

ORGANIZATION MEETING  
COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
July 7, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KOREEN G. FREEMAN  
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT  
LYNN A. MURRAY  
RAYMOND D. O'BRIEN  
ROBERT F. STACKEL  
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI  
KIM VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT  
MARCIA A. MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER  
JOLINE FURGISON w/ daughter KELLY FURGISON, DAVID KOBERLING,  
DAVID WOODRUFF w/ DAUGHTER, HOPEWOODRUFF AND MS. HOLLY  
EVANS re: Champions of Character Award recipients and Inspiring Excellence Award  
recipient

Temporary Chairperson Scott Connell called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Superintendent Connell announced the Copenhagen Central School Champion of  
Character Award winners, Kelly Furgison and Hope Woodruff, and the Inspiring  
Excellence Award winner, Ms. Holly Evans, C.C.S. High School English teacher,  
presenting all with award certificates and a shirt created by *Designs by Knight*. Kelly  
Furgison, Hope Woodruff, and Ms. Evans and families left the meeting following the  
presentations.

The Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected Board Members Lynn A  
Murray and Robert F. Stackel was administered by District Treasurer Marcia A. Mundy.

At this time, Mr. Connell opened the nominations for Board President. Alfred  
Tomaselli moved to nominate Robert Stackel for President. Troy Buckley seconded  
the nomination. Lynn Murray moved the nominations be closed and the secretary cast  
one ballot for Robert Stackel

VOTE: Yes – 7; No – 0

Kim Vogt nominated Lynn Murray for Vice-President. Koreen Freeman  
nominated Prudence Kunert for Vice – President. President Stackel requested all in  
favor of Lynn Murray to raise their hands - (5 votes); President Stackel requested all in  
favor of Prudence Kunert to raise their hands -(2 votes). Lynn Murray will serve as  
Vice President.

VOTE: Yes – 7; No – 0

District Treasurer Marcia Mundy administered the Oath of Office at this time to  
President Robert Stackel and Vice-President Lynn Murray.

Prudence Kunert will serve on the Executive Committee of the Jeff-Lewis  
School Boards Association.

Kim Vogt will serve as Legislative Liaison for the New York State School  
Boards Association.

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board approved the appointment of the following officers:

- a) District Treasurer - