

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING & REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD
MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY LYNN A. MURRAY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
KEITH LEE
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:
SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, Principal
PAMELA RATLIFF, Assistant Principal
DALE MUNN, Director of Student Services/District Treasurer
ROBIN SPAULDING, Clerk in the Business Office
THOMAS BOWIE, CPA, BOWERS & COMPANY, CPAs PLLC
LAURA TOUSANT, Audit Committee Member
KRISHA GREENE, NHS Advisor, with NHS Members
JOHN CAIN, CTA President and High School History Teacher
DOUGLAS J. HEBERT, Interested Public
ASHLEY BLANCHETTE, Interested Public
STUDENTS: Mackenzie Wheeler, Mia Denicola, Jordan Young, Laura Graves, Nicole Tanner, Brandon Buckley, Emma Roberts, Isaac Widrick, Christie Thomas, Sydney Greene, Claire Stackel, Christy Thomas

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

At 6:00 p.m. and prior to the Board Meeting, Mr. Thomas Bowie of Bowers & Company CPAs PLLC reviewed the results of his company's external audit for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Mrs. Spaulding and Mr. Bowie left the Audit Committee Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

School Board Recognition Week – October 26 – October 30, 2015

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Board Members were presented with NYS School Board Member Lapel Pins. They also received auto windshield snow and ice scrapers, a token of appreciation, from the Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association; the CTA presented each Board Member with a flashlight, noting "education is the movement from darkness to light". Mrs. Greene presented the Board with delicious homemade apple dumplings and ice cream which they made in appreciation for the hard work of the Board Members. The NHS members left the meeting following their presentation.

Following the Audit Committee meeting, President Robert Stackel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Audit Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order

*Approved minutes of the
previous meeting,
9/28/2015*

*Approved Treasurer's
Report, Warrants and
School Lunch Report*

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

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:45 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Executive Session

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 6:49 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

Returned from Executive Session

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. Nadine O’Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- Our partnership with BOCES and Sackets Harbor Central School to provide ESOL support for our ELLs started out a little confusing, but is now running like clockwork. Both the RBERN and Migrant Tutor Program have been here to check on our progress and were happy with what they found.
- Tenth graders took their ACT ASPIRE test online for the second year in a row. The administrative preparation for the test is worth the ease with which the students are able to take it.
- The summer reading challenge party was great fun for all students who participated.
- Starting this month, schools are now required to provide hands-only CPR instruction to high school students. Mr. Randall will incorporate that into his PE classes.
- Pink Week was a huge success. Participation in events was enthusiastic.
- The Student Council Blood Drive met the goal the group set.

Administrative Highlights:

- Another plan that is now mandated for schools to create is a “P-12 Counseling Plan” which also requires a P-12 Counseling Advisory Council. Our guidance counselors are keeping us compliant.
- All BEDS data has been collected. Verification will occur over the next couple of weeks for submission by deadline.
- The evacuation drill, by all accounts and feedback so far, was one of the smoothest we’ve had. From lockdown in school to busses pulling out from the upper garage, the entire process took just over thirty minutes.
- Grades 3-12 teachers have looked at local and regional state assessment data to determine areas of concern in terms of how CCS students performed compared to their same age peers. Trends were identified and will be considered in preparation for this year’s exams.
- The first round of informal observations has been completed and formal observations have begun.
- The state mandated “Former ELL” plan has been completed and submitted.
- Thank you to the Board for budgeting our presenter for our staff development half day, Willow Sweeney, was amazing and just what the doctor ordered.
- Mrs. O’Shaughnessy thanked the Board for its support of administration and allowing them to do their jobs.

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 28 - Leadership Day
- Oct. 28 - BOCES Open House
- Oct. 30 - Grades 6-12 Halloween Dance

- Nov. 5- Family Literacy Night
- Nov. 6-7- Elementary Musical, “The Little Mermaid”
- Nov. 11- Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 13- Billy Martin Circus
- Nov. 19- Workforce 2020
- Nov. 20- Grades 6-12 Activity Night

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. Pamela Ratliff offered the following:

- ✓ Mrs. Ratliff extended a special thank you to the Board of Education during School Boards Recognition Month. She thanked the Board for their dedication to our school and community, noting they should be proud of the work you have done and the good things that are happening:
- ✓ The Mighty Milers Program has begun in the elementary once again this year. Students are excited to participate for a second year.
- ✓ Elementary technology updates... iPad implementation has begun in 5th grade, Chromebooks have been distributed to 3rd and 4th grades, and primary grades are utilizing iPads in small groups and centers. Third grade teachers shared their experiences with the Chromebooks with Sackets’ teachers during a teleconference. The details for a similar sharing experience with Beaver River are in the works.
- ✓ The first round of informal observations has been completed, and formal observations have begun. Observations will focus primarily on English Language Arts and in the area of Math.
- ✓ The PTO has had a busy month. A Scavenger Hunt on the playground and the Fall Festival were very successful, and a fundraiser selling Copenhagen Knights charm bracelets is just winding down.
- ✓ *Chemistry Colors our World* Family STEM Night was a great success. A special thank you to Mr. Cooper and his chemistry students for making chemistry fun for our younger students!
- ✓ Revisions have been made to the Standards Based Report Cards allowing teachers to “grade” effort.
- ✓ The Safety Committee met. Plans were finalized for the Evacuation Drill, and some additional supplies for the nurse were discussed. Since we no longer have a representative from the Copenhagen Fire Dept on the committee, a letter inviting members to join the committee was sent. Feedback from this year’s Evacuation Drill will be shared at the next meeting
- ✓ Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Gillette presented the Comprehensive Counseling Plan to the Advisory Committee at the end of last month. The advisory committee is made up of parents, teachers, and administration.
- ✓ Mr. Cooper provided a brief training in the Heimlich maneuver to cafeteria monitors.
- ✓ Kudos to Miss Hall for a great job with the Coffeehouse Concert!

