

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2015

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TROY BUCKLEY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
LYNN A. MURRAY
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
ALFRED TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
KEITH LEE

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
AND DISTRICT TREASURER
PAMELA RATLIFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
JOEY NORTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTH COUNTRY
FAMILY HEALTH CENTER and NICOLE QUINTIN, RDH,
CLINICAL LEAD – SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL PROGRAM

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

Meeting called to order

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (*Regular Meeting, October 26, 2015*).

Approved previous minutes

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 the School Lunch Report.

Approved Treasurer's Reports, Warrants, School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joey Norton, Executive Director, North Country Family Health Center and Nicole Quintin, Dental Hygienist from that center, discussed at length the Mobile Dental Program which the center is offering to the district. After a question and answer session, the two ladies left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Principal O'Shaughnessy who was absent from the meeting due to her attendance at NYSCATE, submitted the following report:

Student Highlights:

- Student leaders in grades 11-12 attended the annual Leadership Day at JCC. They are currently working on their presentations for the underclassmen.
- The weather was perfect for the annual Halloween Parade to be outside this year. It was a beautiful day for a walk and a party.
- Family Literacy Night was a great success. Families enjoyed a supper of a variety of five different soups as part of the harvest celebration theme.
- The elementary performance of the musical, *The Little Mermaid*, was completely entertaining and a joy to witness.
- The entire school body gathered to give our girls soccer team a proper send-off and they went into the final weekend of play. Their winning the state championship is such an accomplishment to be proud of!
- The circus came to town and the children who attended had a wonderful time.

- The middle school students completed their “Make a Change” project and used the money they collected to plan a budget, execute the shopping trip, and set up a special meal for a group of veterans who are confined to the nursing home.
- The seniors attended the annual Workforce 2020. They handled themselves professionally and respectfully.

Administrative Highlights:

- Formal observations are well under way. First round will be done before the Holiday vacation.
- There is a waiver available for small rural schools with ELL students who number less than 5% of the total population to be exempt from the requirement that 15% of all PD hours be about ELL/Cultural Diversity matters. We are applying, which will impact the agendas for our half days in January and March.
- Mrs. Reed came back to make sure the Veterans Hall of Valor is back on display.
- Planning has begun in preparation of the spring field tests which will be computer-based.
- Attendance procedures have been adjusted in response to a mix-up that happened with a senior BOCES student.
- Copenhagen was represented at the annual PLTW Stem Conference in Binghamton.

Upcoming events:

- Nov 20 - Grades 6-12 Activity Night
- Nov 23-24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dec 1-18 - Student Council Canned Food Drive
- Dec 2 - Band Concert
- Dec 11 - PTO Evening with Santa
- Dec 16 - Chorus Concert
- Dec 16 - Senior Citizen Luncheon

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Mrs. Ratliff offered the following:

- ✓ Congratulations to Mrs. Rowsam for her recent award at NYSCATE! We know she is awesome and for her to be recognized as such before all of NYS is a huge honor!
- ✓ A recent study from Education Week reviewed a large variety of published math curricula. The ONLY program reviewed that is fully aligned with Common Core Learning standards is Eureka Math, the NYS Math Modules!
- ✓ Elementary students needing additional support in math are utilizing the expertise of Mrs. Snyder during ASP.
- ✓ The second round of RTI Data chats has been concluded. We were pleased with the number of students who had progressed and were able to be discontinued.
- ✓ Plans for monthly “Family” nights are in progress. *Chemistry Colors our World Night* was held in October, *Warm Up With a Good Book* was held in November, and *Code with Your Kids Night* will be held in December. Upcoming events in the works include a math night, a night with a digital safety focus and another literacy night. Mrs. Ratliff expressed her frustration and asked for ideas on how to encourage attendance at these events of students whose parents can’t or won’t bring them in. The Board responded with suggestions, i.e. personal calls home, encourage a family member to bring a friend, etc., serve food.
- ✓ Professional development opportunities attended this month include: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: Restorative Relationships with Students who Display Challenging Behavior (two teachers with students who display challenging behavior and one classroom aide also attended) and VADIR and DASA Protocols and Data Review. The common message everywhere we turn this year is the importance of building relationships with kids!
- ✓ Interim assessment data is beginning to come in, and our first round of data chats for the year is nearly ready to begin. Formal observations continue.
- ✓ Kudos to Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Mulvaney, and their talented cast and crew for their recent production of *Disney’s Little Mermaid*. Both performances were well attended and everyone involved did an amazing job!

