## COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING JUNE 24, 2013

### BOARD MEMBER TROY W. BUCKLEY, PRESIDING

# BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

KIM R. VOGT PRUDENCE L. KUNERT ALFRED E. TOMASELLI ROBERT F. STACKEL KOREEN G. FREEMAN LYNN A. MURRAY

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

SCOTT CONNELL, Superintendent DALE MUNN, Director of Student Services MARCIA A. MUNDY, District Treasurer BRENDA SHELMIDINE, MAREN FARNEY and Daughter, MRS. KIM MUNN with MADDY and LOGAN MUNN, Interested Public Copenhagen Inspiring Excellence Award Winner: DALE R. MUNN, JR.

This regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Member Troy W. Buckley at 7:04 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Board Member Buckley announced the second semester Inspiring Excellence winner, Dale R. Munn, Jr. He presented Mr. Munn with an award certificate and a Copenhagen Central jacket created by *Designs by Knight*. Mr. Munn's family, Mrs. Shelmidine, Mrs. Farney and daughter left the meeting following the presentation.

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve previous minutes, June 11, 2013 Special Official Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

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

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve Transfers (#4), as presented by the District Treasurer.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

## **ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

In her absence, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy submitted the following report: **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES: Student Highlights:** 

- ✓ All 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students completed their state science exams and wrapped up another year of 3-8 State Assessments with 100% participation.
- ✓ A panel of men from the community met with our senior boys to have an honest discussion about the expectations they will be faced with as they move on to the next phase of their lives.
- ✓ Our seniors at BOCES were honored during the ceremony held at South Lewis Central School. Four of our students earned technical endorsements in their fields of study and several students had special recognition and awards.
- ✓ Kindergarten graduation was a success. Much positive feedback was received regarding the live stream over the internet.

Meeting called to order

Approved previous minutes

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

Approved Transfers # 4

- ✓ The Middle School ceremony had a slight change this year. Rather than a staff member making the video, every student in the class contributed their own part. They created their individual videos in art class and all of the parts were put together for one show. It was very impressive.
- ✓ We will have 100% graduation rate this year as all of our seniors have successfully completed all of their coursework and final exams.
- Students have been presented with their summer reading challenge, "Stay in the Game."
- ✓ The student winners of the Own Energy logo contest were revealed at the WinDenmark open house.

## Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ The latest information about Common Core module development has been shared with staff in preparation for implementation in the fall. Additionally, plans have been made to provide training for staff the second week in September.
- ✓ Although extremely challenging, all post-tests for teacher SLOs have been completed, scored (in some cases re-scored), and applied to their APPRs. Only teachers who receive a score from the state are not yet finished.

## Upcoming events:

- ✓ July 9 First day of summer school
- ✓ July 19 Lewis County Spelling Bee

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

- ✓ Many volunteers, parents, teachers and staff members contributed to the learning opportunities of students this year and he has been happy with the product that has been put together for our children. The PTO has been a great resource; organizing fund raisers, donating money for supplies and recently suggested that they are in the process of purchasing a custom bench made by a former student, skilled in chainsaw art. A special thank you goes out to the Board of Education, who volunteers many hours to our school making sure our students have the best educational experience possible.
- ✓ June has been very busy meeting with teachers and discussing end of the year reflections, student learning objectives, post assessment data and reviewing final rubrics. Rubrics have been scored and final composite scores will be completed for grades 3-5 once the results of the state assessments are received. In general the rubrics generated considerable reflection upon the implementation of the details of our profession and helped target areas of potential growth.
- ✓ We have seven students attending the extended summer learning program for students with special needs. Students will attend programs at the ACES Building at the Bohlen Technical Center and receive related services as recommended by the CSE.
- ✓ We have 38 students enrolled in the Summer Learning Program at CCS for students in grades K-5. Both summer programs are designed to prevent regression during the summer months. This year's title is "Staying On Top of Your Game."
- ✓ The Summer Reading Challenge for the summer is "Stay in the Game" of basketball. Every minute student's read this summer, they score a point. Any student that participates will have an opportunity to participate in a "play day" in September. Nadine and I will supply any student who reads over 1,000 minutes with a basketball with their name and the number of minutes read on it. Last year 18 students read 1000 or more minutes and we totaled over 60,000 minutes as a district. We utilized Ms. Stephenson and Mrs. Scott to promote this year's challenge and hope that this will lead to another significant increase in participation.
- ✓ We are happy the Summer Recreation Program sponsored by the village will be running this year! Days of the week were coordinated between the school and village so beach days will be on days there is no summer school.
- ✓ Kindergarten and UPK graduation were both well attended and remain a special event for students and parents.

