

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2016

VICE-PRESIDENT LYNN A. MURRAY, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TROY W. BUCKLEY
GABRIELLE M. THOMPSON
KEITH LEE
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI
KOREEN G. FREEMAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ROBERT F. STACKEL, in at 6:38

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY, PRINCIPAL
PAMELA L. RATLIFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DALE MUNN, DISTRICT TREASURER AND DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
GERALD CARTER, C.C.S. BUS DRIVER
C.C.S. SENIORS: CASSIE MONO, ISAAC WIDRICK, ALEXIS LaBARGE and CHRISTIE THOMAS w/Class Advisors, CATHY SNYDER AND VIRGINIA HOVENDON.

This regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Lynn Murray at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting called to order

Troy Buckley made a motion, seconded by Koreen Freeman, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular meeting.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 6; 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, submitting all for audit.

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Budget Transfers #5 as presented by the District Treasurer.

Approved Budget Transfers #5

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

With the help of a digital presentation, seniors Lexie LaBarge and Christie Thomas reported to the Board of Education their senior trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Snyder said they received many compliments on the well-behaved students they were chaperoning.

President Robert Stackel entered the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Hovendon and Christie Thomas left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Gerald Carter thanked the Board for his last 21 years of driving bus. He advised he truly enjoyed driving students to the BOCES program at the Howard G. Sackett Center. He also shared his concern that C.C.S. students have to depart BOCES 10 minutes early every day in order to arrive back at Copenhagen Central at bus departure time. Superintendent Connell noted the Board of Education values the varied

BOCES Programs, but contractually it would be difficult to extend the day. He also spoke to the respect Mr. Carter garnered from his students and, in turn, gave to his students.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Principal O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- Our SADD chapter worked with a couple of other districts to allow our seniors to attend the "Save a Life Tour" at Sackets Harbor Central School.
- Erica Culver won a gold medal at the BOCES state level SkillsUSA competition in Syracuse. Word has been received she will move on to the National Competition.
- Alexis Trainham was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Sackett Center.
- The spring chorus concert was a wonderful showcase for our students. As many solos and duets were performed as ensembles. All students were shining stars.
- The Bridge Arts Ensemble spent two days with our students, performed three concerts and delivered many workshops.
- Parent/grandparent luncheons are nearing completion and have been very well attended.
- All high school students attended e-cigarette presentations during their PE classes. Ironically, the federal government passed new laws regulating the sale of these devices on the same day as the presentations.
- Almost twice as many students attended the first annual Cinco De Mayo Festival as returned their RSVPs.
- The Academic Awards Ceremony is now in its third year using the current format. This process seems to be well received by students, teachers and parents.
- There were several winning pieces from our students at the Tri-County Art show at the State Office Building.
- The Spring Band Concert was a pleasure to attend. The students had fun with their performances.
- Seventh graders attended a webinar with the author of a novel they read, *A Long Walk to Water*.
- Students who attended had a great time at this year's prom.

Administrative Highlights:

- After believing we weren't required to set up and deliver the NYSAA computer based tests, we were informed that even if parents opt out, the testlet must be created and the correct options selected. The learning curve was steep, but now it is done.
- All teachers have been reminded to be sure they have their TEACH accounts in order. Those who requested personal assistance have been helped. The staff is ready for the next steps in this new process of registration for continued certification.
- The first "Code Blue" lock-down/hold-in-place drill was conducted during a regular attendance school day. All members of the team performed their roles perfectly.
- SLO post-assessments have begun. Regional test have been delivered. Local tests are being created.
- Plans are well under way for the implementation of the computer based testing (CBT) field tests.
- The last required School Counseling Advisory Council meeting was held, facilitated by Mrs. Petersen.
- Teachers have begun submitting their end-of-year PLP reflections.