- ✓ 4th graders were provided a distance learning opportunity to interact with the Seneca-Iroquois Museum earlier this month. Students were able to hear first hand from a Seneca woman about life in a longhouse and were able to view the interior of an actual longhouse. It was rewarding for them to have their learning validated.
- ✓ Parent conferences are in progress! One of the elementary team’s goals this year is to improve parent communication and several teachers have mentioned how conferences are easier and more productive having already established a relationship with parents.
- ✓ Mrs. Greene has begun a Battle of the Books Club. Four students from 5th grade were invited to join in this fierce trivia challenge!

Upcoming events:

- November 25 - November 27 – Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- December 1 – Student Council Food Drive Begins
- December 1 – Buster the Bus
- December 2 - Winter Band Concert
- December 3 - PTO Meeting
- December 4 – 2nd Grade Trip to *The Nutcracker*
- December 9 – Code with Your Kids Night
- December 11 - Evening with Santa (snow date December 18th)
- December 16 - Senior Citizens and Board of Education join CCS for Turkey Dinner
BOE Meeting to follow
Winter Choral Concert
- December 18 - Grades 4-6 Chorus performs at Senior Citizen’s Center
- December 19 – PTO Family Movie Night and Pajama Party
- December 24 - January 4 -Christmas Break

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following:

- Mr. Munn noted he has had preliminary discussions with the Northern Federal Credit Union regarding having a student run branch in the building. Student led branches have been gaining some popularity and there are approximately 50 in NYS. The Branch would be open based on student intern’s interest and availability and provide learning opportunities for interns and the entire student body. NFCU is willing to proceed with SDMC and BOE support. Local costs would be limited to additional staff time for advisor.

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
7/27/15	68 (includes 1 out of district student and 1 parentally placed in another)	11	19 (includes 1 out of district student)
9/28/15	74 (includes 1 out of district student and 1 parentally placed in another)	5	18 (includes 1 out of district student)
10/26/15	76 (includes 1 out of district student and 1 parentally placed in another)	5	18 (includes 1 out of district student)
11/23/15	78 (includes 1 out of district student and 1 parentally placed in another)	8	17 (includes 1 out of district student)

CSE – 2 transfer in

CPSE – 3 new classified, 4 pending referrals

504 – 1 discontinued

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Mr. Connell discussed the issue with regard to a “lost” high school student who was eventually located the next morning. Measures have been taken to make arrangements with BOCES who will now take attendance two times a day in addition to our AM and pm

BOCES buses. Conversations were also held with the Children's Home of Jefferson requesting they give us notice when a student is upset.