Upcoming events:

October 30th	Halloween Parade/Dance
November 5 th	Family Literacy Night
November 5 th	PTO meeting
November 6 th and 7 th	Elementary Musical – The Littlest Mermaid
November 10 th	Coffee with the Counselor
November 12 th	Elementary Principals’ Meeting
November 13 th	Report Cards Go Home
November 13 th	Billy Martin Circus
November 20 th	Grade 6-12 Activity Night
November 23 rd and 24 th	Parent Conferences

REPORT, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

For the past few years, a state approved preschool agency screens all of our UPK students in the areas of speech/language and fine motor skills.

Of the thirty-one students screened, seven were recommended for referrals to the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
7/27/15	68	11	19
8/24/15	75	5	19
9/28/15	74	5	18
10/26/15	76	5	18

CSE – 2 transfers in
 1 initial referral
 CPSE – 6 new referrals

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Connell again thanked the Board for what they do for kids and for him. He noted the following:

- The District’s APPR Waiver has been submitted and approved. It was submitted at 10:30 to SED and we received approval by 12:30 on the same day.
- The Regional Efficiency Plan (health care savings) has been approved.
- The District BEDS information has been submitted to SED.
- The Technology has been approved; next is the investment plan.
- Mr. Connell will be applying for a waiver so that we do not need an independent evaluator.
- We will have a young lady trying out for Varsity Wrestling; she will have to go through the Mix Competition Committee. She has been wrestling for a long time and does a good job.

OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to remove from the table motion to reappoint Austen LaBarge substitute teacher.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Removed from the table motion to reappoint Austen LaBarge substitute teacher

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of Austen LaBarge, substitute teacher.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Reappointed Austen LaBarge substitute teacher

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the following winter coaching staff for the 2015– 2016 season:

- Girls Varsity Basketball – Natalie Scott
- Girls Junior Varsity Basketball – Charity Smykla
- Girls Modified Basketball – Molly Curtis
- Boys Varsity Basketball – Scott Randall
- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball – Logan Spaulding
- Boys Modified Basketball – Logan Spaulding
- Varsity Cheerleading – Jennifer Spaulding
- Varsity Wrestling – Neil Freeman
- Modified Wrestling – Gerald Snyder

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; Mrs. Freeman - abstained

Appointed winter Coaching staff for 15 - 16

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Dale R. Munn, Jr., as District Volunteer assistant wrestling coach.

Approved Dale Munn, Jr., as District Volunteer assist wrestling coach

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of Andrew Gingerich as District Volunteer for fitness room supervision.

Approved reappointment of Andrew Gingerich, District Volunteer, for fitness room supervision

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

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

Approved appointment of substitutes

- a. Alicia Deveau – substitute teacher
- b. Jessica E. Roggie – substitute teacher
- c. Erica Pronovost – substitute teacher
- d. Ashley Blanchette – substitute teacher
- e. Donna Zehr – substitute teacher

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, 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 the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the acceptance of the 2014 – 2015 school year Audit Report of Mr. Thomas Bowie, District External Auditor of Bowers & Company, CPAs PLLC.

Accepted the 2014 – 2015 school year Audit Report of Mr. Thomas Bowie, District External Auditor of Bowers & Company, CPAs

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve request from Kay Moser, cafeteria employee, for unpaid leave, January 4 through January 8, 2016.

Approved request from Kay Moser, cafeteria employee, for unpaid leave

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Connell advised the Board there is interest in planting a memorial tree in memory of Dave Petrus at the bus garage. In light of our severe winters and the havoc it wreaks on trees, Mr. Lee suggested using inscribed “pavers” instead. Mr. Connell noted because of research there is a large movement to make school starting times later for 9 – 12 students, noting it would not be a huge problem for us if that were to happen. 10th period could happen at the beginning of the day instead of the end of the day and school could run from 8:30 to 3:20. Mrs. Hovendon would like to use her art room to teach classes for the North Country Art Council. Mr. Connell discussed the tax cap impact, Civil Service and replacing John McGraw when he retires and the APP test for a wrestler.

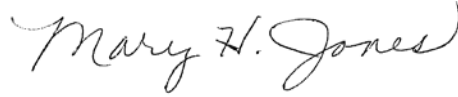
Troy Buckley moved to accept letter of retirement from bus driver, Douglas Hebert, effective Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Keith Lee seconded the motion.

Accepted letter of retirement from bus driver, Douglas Hebert

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0



School District Clerk