- ✓ I would like to wish the staff that is retiring, Nancy Henry, Andy Hodge and Margaret Nevills the best of health and adventures in their retirement. Thank you for your many years of service!
- ✓ We are excited for Rebecca Houppert who will be changing her role from UPK Aide to Elementary Teacher in Kindergarten next year. Miss Houppert has recently spent some time in the kindergarten classrooms observing.
- ✓ Mr. Munn thanked the staff members who nominated him for the Board of Education Inspiring Excellence Award. I may have been nominated and truly appreciate that honor, but I can say with confidence, that it is the support of others that makes me look better than I am. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by an excellent staff.
- ✓ The loss of the funding source for the STARS program is painful. The program's contributions to the academic achievement of our elementary students were considerable and it was frequently the intervention of choice in helping struggling learners overcome barriers to their success. My previous experience running an After-School program leads me to believe that the efforts and results of Mrs. Nevills and her staff were outstanding.

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	9	22
6/24/13	62	10	22
	(includes 1 out of district student, 1		(includes 1 out of district student)
	parentally placed in another)		

504 – No changes

CPSE – 2 pending referrals

# Upcoming events:

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Active Shooter Incident Awareness Information

- July 8<sup>th</sup> First Day of Extended School Year Program
- July 8<sup>th</sup> First Day of Village Summer Recreation Program

July 9<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Summer Learning Program at CCS

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- ✓ Superintendent Connell noted this year's regents scores were impressive and an improvement from last year.
- ✓ Mr. Connell has heard from Senator Joe Griffo who advised the District will receive an additional \$25,000 in bullet aid.
- ✓ The Alumni Banquet was well attended as was the UPK graduation. Mr. Connell noted next year's UPK graduation will be held in a larger room.
- ✓ High School graduation went very well.
- ✓ OWN Energy's Open House saw approximately 75+ attendees. Two days prior we received word that OWN Energy has asked to make an amendment to the PILOT agreement. They want to change the date the escalator starts. It looks like there will be more negotiations.
- ✓ The District is looking at purchasing new athletic uniforms for various sports, hoping to get back into rotation. New uniforms have not been purchased since 2008.
- ✓ Student numbers are not sufficient at this point to field a J.V. Boys Soccer team.
- ✓ APPR negotiations are going well. Another meeting has been scheduled for July 8.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, 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

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve resolution noting the Copenhagen Central School Purchasing Agent will be responsible for the assignment of fund balance as it relates to encumbrances at June 30<sup>th</sup>.

> VOTE: YES – 4; NO - 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve resolution noting the Copenhagen Central School Board of Education will be responsible for the assignment of fund balance as it relates to appropriated fund balance at June 30<sup>th</sup>.

> VOTE: YES - 4;NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board approved resolution noting that the Copenhagen Central School Board of Education will conform to the rules and regulations of GASB 54.

> VOTE: YES - 4;NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to appoint the following club/advisor staff for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Class of 2014 Sara Gleason/Angela Schermerhorn 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Class of 2015 Charity Smykla/Nicole Lee 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Class of 2016 Cathy Snyder/Ginnie Hovendon

- 9th Grade, Class of 2017 Cynthia Graves/Bethany Zehr
- 8th Grade, Class 0f 2018 Michelle Castor
- $7^{th}$  Grade, Class of 2019 Miranda Bush
- Bi-County Band/Area All State Megan Cross
- Bi-County Chorus/Area All State/NYSSMA Sara Gleason
- Bowling Club Karen Reed
- Director of Musicals Sara Gleason .
- Director of Student Activities Catherine M. Snyder
- Elementary Military Kids Club Brenda Shelmidine
- George S. O'Brien Chapter, National Honor Society Anita Jones
- Junior National Honor Society Nicole Lee
- Majorettes Sara Gleason
- Marching Band Director Megan Cross
- Middle-High School Military Kids Club (Grades 6-12) Brigitte Gillette
- Riparian Lori Griffin
- SADD Mandy Bush/ Cathy Snyder
- Ski Club Nikki Lee
- Spanish Club Donna Zehr
- Student Council Michael Thomson
- Whiz Quiz John Cain
- YAC Brigitte Gillette
- Elementary Play Cynthia Graves .
- Buddy Program – Amber Coulombe

VOTE:

#### YES - 4;NO - 0

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

Approved resolution noting the Purchasing Agent will be responsible for the assignment of fund balance as it relates to encumbrances at June 30th

Approved resolution noting the Board will be responsible for the assignment of fund balance as it relates to appropriated fund balance at June *30<sup>th</sup>*.