Upcoming events:

- May 20 - YAC Lip Sync Battle
- May 25 - Grades 4&8 Science Performance Test
- June 2 - Athletic Banquet
- June 3 - Dairy Parade
- June 6 - Band Festival with Lyme
- June 6 - Grades 4&8 Science Written Test
- June 8 - Elementary Science Fair
- June 12 - Flag Day Parade
- June 13 - Last Full day of Classes (9-12)
- June 14-22 - Regents Exams
- June 17 - YAC & PTO Carnival

- June 20 - Last Day of Classes (6-8)
- June 20 - 8th Grade Graduation
- June 20 - MS Semi Formal
- June 20 - Grade 8 Spanish Proficiency
- June 20 - Last Day Elementary
- June 22 - Kindergarten Graduation
- June 23 - Senior Luncheon
- June 25 - Alumni Banquet
- June 26 - Senior Commencement

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Mrs. Ratliff offered the following:

- Kindergarten Registration was held on May 17th and 18th. A total of 28 students were screened and registered.
- UPK numbers for the fall of 2015 are at 28, of which 2 are out of district students.
- The Code Blue/Hold in Place Drill that took place went well.
- Third grade students in Mrs. Virkler and Mrs. Muncy's classes took part in a Spaghetti Tower Challenge. 4 schools video-conferenced the challenge, and a team from Mrs. Muncy's room had the tallest tower with a height of 31" on the day her class competed!
- Preparations for summer school have begun. Teacher recommendations have been made and registration forms have been mailed home.
- The Bridge Arts Ensemble was here for two days earlier this month. Their days here were spent conducting workshops and holding large group performances. This amazing experience was grant funded.
- The first ever Cinco de Mayo Culture Festival was put on by the Spanish Club under the supervision of Mrs. Martin. Approximately 20 families "travelled" to Spanish speaking countries playing games, eating quesadillas and listening to stories.
- The month of June will be busy meeting with teachers and discussing end of the year reflections, student learning objectives, post assessment data and reviewing final rubrics as well as finishing schedules. All formal and informal observations have been completed.

Upcoming events:

- June 1st - Carthage SPED Exceptional Games
- June 2nd - Pre-Kindergarten Field Trip- Lowville Theater
- June 3rd - PTO Meeting 6:00
- June 3rd - Watertown Dairy Parade - 6:30
- June 4th - Youth Soccer Can Drive
- June 6th - Combined Band Concert with Lyme - (6:00)
- June 8th - 5th Grade Field Trip - Jefferson County Historical Society
- June 8th - Elementary Science Fair- (6:00)
- June 9th - 3rd Grade Field Trip - 4-H Camp Wabasso
- June 9th - 4-6 Grade Chorus Singing at Meal Site - 12:00-1:00
- June 10th - Varsity Girls' Chicken BBQ
- June 15th - Elementary Play Day - (1:00-2:30)
- June 16th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Rosamond Gifford Zoo
- June 17th - 4th Grade Field Trip to Fort Stanwix
- June 17th - YAC Carnival - 6:00
- June 20th - Pre-K Graduation
- June 20th - Elementary Talent Show - 9:00
- June 22nd - Kindergarten Graduation- 6:00
- June 25th - Alumni Banquet
- June 26th - Graduation - 2:00

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Munn reported:

- NYS Comptroller's Audit has been completed. Recommendations include developing more realistic appropriations and use of fund balance in annual budget, bring amount of unassigned fund balance into compliance and to formulate a plan

to use fund balance for paying off debt, establishing reserves, funding one time expenditures and/or reduce taxes. Our response is due June 6th and will include information on our progress towards each of these suggestions. Audit will be published shortly thereafter.

- Another retiree has accepted our health insurance incentive. Additionally, a few individuals under 65 with spouses over 65 have asked to be considered for this incentive. To do so we would need to authorize additional resources to be allocated to this incentive.

| Date | CSE | CPSE | 504 |
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| 12/17/14 | 67 | 7 | 17 |
| 9/28/15 | 74 | 5 | 18 |
| 12/16/15 | 77 | 11 | 18 |
| 2/22/16 | 82 | 12 | 20 |
| 3/28/16 | 81 | 14 | 20 |
| 4/25/16 | 80 | 14 | 20 |
| 5/23/16 | 79 | 12 | 19 |
| 5/23/16 | 1 declassified 1 transfer 3 pending referrals | 2 transferred 3 pending referrals | 1 declassified 1 declassified 1 pending referral |

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Connell offered the following:

- Varsity sports are over; modified are still going on. The Trap Shooting Club is still participating with a “Fun Shoot” scheduled for Saturday, May 28th.
- We have a new out-of-district 8th grade student who is an elite wrestler and an excellent student. His parents do plan to move into our district.
- Mr. Connell thanked the Board for getting the word out and getting our 16-17 budget passed. He congratulated the successful incumbents.
- Interviews for the bus driver/cleaner position will take place on Tuesday, May 31.
- Mr. Connell attended the Jeff-Lewis School Boards Dinner on May 19th at which time Regent Elizabeth Hakanson was the speaker
- June 13 is the last full day of classes for grades 9 - 12. The last full day of classes for Pre-k -8 will be June 20.
- We will be moving rooms to make room for the new BOCES 8:1:1 class.
- We received notification from the State we will be receive two check totaling \$161,000 for state aid that wasn’t paid for building projects, however, there is no telling when the money will arrive.
- Mr. Connell noted he is so impressed with our students being such good, kind-hearted people; case in point was the success of the prom this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, CHRISTOPHER J. DAY, a probationary 7 – 12 Social Studies teacher, having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated Monday, August 25, 2014 to a two-year probationary position of 7 – 12 Social Studies teacher; that it having been shown that CHRISTOPHER J. DAY holds a New York State Professional Certificate in Social Studies 7 – 12, Control #869888141 and a New York

*Approved
appointment of
Christopher J.
Day to tenure*

State Professional Certificate in Literacy (Grades 5-12), Control #869149141; it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on June 30, 2016; the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure CHRISTOPHER J. DAY, effective September 1, 2016.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, MOLLY J. CURTIS, a probationary PHYSICAL EDUCATION teacher, having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated June 11, 2013 to a three-year probationary position of Physical Education/ Health teacher; that it having been shown that MOLLY J. CURTIS holds New York State Initial Certificate in Physical Education (Control #648657121), and an Initial Certificate in Health Education (Control #648405121); it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on June 30, 2016; the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure MOLLY J. CURTIS, effective September 1, 2016.

Approved the appointment of Molly J. Curtis to tenure

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

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

Approved recommendations from the CSE and CPSE Committees

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve Application for Use of Facilities submitted by Terrance Fleming for use of the cafeteria for DEC Hunter Safety Course which will run on June 1 & 3, from 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. and June 4, from 10:30 to 12:00.

Approved Application for Use of Facilities for use of the cafeteria for DEC Hunter Safety Course

VOTE: YES – 7; NO - 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the following appointments for 2016 – 2017 school year:

- Donna Wheeler – Tax Collector
- Rachel Guyette – Sub Caller
- Cathy Snyder – Director of Student Activities

Approved appointments for the 2016 – 2017 school year

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve Electricity Purchasing Agreement w/ Tri-County Energy Consortium, as presented.

Approved Electricity Purchasing Agreement w/ Tri-County Energy Consortium

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

Mr. Carter left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

It was decided that the Board’s 2016 – 2017 Reorganization meeting will be scheduled for either Monday, June 27th or Tuesday, July 11th. Mr. Connell will check with Attorney D’Imperio to see if it can be held June 27th.

Mr. Connell wants to include wording comparable to that in the teacher contract in the principals' "Conditions of Employment" agreement with regard to retiree health insurance. To date that has not been addressed. He will do some research and get back to the Board with specifics.

Mr. Connell has had on-going discussions with Mr. Lynn Leonard of Caskinette's Lofink Motors with regard to their loaning us a driver education car for the 2016-2017 school year. They are willing to split the cost for them to continue to furnish the District a Driver Education car will be \$350.00 per month. It will continue to be the District's responsibility to install the brake and add new signage to the cars. The Board feels the District should continue to offer Driver Education to our students in spite of the additional cost. Mr. Connell also discussed testing for lead in the water as other Districts are planning to do. He will look into the process to see what is involved.

A discussion ensued with regard to an irrevocable waiver of spousal rights to retiree health care coverage provided by the Copenhagen Central School District, following which a motion was made by Troy Buckley, seconded by Keith Lee, to increase what has already been allocated by \$70,000.00, which will come from the 2015 - 2016 budget.

VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

At 7:55 p.m. and on motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel issues.

VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

At 9:05 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

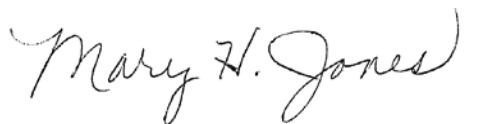
VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Gabrielle Thompson, the Board voted to extend contract with Superintendent Scott Connell through June 30, 2019.

VOTE: YES - 7; NO - 0

At 9:07 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

Approved extension of Superintendent Connell's contract through June 30, 2019.