

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
OFFICIAL SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 14, 2016

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
LYNN A. MURRAY
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
KEITH LEE

OTHERS PRESENT:
Scott Connell, Superintendent
Darlene Rowsam, C.C.S. Technology Coordinator

President Robert Stackel called this special official meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was said.

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

*Accepted Revised
Agenda*

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Darlene Rowsam presented to the Board with regard to the District's Technology budget for 2016 - 2017. She touched on technology highlights, budget breakdown, conferences and professional development, staffing, funding, infrastructure upgrades, security upgrades, 1:1 sustainability, Mohawk Networks serving the underserved and unserved and her technology vision for the future. Mrs. Rowsam left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board of Education voted to approve the following resolution: Regarding the proposed replacement of a fuel line in the bus garage at the direction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Approved replacement
of a fuel line in the bus
garage at the direction
of the New York State
DEC*

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its regulations with respect to the proposed replacement of a petroleum fuel line located in the bus garage which contacts the ground as directed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Proposed Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the Proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project involves the removal, disposal, and replacement of an old petroleum fuel supply line that run on and in the ground into the bus garage with a newer corrosion resistant fuel line as designed and engineered by the District's contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project represents no substantial changes to an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), and/or the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project will not have a significant or adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.4.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to 8 N.Y.C.R.R. §155.9, the Board hereby determines that it is the "lead agency" with respect to the Proposed Project.

Section 2. The Board hereby determines that the Proposed Project is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5 and is not subject to further review under SEQRA.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve resolution as follows: Regarding formation of a Copenhagen Central School District Trap Shooting Team,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has advised the Board of Education that he has received community and student requests to form a school trapshooting team, which will enable its members to compete against other schools with trapshooting teams/teams; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting is an exciting and challenging sport with several million participants which is growing in popularity throughout the United States and New York; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting has gained international recognition; and

WHEREAS, trap shooting is one of the recognized Olympic shooting sports, introduced to the Olympics program in 1900; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting has been a sport in America since 1831; and

WHEREAS, interest in the sport of trapshooting has grown to the point that New York has now formed a New York State High School Clay Target League (“NYSHSTL”) to facilitate and promote students’ participation in the sport of trapshooting; and

WHEREAS, the Amateur Trapshooting Association (“ATA”), the primary governing body of American trapshooting and the NYSHSTL both award scholarships to college-bound trap shooters based on academics, integrity, and marksmanship; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting is a coeducational sport capable of being participated in by students with disabilities, therefore making it compliant with Title IX and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the goal of forming a trapshooting team would be to provide instruction and promote firearm safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among the participants, and to enable students of both genders and those with disabilities to engage in competition against their peers across both New York State and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a trap shooting team would be compliant with the New York Safe Act and the Federal Gun Free Schools Act, in that at no time would firearms or ammunition be brought onto the Copenhagen Central School District campus as a result of the formation of a trapshooting team, or one of the District’s students becoming a member of such a team; and

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Central School District has been advised that per the rules of the NYSHSTL, the formation of a trapshooting team can be achieved at no cost to the District, and that team members and coaches would be covered under insurance provided by the NYSHSTL, also at no cost to the District and all insurance policies shall name the Copenhagen Central School District as additionally insured and all forms shall reflect that; and

WHEREAS, the Board being fully apprised of the process to form a school trapshooting team under the NYSHSTL, and being desirous of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Copenhagen Central School District Board as follows:

Section 1. The formation of a school trapshooting team pursuant to the rules of the New York State High School Trapshooting League is hereby approved, and the use of the school’s name in forming and identifying said team is likewise hereby approved.

Approved resolution regarding formation of a C.C.S. District Trap Shooting Team

Section 2. The members of any such team shall be subject to the Copenhagen Central School District's Code of Conduct and any other policy or procedure applicable to student participation in extracurricular activities.

Section 3. It shall be emphasized to any student seeking to join the trapshooting team and/or any student who becomes a member of the trapshooting team, as well as in any policies or procedures adopted as a result of the formation of the District's trapshooting team that students are to be fully compliant with the New York Safe Act and the Gun Free Schools Act, i.e., that at no time are firearms or ammunition to be brought on the Copenhagen Central School District campus.

Section 4. The Superintendent and/or their designee are authorized to execute any documents necessary to form a school trapshooting team under the NYSHSTL.

Section 5. The Superintendent and/or their designee shall have the authority to seek sponsors in support of the formation of a school trapshooting team, subject to the limits on commercial speech in schools as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to appoint Troy Buckley as advisor for the newly formed Trap Shooting Club.

VOTE: YES – 4; NO – 0; Abstain – 1;
Mr. Buckley

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve request of Miranda L. Bush, Special Education Teacher, as per the Family Medical Leave Act, for a six week maternity leave beginning on or about May 10, 2016 through the end of this school year, with the exception of grading 4 math Regents exams, tentatively scheduled for the afternoons of June 1st and 16th and either a full day on June 18th or half day the 17th and have day the 18th.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve request from Rebecca Mulvaney, Kindergarten Teacher, as per the Family Medical Leave Act, for a two week maternity leave beginning on or about June 8, 2016 through the end of the school year, June 23, 2016.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve recommendations as presented by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to declare the District's old voting machine, which is now unlawful to use, excess equipment.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Approved Troy Buckley as advisor for the newly form Trap Shooting Club

Approved request from Miranda Bush for maternity leave

Approved request from Rebecca Mulvaney for maternity leave

Approved CSE/CPSE recommendations

Declared old voting machine excess equipment

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Krista Schmidt substitute teacher.

Approved appointment of substitute Krista Schmidt

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve the proposed 2016 – 2017 Instructional Calendar as presented.

Approved proposed 2016 – 2017 Instructional Calendar

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Approved Applications for use of Facilities

- Request from Jennifer Spaulding, Cheer Team Coach, for use of Faculty Room, Locker Room, Gyms A & B, Cafeteria, Wrestling Room, Hall of Champions, Gym Sound System and Photocopier on October 21 and 22 for Copenhagen Spooktacular Cheer Fest.
- Request from Jennifer Spaulding, Cheer Team Coach, for use of Faculty Room, Locker Room, Gyms A & B, Cafeteria, Wrestling Room, Hall of Champions, Gym Sound System and Photocopier on October 25, 2016 between the hours of 2:45 and 9:00 p.m. for the Fall Frontier League Cheer Competition.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman the Board voted to approve resolution modifying the 2015 – 2016 C.C.S. instructional calendar, as follows:

Approved modifications to the 2015 – 2016 instructional calendar

- to excuse the attendance of students and all staff on Monday, March 28, 2016, a snow day give back day.
- April 22, 2016 will be a full day for students instead of a Superintendent’s Conference Day.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Employees’ Health Insurance Buy Out – Declination and Waiver of Health Insurance coverage for 2016 – 2017 school year.

Approved Employees’ Health Insurance Buy Out – Declination and Waiver of Health Insurance for 2016-2017 school year

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Connell displayed a “thank you” note from Dorothy Nicol. He discussed the Assembly’s and Senate’s proposals to the Governor for the 2016-2017 education budget. Mr. Connell reported he met with New York State Commissioner of Education while at the New York State Council of School Superintendents’ Winter Institute in Albany. He noted she seems very interested in listening to the stakeholders when making decisions. There are 12 players on the softball team and 14 on the baseball team. The Music Department’s *Sound of Music* production was absolutely great. For budgeting purposes, administrative salaries for 16-17 were discussed. A wrestling club within the community has been formed.

At 8:00 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

Mary H. Jones

School District Clerk