

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2015

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
KOREEN G. FREEMAN TROY W. BUCKLEY
KEITH LEE
LYNN A. MURRAY
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON in at 2:15 p.m.
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:
SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL,
PAMELA RATLIFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES &
DISTRICT TREASURER
SYDNEY GREENE, LAURA GRAVES AND EMMA ROBERTS,
Effective Participation in Government students

President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting of the Board Education to order at 1:55 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (*Monday, November 23, 2015 regular meeting*).

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve Treasurer's Report, Warrants, and School Lunch Report, as presented.

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

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve Budget Transfers #1, as presented by the District Treasurer.

Approved Budget Transfers #1

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Administrators' Reports: Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- Middle school students have all been provided the annual Anti-Bullying Roadshow. Eighth graders are completing their acts of kindness throughout the month of December.
- Mrs. Greene has assembled a small group of students to participate in the North County Library System's *Battle of the Books*. They have decided to call themselves the "Reading Royalties."
- Students at all grade levels have participated in activities inspired by "Hour of Code." From simple coding in the elementary to a Google Hangout with a computer programmer in Washington, DC (a Copenhagen graduate), all students had the opportunity to explore STEM possibilities. The family night activity was a huge success with attendance far greater than expected.
- An all school assembly was held for the girls soccer team. Representatives from local and state legislatures were present to praise them for their hard

work, team play and achievements. They were also a featured float in the Hometown Christmas Parade.

- The annual Christmas Band Concert was quite entertaining. The premier performance by the fourth graders with fifth graders narrating was particularly cute.
- The annual Financial Aid Night was especially helpful this year with presenters from two organizations, JCC and CCE.
- PTO's Evening with Santa was its usual successful holiday tradition with attendance through the roof.

Administrative Highlights:

- Six people attended the NYSCATE conference. Darlene Rowsam was recognized as the Outstanding New York State Education Technology Leader.
- The December lock-down drill included a school-wide screening by the Lewis County canine units. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy noted that the sweep was swift, with classes resuming within 17 minutes.
- Data chats for the first interim are well under way.
- All first round classroom observations will be completed by our Holiday Vacation.
- Planning has begun and will continue for this year's mandatory Computer Based Testing on the math and ELA portions of the NYSAA as well as elementary field tests in the spring.

Upcoming events:

- Dec 23 - Student Leadership Training
- Dec 23 - Jan 3- Holiday Vacation
- Jan 6 - Booster Club Meeting
- Jan 8 - Grades 6-12 Dance & Activity Night
- Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Day

Mrs. Ratliff offered the following:

- At Copenhagen School, we are doing our part by giving our students the opportunity to explore the world of computer science and computer programming by participating in the Hour of Code. Students in grades K-12 participated in classroom coding activities throughout the week of Dec. 7th, and the evening family event, *Coding with Our Kids*, was a huge hit with over 120 students and parents attending! She noted she followed Mrs. Thompson's suggestions for family participation which included suggesting families bring a friend, the event was promoted in the classroom and food was served!
- The second round of Universal Screenings in reading has just been completed. Response to Intervention (RTI) Data Chats will be done this week.
- Our first round of Data Chats in other areas is in progress. One addition to this year's agenda is discussion revolving around the use of feedback to students and ways in which classroom observation may be helpful.
- PTO's Evening with Santa was well attended and everyone big and small seemed to enjoy themselves. The smiles on children's faces as they secretly purchased gifts and had them wrapped were priceless.
- On December 18th, Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Spooner will take their 5th grade classes to Fort Drum to present "Christmas in the Trenches", a readers' theater that tells the story of the 1914 Christmas Truce between the British and German lines on the Western Front during the Great War from the perspective of a fictional British soldier.

