

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2015

VICE PRESIDENT LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY
KEITH LEE
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
ROBERT F. STACKEL
KOREEN G. FREEMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL
PAMELA L. RATLIFF, ASSISTANT K-12 PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DISTRICT TREASURER AND DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
JOHN CAIN, C.C.S. HISTORY TEACHER
BRANDON BUCKLEY, CONNOR EDDY, INTERESTED PUBLIC AND C.C.S. PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS

Vice President Lynn A. Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

Troy Buckley made a motion, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, to approve minutes of the August 24, 2015 regular meeting.

Approved minutes of the August 24th meeting

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Approved the Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- Belleville-Henderson and Copenhagen agreed to share three agriculture courses for students who were interested in them as well as in FFA. This was arranged and the connections were made. However, the students have since lost interest or moved on and we are currently only sharing one course.
- Orientations and Open House were amazing. Attendance was great. Spirits were high.
- A plan has been made for our newest ELL student. At first many discussions led to an agreement and he was enrolled at Watertown High School, but that didn't work out. Now we have struck an agreement with Sackets Harbor Central School to share and ESOL teacher through BOCES. Our student is shadowing another student for two days before beginning his own schedule.
- All student iPads have been deployed in grades 5-12.

Administrative Highlights:

- Angela Schermerhorn recently earned funding through *DonorsChoose.org*. She posted a classroom project called, "Printing Possibilities" and received three shipments of supplies for the 3D printer she and her students earned last year through yet another funding source. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy presented each Board Member with a key chain, a product of the 3D

printer; she also gave the Vice President a gavel and a tape dispenser, both products of the 3D printer

- The digital Technology Plan has been submitted to the MORIC for approval and feedback. Comments and suggestions were received. Edits will be made and it will be submitted to NYSED in the next few days.
- The first Staff days of school were among the best we've had in a few years. Many positive comments were heard and feedback was also complimentary.
- Attending school prior to Labor Day proved to be a good idea. Students and teachers worked through both letter day schedules and school resumed as normal after the four day weekend just as if we'd been in school for a week.
- Fire drills for the fall are completed.
- Teachers' PDPs and SLOs are gradually being submitted.
- Informal observations have started.
- Content meetings are being used for ELA and Math data. Writing curriculum meetings are also being scheduled.

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 2 - Manufacturing Day Field Trip
- Oct. 5-9 - Pink Week
- Oct. 9 - Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 9 - Evacuation Drill
- Oct. 13 - Student Council Blood Drive
- Oct. 14 - Choral Coffeehouse Concert
- Oct. 16 - PTO Fall Festival
- Oct. 21 - Picture Re-take Day
- Oct. 21 - Family STEM Night—Chemistry Colors our World

ASSISTANT K – 12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ratliff offered the following:

- Mrs. Ratliff echoed Mrs. O'Shaughnessy's observations of the positive culture in the building. She said to date there had been six discipline referrals in the building, noting they were skipped lunch detentions for non-completion of homework. Superintendent's Day kicked off a positive start to a new school year! Team building activities, a positive message from Mrs. O'Shaughnessy and game-based mandated trainings were held. Kindergarten and UPK Orientations were well attended by parents and grandparents, where the nurse, cafeteria manager and special area teachers shared information pertinent to new students.
- Great things are happening with elementary counseling. Parents have been invited to attend two events; Coffee with the Counselor; and Solve the Kid Mystery (Parenting with confidence training). Work continues on the PK-12 Comprehensive Counseling Plan as well.
- Response to Intervention (RTI) Universal Screenings have been completed and support is being provided to those who qualify.
- The Summer Reading Challenge "Fit Body, Fit Mind" was a success! 26 students read 1,000 minutes or more, and a total of fifty-six students participated.
- The STARS Program started on September 14th. Mrs. SueAnn Carroll and Miss Emily Olley are our educators for this year working with thirty-two students in grades K-5. We are happy to be able to offer this after school program to our students!
- AIS Services are scheduled consistent with NYS adjusted cut scores. Implementing AIS services to all students below proficiency standards was not feasible. Despite being included on the Open House flyer, and an announcement that the meeting was about to start, the AIS informational meeting held at Open House was attended by no one. However, some brochures were distributed throughout the evening.
- The PTO has scheduled their activities for the school year. Recruitment took place at Pre-K and Kindergarten orientations and again at Open House. Their first meeting of the school year was held on Sept. 3rd.
- Informal Observations have begun and should be completed by the end of this week (Oct. 2nd.)
- We were not successful in securing funding for an expanded day UPK. Mr. Connell has requested a debriefing letter from NYSED.
- Data from the NYS Math tests has been analyzed with grades 3-12 teachers and an informal action plan was discussed. ELA test data analysis will be completed in October.
- Several teachers are meeting on a bi-weekly basis to discuss the book *Seven Simple Secrets; What the Best Teachers Know and Do*. This professional learning community is being funded through the Jeff-Lewis Teacher Center.
- I was invited to share our Standards Based Report Card experience in Albany with BOCES from around the state. Commissioner Elia spoke at the event as well.
- First Safety Committee meeting of the year was held on Sept. 24th. There will be a Lewis County Sheriff's presence at our evacuation drill.

