

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 2016

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K – 12 PRINCIPAL
PAMELA L. RATLFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

Meeting called to order

Troy Buckley made a motion, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting as well as the April 11, 2016 Special Official meeting.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

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

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Transfers #4 as presented by the District Treasurer.

Approved Budget Transfers #4

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, K-12 Principal, offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- Marching band will have a new look this year. As is the case with athletics, fewer students have signed up. They are going to try and drumline this year.
- The ASPIRE club advisors have requested and been granted the option to take over the section of NYS Route 12 that is Copenhagen Central School's Adopt a Highway.
- The portable planetarium, funded by the RISE grant, was here for grades 6-12.
- 3-8 ELA and Math testing is complete. The changes in unlimited time and fewer questions were incorporated with more ease than expected.
- Parent/grandparent luncheons have begun. It's nice to see the pride in students as they guide their important adults through the cafeteria.

- Planning meetings continue in our efforts to bring a branch of the credit union to CCS.
- Seniors have all had their mandatory parent meeting and are ready for their senior trip.
- Both elementary and middle school have had the opportunity to enjoy musical/plays provided by BOCES.
- Student Council's spring Red Cross blood drive was even more successful than the fall drive.

Administrative Highlights:

- Planning has begun for field testing which will be delivered via computer/device. CCS was selected for grade 7 ELA. Field testing provides an opportunity for the District (staff implementing and students being tested) to practice on a test that doesn't count.
- Charity Smykla and Cynthia Graves were honored at a luncheon at the Lewis County VFW as Teachers of the Year.
- Work has begun on the 2016-2017 master schedule.
- NYSESLAT administration and scoring is currently being scheduled.
- Work continues on the K-12 writing curriculum. The last meeting provided the opportunity for teachers at each grade level to discuss what topics/skills students would need to be successful in the next grade level, and then to discuss how to make sure students would have those skills.
- Data chats for the final interim are nearly complete.
- Regent Hankinson visited CCS for a morning and was treated to a tour of the building with several classroom visits.
- The requirement for spring fire drills has been fulfilled.

Upcoming events:

- May 4 - Grade 4 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- May 5 - Cinco De Mayo Culture Festival
- May 11 - Grade 5 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- May 11 - Spring Band Concert
- May 13 - Academic Awards Ceremony
- May 14 - Prom
- May 17-18 - Kindergarten Registration
- May 18 - Grade 1 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- May 18 - Spring Chorus Concert
- May 19 - Grades 8-9 Career Jam
- May 19 - NJHS Inductions

Mrs. Ratliff, Assistant Principal, offered the following:

- Plans are in the works for an elementary "News Board", a student led project to be displayed near the current Student Support Center.
- Grades 3 – 8 State Assessments were administered successfully. Accommodations were scheduled and successfully administered to over 40 students.
- Parent/Grandparent luncheons have been a huge success. Nearly every student has had a parent or grandparent join them for lunch, and those who do not have been welcomed by another student and his/her family or has been joined by a staff member who matters to that student.
- The Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Counseling Plan met and reviewed the services provided by the elementary counselor this year and suggestions for next year. It is hoped the District will be awarded a DoDEA grant which will focus on the social/emotional needs of the students.
- The North Country Family Health Dental Clinic will be coming to CCS for the 2016-2017 school year. Classroom presentations are scheduled for May 19th to promote awareness and for students K-5 to become familiar with the faces they will be seeing.
- The last round of individual classroom Data Chats for this year are nearly finished. Response to Intervention Data Chats for grades K-3 will take place this Friday.
- Finishing touches are being done to the Knight Armour DoDEA grant which if awarded will provide social emotional support for students grades K-8.

- There are currently 30 UPK students registered for the upcoming school year. 26 of these students are in district, while 4 are out of district. There are currently 27 students on the list for Kindergarten registration.
- Shifts in job duties next year will require retraining for some of our support staff. This training has begun in the areas of CSE and RTI.

Upcoming events:

May 4th - 4th grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
 May 5th – Cinco de Mayo Culture Festival
 May 11th – Spring Band Concert
 May 11th – 5th Grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
 May 18th – 1st Grade Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
 - Spring Choral Concert
 May 19th - Junior Honor Society Inductions
 May 20th – Elementary Career Fair Grades 3-5

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

CSE Annual review meetings are winding down with just a few meetings left. Meetings were moved up this year to better prepare for scheduling for next year. Mrs. Shelmidine and I will be working together to do CPSE to CSE Transition Meetings on May 19th. The CPSE reviews preschooler’s progress and determines eligibility for summer services and if a referral to the CSE is warranted the CSE then convenes. Mandated members at the CPSE to CSE transition meetings are a Kindergarten teacher, CPSE/CSE Chairpersons and service providers. Also invited and attend are school age therapists, UPK teachers and county representatives. Of our current 14 preschoolers, 9 will transition to kindergarten in the fall.