- The Veterans luncheon which was held last week was absolutely awesome. Our students were incredibly engaged, interested and kind during their interactions with the veterans and we received an e-mail from a nurse at the nursing home saying the veterans enjoyed immensely their visit to our school and the children who hosted them. It was really cool.
- The Varsity Girls Soccer team won the state championship. Accolades are coming in from all directions, Assemblyman Blakenbush, Senator Joe Griffo, Lewis County Legislator Craig Brennan, a bank is purchasing rings for the players, Victory Promotions is making them shirts and there will be a dinner at Ives Hill Country Club.
- Mr. Connell recently spoke with James Damon, the wind farm representative. Mr. Damon indicated they have too much money invested to walk away from the project at this point. He said they have other options, although he did not elaborate.
- The State Audit is on the horizon for Copenhagen Central.
- From the Governor's office, rumor has it that test scores will no be longer tied to the APPR. Time will tell.
- We are in the process of applying for an extended-day grant with the help of Cornell Cooperative Extension. If approved the \$350,000.00 grant will be shared with LaFargeville Central School District. 6 educators will be employed and it will include 75 students in Grades UPK – 5 on Mondays thru Fridays.
- Mr. Connell noted later this evening the Board will vote on combining our wrestling program with Beaver River's wrestling program.
- The district just received a letter from the DEC, a violation notice, indicating that pipes that take fuel from the outside tank to the bus garage to operate a heater are not properly designed/constructed to protect from corrosion. We have 60 days to fix it or pay a \$3,750.00 per day fine. John McGraw is talking to Bach & Company about repair.
- The Board thought the Mobile Dental Program would be a good fit for our students. There is an application process and hopefully the program could start next spring.
- The Jeff-Lewis School Boards Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for December 4th at Case Middle School. Please let Mary Jones know if you wish to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to appoint the following District Volunteers for the winter sports season:

- a) Cierra Dicob
- b) Tamie Muncy
- c) Troy Buckley
- d) Victor Montalvo
- e) Darcy Simmons

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 Mr. Buckley

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kyle Clarke, substitute teacher, pending fingerprint clearance.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

*Approved
District
Volunteers for
the winter
sports season*

*Approved
appointment of
Kyle Clarke,
substitute
teacher*

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve 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 Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve declaring various and certain musical instruments excess equipment which will be traded for three refurbished trumpets and a flute.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following Applications for Use of Facilities:

- (a) Request from Matthew Petrie, President PeeWee Wrestling Club, to use the cafeteria on January 6, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for PeeWee Wrestling sign-ups;
- (b) Request from Matthew Petrie, President PeeWee Wrestling Club, to use the cafeteria and wrestling room from January 11th through April 30th, 2016 on Tuesdays – 3:30 – 6:30, Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30, and Thursdays from 3:30 – 6:30 for wrestling practice.
- (c) Request from Matthew Petrie, President PeeWee Wrestling Club, to use the cafeteria on March 3, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the PeeWee Wrestling Club Spaghetti Dinner, a fund raiser.
- (d) Request from Matthew Petrie, President PeeWee Wrestling Club, to use Gym A and the cafeteria on March 24, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the PeeWee Wrestling Club Wrestling Play night, a fund raiser.
- (e) Request from Heidi Petrie, Chairperson, Copenhagen Fire Department Auxiliary, to use the Cafeteria and Gym B on December 5th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Auxiliary's Holiday Expo and Craft Fair. The proceeds will be used for the Copenhagen Food Pantry.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to accept Proposal for External Auditing Services received from Bowers & Company, CPAs, PLLC for the years ending in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve combining Copenhagen Central's Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling teams and Beaver River Central's wrestling teams for the 2015 – 2016 Wrestling season.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; Abstain – 1 – Mrs. Freeman

DISCUSSION:

- With regard combining wrestling teams, Copenhagen Central and Beaver River Central have agreed to share expenses. Superintendent Connell indicated he talked privately with many of our wrestlers and all were in favor of the merger.
- Mr. Connell noted that due to a recent bus driver retirement, he will fill the position with substitutes for the rest of the year. Substitutes will be rotated.

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

Approved declaring certain musical instruments excess equipment which will be traded for refurbished instruments

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

Accepted Proposal for External Auditing Services received from Bowers & Company, CPAs, PLLC

Approved resolution combining Copenhagen and Beaver River Wrestling teams for the 15-16 season

At 8:10 p.m. and on motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel discussions.

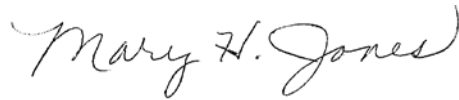
VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 8:40 p.m. and on motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 8:40 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