Upcoming events:

October 5th-9th Pink Week
October 8th - Solve the Kid Mystery (parenting class begins)
October 9th Evacuation Drill

October 9th Grades 6-12 Homecoming Dance
 October 14th Choral Coffeehouse Concert
 October 17th PTO Community Book Club
 October 18th Fall Festival - PTO
 October 21st Chemistry Colors our World

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Munn offered the following:

CSE numbers are typically reduced from May to September every year due to graduation. This was not the case this year. Our classification rate is now 16% of our total student population of 462. Currently two sections of Special Education ELA classes are being taught by our Reading teacher.

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
5/26/15	66	12	19
6/22/15	72	11	17
7/27/15	68	11	19
8/24/15	75	5	19
9/28/15	74	5	18

CSE – 1 transfer; 504 – 1 transfer

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Connell noted the positive climate in the building. He reported consolidation of bus runs is complete. Today the ELL student experienced his first day flying solo after shadowing another student. Tomorrow the District will connect via Distance Learning with the ELL teacher whom we share with Sackets. Mr. Connell reported he attended a Town of Champion Planning Board Meeting with regard to the windmills. He is of the opinion that the windmills will still happen, however, there have been bumps along the way. The District was not awarded the UPK and DoDea grants. Laura Payne Bourcy has gone back to the drawing board; she will pursue an “after school” grant on behalf of the District. Negotiations with the CTA and the waiver are continuing.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following substitutes:

- Wendy McCormick – substitute teacher
- Sarah Spencer – substitute teacher
- Andrea Vickers – substitute teacher
- Amanda Jackson – substitute teacher, substitute teacher aide/asst.
- Morgan Varnum – substitute teacher aide/assistant
- Kelly Truax – substitute teacher
- Hope Doolittle – substitute teacher aide/assistant/substitute cafeteria, pending fingerprint clearance

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of Austen LaBarge, substitute teacher. Gabrielle Thompson and Lynn Murray abstained; Troy Buckley moved, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli to table the motion.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved appointment of substitutes

Tabled motion to reappoint Austen LaBarge

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Shelva Frizzell, Drill Team Advisor.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Shelva Frizzell, Drill Team Advisor

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Dora Dorchester, Bowling Club Advisor.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Dora Dorchester, Bowling Club Advisor

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Michelle Castor, Common Ground Advisor.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Michelle Castor, Common Ground Advisor

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Professional Development Plan Statement Certification, Part1 – Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved Professional Development Plan Statement of Certification, Part 1 – Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education

On motion of Keith Lee, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Application for Use of Facilities submitted by Patricia Jolliff for use of Room 211 on Wednesday, September 2nd at 4:25 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. for the Black River Valley Swim Officials Organization meeting.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved Application for Use of Facilities

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee the Board voted to award bid for the 2003 2500 HD 4 x 4 Dodge Ram pick-up truck with plow to the top bidder, Gary Carter, in the amount of \$4,708.72.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Awarded bid for 2003 2500 HD 4 x 4 Dodge Ram pick-up truck

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to correct tax roll, Town of Pinckney Parcels #138.99-01-21-100 and #139.00-01-24-200, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved corrected tax roll, Town of Pinckney Parcels

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Connell distributed handouts to each Board Member which focused on the inequities of foundation aid. He discussed the upcoming 2016 – 2017 budget deliberations and the need to start discussions earlier in order to be prepared to do what we have to do to continue to offer the best education possible for our students.

At 7:12 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Mary H. Jones

School District Clerk