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
12/17/14	67	7	17
9/28/15	74	5	8
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
4/25/16	81	14	20
4/25/16	1 declassified end of June 2 pending referrals	2 pending referrals	1 declassified end of June

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Connell noted the DoDEA Grant must be submitted by May 3rd. He will be talking with Laura Payne Bourcy tomorrow regarding final details. He received a survey from the U.S. Department of Education which was primarily asking questions about the social/emotional issues of students. The 2016 - 2017 budget document has been mailed. *Watertown Times* reporter Steve Virkler interviewed Mr. Connell with regard to the proposed 16 - 17 budget. Fire drills are complete. Rules are changing with regard to the required number of fire drills/lockdown drills. We are already in compliance. Mr. Connell attended a Distance Education/Connected Learning meeting. Coming soon from BOCES will be Virtual Rooms (Blue Room/Green Room, etc.) Administrators will collaborate and share content and information. Copenhagen shares computer science and applied science with Clifton Fine Central School. Dale Clarke is currently working with New York State DOT with regard to installation of the new signs announcing the Varsity Girls Soccer team’s state championships. This year’s Varsity Girls Soccer

team is headed to Albany on May 3rd to be recognized by the state legislature. After talking with the kindergarten teachers, Mr. Connell is proposing the last day for elementary students this year will be Tuesday, June 21. Wednesday and Thursday will be superintendent's conference days.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board approved resolution to modify the 2015 – 2016 CCS instructional calendar to excuse the attendance and all staff on Friday, May 27, 2016, for an extended Memorial Day weekend, provided there are no school closures before then.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Modified 2015 – 16 instructional calendar

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the following parochial transportation requests for the 2016 – 2017 school year:

- *Jacob Piers – Faith Fellowship Christian School*
- *Nathaniel Piers – Faith Fellowship Christian School*
- *Samuel Tomaselli – Faith Fellowship Christian School*
- *Maria Widrick – River Valley Mennonite School*
- *Kelvin Widrick – River Valley Mennonite School*
- *Crystal Widrick - River Valley Mennonite School*
- *Angela Widrick - River Valley Mennonite School*

Approved parochial transportation requests for the 16-17 school year

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0; Abstain – 1; Mr. Tomaselli

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

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved permanent appointment of Dale Clarke to the position of Custodian effective 8/1/2016;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the permanent appointment of Dale Clarke to the position of Custodian effective August 1, 2016. This appointment will include a 52 week probationary period.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

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

- a) Submitted by Rebecca Hall, organizer of the Race for Chase benefit run, for use of the gym foyer and restrooms on Saturday, September 17, 2016 for the Foley Family Benefit.
- b) Submitted by Christine Vogt, President, CCS Alumni Association, for use of the teachers' lounge on April 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for association meeting to plan banquet.
- c) Submitted by Christine Vogt, President, CCS Alumni Association, for use of facilities on June 24 for set up and June 25 for the annual Alumni Banquet.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Accepted letter of retirement from Gerald Carter effective June 30, 2016

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement from Gerald Carter, with deep regret, from his bus driving position at CCS, effective June 30, 2016.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement from Mary H. Jones, with deep regret, from her position as Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk, effective July 30, 2016.

Accepted letter of retirement from Mary Jones effective July 30, 2016

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to accept donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Maria Fazio Wilson for the Library.

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VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the creation of Civil Service position entitled: School Bus Driver/Cleaner.

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VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley; seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to approve the creation of Civil Service position entitled: Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools.

Approved creation of Civil Service position entitled: Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve temporary appointment, pending State Civil Service Commission public hearing, of Brenda Shelmidine as Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk effective August 1, 2016.

Approved temporary appointment, pending State Civil Service Commission public hearing, of Brenda Shelmidine as Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

At 7:03 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter.

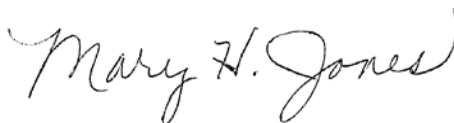
VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

At 8:13 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

At 8:16 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0



School District Clerk