

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2016

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL
PAMELA L. RATLIFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES &
DISTRICT TREASURER

President 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 Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (*February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting and March 14, 2016 Special Official Meeting*).

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

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

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants, School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following report:

Student Highlights:

- The sophomores participated in Mad City Money. All feedback has been positive both from the students and from the adults. This should be on a yearly basis.
- RISE is also providing funding for a Portable Planetarium for the middle and high school students. This is similar to the Star Lab the Mrs. Carlson does for the elementary.
- A small crowd assembled for the Military Family Night. There was food, competitions and prizes. Everyone who attended had fun.
- All paperwork has been completed for us to offer Engineer Your World to high school students next year. Mr. Wilson will receive training in June. All expenses are covered by the RISE grant.
- Two students, Ryan Ferrell and Erica Culver, were bronze medal winners at Skills USA.
- AP tests have been ordered for all eligible students. The tests are administered in May.

- If you went to the musical, you know it was very entertaining and the students had a great time performing.
- Again this year, a wonderful guest speaker presented at the NHS Recognition Night. All of our students were in attendance and represented CCS proudly.

Administrative Highlights:

- Mrs. Smykla and Mrs. Graves were selected by the VFW as teachers of the year based on the way they include patriotism in their teaching.
- Mr. Connell was awarded Administrator of the Year by the School Library System.
- The last interim assessments are wrapping up and data is pouring in. Data chats will begin next week.
- The PDP Committee has planned and made all arrangements for the half Standards Day.
- All second round formal observations are complete. Within the next few weeks all second round informals will also be done.
- Long term subs have been selected for all three maternity leaves.
- The middle school schedule for next year has been completed.
- 3-8 tests have arrived and scheduling is nearing completion.
- Meetings, observations and conversations have begun in our attempt to bring a student run branch of the Credit Union to CCS.

Upcoming events:

- Apr 1 - Grades 6-12 Dance/Activity Night
- Apr 5 - Mandatory Senior Trip Meeting
- Apr 5-7 - Grades 3-8 ELA Exams
- Apr 6 - Family Literacy Night
- Apr 8 - PTO Mother/Son Dance
- Apr 13 - Grade 2 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- Apr 13-15 - Grades 3-8 Math Exams
- Apr 15 - PTO Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Apr 20 - Grade 3 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- Apr 20 - Student Council Blood Drive
- Apr 25-29 - Spring Recess

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ratliff offered the following report:

- The District's Application for a Dental Clinic was approved by the State.
- An informational meeting with the GST BOCES and representatives from grades K-2 were held on March 24th. The focus was on FOSS (Full Option Science System) and whether or not it is a good fit for our school. It is an exciting new program.
- Grades 3 – 8 State Assessments will be administered over the next few weeks. The testing accommodations schedule is always challenging as we find staff to cover everyone's needs, but has been made easier with the untimed tests.
- The Elementary schedule is in draft form for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Parent Conferences for UPK students will be held on April 15th. There will be no Pre-K that day. To date, 24 in-district applications have been submitted for next year's UPK program.
- Formal Observations have been completed for the year. Tenured teachers are formally observed once each school year, and non-tenured teachers are formally observed twice.
- Grade level Tech Talks are taking place as a way to check in with grade level teams regarding technology integration in the classroom and progress towards Technology Integration Curriculum Scaffold alignment.
- Kudos to Miss Hall, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Rarick for another entertaining I.A.M concert!
- Several staff members recently attended a workshop hosted by the Oswego Autism Task Force on The Hidden Curriculum, and Tantrums, Rages, and Meltdowns. Hopefully this will help us to be better equipped when dealing with students with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).
- The CCS STARS after school program was awarded \$750 from the Stewart's Holiday Match Program.

- Parent/Grandparent Luncheons begin on March 30th and continue throughout the month of April and into May. The schedule is posted on our website and Facebook, and grade level letters will be sent as their scheduled dates approach.

Upcoming events:

April 5th – Little League Sign ups
 April 5th-7th – Grades 3-8 ELA Tests
 April 6th – Family Literacy Night
 April 7th – PTO Meeting
 April 8th – PTO Mother/Son Dance
 April 13th -15th – Grades 3-8 Math Tests
 April 15th – PTO Father/Daughter Dance
 April 20th – Red Cross Blood Drive

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following report:

Alternative Assessments changed significantly this year, requiring several days of training and scoring for staff and time for students in each of their core classes. We only had two required to take the test. Each child’s parent exercised their right to not have their child test.