Upcoming events:

December 17 Grades 4-6 Chorus performs at the Senior Citizen's Center

UPK students visit to GLD Tree Farm

December 18 Kindergarten students visit Simmons's Tree Farm

5th Grade Field Trip to Fort Drum

December 22 HS Chorus performs at Salmon Run Mall

December 23 Elementary Sing-Along

December 24- January 3 Christmas Break

January 7 PTO Meeting

January 8 Grades 6-12 Activity Night
 January 14 Safety Committee Meeting
 January 18 Martin Luther King Day

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

- Our School Attorney states that a student run credit union would not pose problems associated with solicitation. There are over fifty different branches currently in NYS, including one that just opened in South Lewis. It has been recommended by principal of one of the longest running branches in NYS to consider a bank with many customers to increase the number of transactions and make it a better learning experience for students. Liability would be minimal due to security procedures, training and transaction limits. Mr. Munn inquired as to whether the Board was interested in him pursuing the student-run credit union.
- IRS 1095C reports have been completed. This new reporting requirement is related to the Affordable Healthcare Act. After discussions with various vendors, we determined that it was in our best interests to do locally.
- NYSSBO recently completed a survey regarding the potential impact on schools of a \$15.00 minimum wage. A review of our data suggests that it would cost a minimum of \$75,000 to maintain our current level of staffing. A potential side effect could be workforce instability as skilled employees making at or near \$15.00/hr seek out employment in less difficult fields.

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
12/17/14	67	7	17
9/28/15	74	5	18
10/26/15	76	5	18
11/23/15	78	8	17
12/16/15	77	11	18

CSE – 3 pending CSE referrals
 - 1 Declassification
 CPSE – 3 new classified
 504 -1 discontinued
 - 1 new 504 from CSE
 - 1 classified

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Connell advised the Board that he attended a “Super WI Fi meeting at BOCES at which time he learned the initiative is moving forward. The program will be piloted in our District, at first, with school-owned devices. He noted there are still a lot of unanswered questions; the BOCES staff will be meeting with DANC and the vendor to iron out the unanswered questions.

Mr. Connell said the wrestling merger is moving along nicely, noting a letter went home outlining the specifics of the merger. He said the students get along well as do the coaches.

The Hour of Code night went well.

There has been a restructuring of the people involved in the RISE grant. Lisa Winkler who has a great vision of the grant will be the new director but she will also continue to teach. Mrs. Rowsam will do the web site work and Mrs. Gillette will be the “boots on the ground”, the local point person. This will be a better model.

We have one quote, \$17,000.00, with regard to the new very short fuel line at the bus garage. John McGraw is getting two more quotes. Mr. Connell is reporting these efforts to EPA and as long as we are working on getting the issue resolved, they will not fine us.

The Common Core Task force has determined the state’s original process to adopt the Common Core Standards failed to include meaningful input by educators

and was not done in a sufficiently open and transparent manner. They also noted the tests do not properly account for students with disabilities. There are more points which can be found on the engageny website. No Child Left Behind has been replaced by the ESSA Act (The Every Student Succeeds Act).

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following staff:

Approved substitute staff

- (a) Kristina M. Panowicz– Substitute Teacher
- (b) Taylor Haenlin, – Substitute Teacher, pending fingerprint clearance

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education and the Committee on Special Education.

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

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Keith Lee, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve Contract for Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (four students) attending non-public school in the Beaver River School District for 2015 – 2016.

Approved Contract for Health and Welfare Services w/ Beaver River Central School

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

- (a) Request from Jennifer Spaulding, C.C.S. Athletic Booster Club, to use the cafeteria on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an organizational meeting.
- (b) Request from Jennifer Spaulding, C.C.S Athletic Booster Club, to use the cafeteria on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for Booster Club monthly meetings.

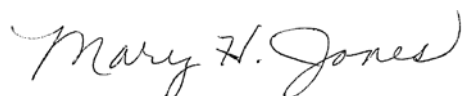
VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Connell discussed the tax cap issue and how best to explain it to tax payers. Mr. Murray suggested simplifying the message, noting a lot of school districts are in the same position. Mr. Connell also discussed the head lice issue, a video social studies classes are watching and the luncheon which was given to veterans who were nursing home residents.

At 3:03 p.m. and on motion o Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0



School District Clerk