Approved resolution noting the Board will conform to the rules and regulations of GASB 54

Approved appointment of club/advisor staff for 2013 - 2014

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following coaching staff for the 2013 - 2014 fall sports season:

- Varsity Girls Soccer Katherine Stackel
- Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Natalie Scott
- Varsity Boys Soccer Scott Randall
- Junior Varsity Boys Soccer -
- Modified Girls Soccer Cathy Snyder
- Modified Boys Soccer Gerald Snyder
- Varsity Tennis Juli Hebert/ Hiedi Hebert

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to appoint the following summer 2013 staff:

(a) Summer School teaching staff: Rebecca Scholler, Rebecca Houppert, Pamela Ratliff and Maren Farney.

(b) Summer cleaning staff: Cheryl Groff and Nancy Overton

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following substitute staff:

(a) Nancy Henry, Margaret Nevills, Andrew Hodge and Christine Miles as substitute teachers for the 2013 – 2014 school year.
(b) Dawn St. Louis – substitute teacher aide/assistant

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Robert Cooper as substitute bus driver, pending his meeting all NYS Education Department and Department of Motor Vehicle requirements.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve transportation request for Michael Fojas, 3029 Mechanic Street, age 6 years, to Augustinian Academy, Carthage, for the 2013 – 2014 school year as the family is new to the District and there is an existing route.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the third and final reading of the following 6000 policies:

Policy 6000	Fiscal Management Goals
Policy 6110	Budget Planning
6110-R	<b>Budget Planning Regulation</b>
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

Approved appointment of the coaching staff for the 2013 – 2014 fall sports season

Approved appointment of the 2013 summer staff

Approved the appointment of substitutes

Approved appointment of Robert Cooper as substitute bus driver

Approved parochial transportation request for Michael Fojas

Approved third and final reading of the 6000 policies

6650	Claims Auditor
6650-Е	Claims Auditor - E
6660	Independent/External Audits
6660-Е	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 -4; NO -0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve request from the following individuals to carry over vacation days from the 2012 - 2013 school year:

Terry Brown - five (5) Craig S. Tousant - five (5) Nadine M. O'Shaughnessy - five (5) Ronald Trainham (5) Dale Clarke (6) Scott Alexander (2)

VOTE:

YES -4; NO -0;

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

(a) Request from Logan Spaulding, Davis & Sons Summer Soccer Captain, to use the lower varsity soccer field on Wednesdays/Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(b) Request from OWN Energy to use Gym A. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Community Night.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approved the 2013 - 2014 School Lunch Fund budget proposal as presented by the District Treasurer.

VOTE: YES - 4; NO - 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the following resolution was offered and approved:

RESOLUTION, DATED JUNE 24, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$135,000.00, 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 ONE (1) 44-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS AND ONE (1) 7-PASSENGER VAN; Approved requests to carry over vacation days

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

Approved 2013 – 2014 School Lunch Fund Budget proposal

Approved issuance of Serial Bonds for the purchase of a school bus and a 7-passenger van 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 21, 2013, approved a proposition which authorized the purchase of one (1) 44-passenger school bus and one (1) 7-passenger van at a maximum estimated cost of \$135,000.00, 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 one (1) 44-passenger school bus and one (1) 7-passenger van,

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

Section a. The purchase of one (1) 44-passenger school bus and one (1) 7-passenger van, at a maximum estimated cost of \$135,000.00, 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 \$135,000.00, 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.

<u>Section e.</u> 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.

<u>Section f.</u> 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

#### DISCUSSION:

2014 Senior Trip – Mr. Connell advised the cost to the District for 2 substitute teachers for three days would be approximately \$480.00. He noted there are five seniors who attend BOCES and attendance is part of their grade. In response, the Board requested that contact be made with the parents of the BOCES students to determine if they would support the proposed plan for the senior trip and their child's absence from BOCES during that time.

At 7:25 p.m. and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 4; NO - 0N School District Clerk