NYS testing changes allowing for unlimited time for students to complete exams has slowed down referrals to CSE and 504 committees.

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
1/25/16	81	11	18
2/22/16	82	12	20
3/28/16	81	14	20
3/28/16	1 new transfer in 1 transfer out 1 declassified	2 new classification 2 pending referrals	

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Connell noted today’s agenda includes a revision of the 2016-2017 instructional calendar which reflects initial superintendent’s conference days to be on Wednesday and Thursday, August 31 and September 1, instead of Thursday and Friday, September 1 and 2. 82% of this year’s graduating class has plans to attend college. District personnel (Mr. Connell, Mr. Munn, Mrs. O’Shaughnessy, Mrs. Jolliff, and Mrs. Spaulding) traveled to South Lewis School District to view their in-district, student-run banking operations. A credit union employee oversees the project. Our District’s plan is to place a student-run, in-school bank near the Faculty Room/Cafeteria for more exposure. Another planning meeting has been scheduled. The APPR Committee met last week; there is a tentative agreement. Laura Payne-Bourcy will soon submit the DoDEA grant on behalf of the District. She is optimistic that we will be successful. Mr. Connell advised the TV 7 news caster who did the story on the “Tax Cap” did an excellent job. He did his homework and was well prepared. Mrs. O’Shaughnessy, Mr.

Connell and Mrs. Greene attended the Jeff-Lewis School Boards Senior National Honor Society Recognition Ceremony. Our students presented themselves in a mature way. The CTE Program at BOCES will start next school year. It is “hands on” education with students working together to solve problems. Parent/Grandparent Luncheons will start on March 30th. The New York State mandated fire inspection of the District’s facilities will occur on April 1st. Staff is working on transitioning CSE and CPSE out of the District Office and to Mrs. Ratliff. Mr. Munn has accomplished much over the past two years with his varied duties. Action will be taken tonight to create a Civil Service “custodial” position.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve appointment of Annual Budget Election (May 17, 2016) Meeting Chairperson and Poll Workers

Approved appointment of Annual Budget Election Meeting Chairperson and Poll Workers

Meeting Chairperson: Margaret Nevills
Poll Workers: Staff from the Lewis County Board of Elections

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to accept the letter of retirement from John McGraw, with deep regret, from his Senior Custodian position effective July 29, 2016.

Accepted letter of retirement from John McGraw

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to create a new Civil Service position entitled “Custodian”.

Approved creation of new Civil Service position entitled “Custodian”

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Application for Use of Facilities submitted by Paul Eppolito requesting use of the gym on Sundays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. starting March 6, 2016 through June 24, 2016 by the Jeff-Lewis State Farm Basketball team for basketball practice.

Approved Application for Use of Facilities

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve revised 2016 – 2017 Instructional Calendar, as presented.

Approved revised 2016-2017 instructional calendar

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve Resolution allowing the District to participate with Cooperative Bid Procedures, as follows:

Approved resolution allowing District to participate in Cooperative Bidding Procedures

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS and the MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES (the “BOCES”) during the 2016-2017 school year to bid

jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the “Commodities”); and

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Central School District (“the School District”) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures (“the Procedures”) governing its right and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dale Munn, District Treasurer and Business Manager, distributed copies of the District’s proposed 2016 – 2017 budget noting the Board will hold a special meeting on April 11 in order to adopt the budget. He discussed the budget at length, talking about increases and decreases of particular line items, noting there is not much fluff.

Superintendent Connell discussed Dr. Shambo’s proposal; he will do some research requested by the Board.

At 7:45 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel issue.

*Approved motion
to go into
Executive Session*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

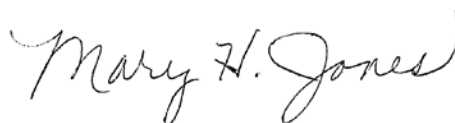
At 8:24 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

*Approved motion
to come out of
Executive Session*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

At 8:25 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0



School District Clerk