course.

b) Request from Christine Vogt, President Copenhagen Alumni Association, to use the gymnasium A on June 21 and 22, 2013 for set up on June 21, 2013 for the Alumni Banquet on June 22, 2013.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0;

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to extend current contract with Superintendent Scott Connell through June 30, 2015.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to increase Superintendent Scott Connell's 2013 – 2014 salary by 2%.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Pamela L. Ratliff and Maren R. Farney, Administrative Interns, for the 203 – 2014 school year.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the second 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

*Approved
Applications for
Use of Facilities*

*Approved
Extension of
Superintendent
Connell's
Contract*

*Approved 2%
salary increase
for Superin-
tendent Connell*

*Approved
Administrative
Internships for
Pamela Ratliff
and Maren
Farney*

*Approved the
second reading
of the following
6000 policies*

6830-R Expense Reimbursement Regulation
6900 Disposal of District Property

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following positions:

- Phyllis Gaines census taker for the 2013 – 2014 school year
- Donna Wheeler – Tax Collector
- Rachel Guyette – Sub Caller
- Brenda Shelmidine - CPSE Chairperson
- Cathy Snyder – Director of Student Activities

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve a 2% salary increase for confidential/managerial employees, in addition to census taker, tax collector, sub caller, CPSE Chairperson and Director of Student Activities for the 2013 – 2014 school year as presented by the District Treasurer.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Copenhagen Central School, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint AMBER J. COULOMBE to a 1.0 FTE three-year probationary teaching position to commence on September 1, 2013, and to expire on June 30, 2016; said appointment is in the 7 – 12 Social Studies tenure area; that AMBER J. COULOMBE holds a valid New York State Initial Certificate #1077319 permitting her to work as a 7 – 12 Social Studies teacher; and BE IT RESOLVED THAT during the 2013 – 2014 school year she will be paid \$41,110.00.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve request from Barbara Crane, school bus driver, for a leave of absence, using accumulated sick time and any donated sick time, from her job as a bus driver from September 1 to approximately December 31, 2013 due to her husband's illness and his need for a bone marrow transplant in Buffalo, NY.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to appoint Jacob Sullivan substitute bus driver, pending his meeting all NYS Education Department and DMV Department regulations.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Approved appointments for 2013 – 2014

Approved 2% salary increase for confidential/managerial employees for 2013 – 2014

Approved the appointment of Amber J. Coulombe to a 1.0 FTE K-12 Social Studies position

Approved request from Barbara Crane for leave of absence

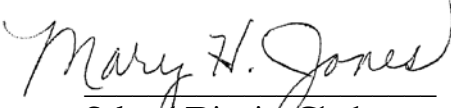
Approved appointment of Jacob Sullivan substitute bus driver

DISCUSSION:

1. Leasing iPads – Mrs. Mundy advised the Board of a meeting held with Mr. Connell, Mrs. Rowsam, Mrs. Mundy and Mr. Robert Bone, an Apple Executive. Mr. Bone presented an iPad three-year leasing plan which she described would be financially beneficial to the District. The Board concurred that the District should pursue that option.

At 7:40 p.m., and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0



School District Clerk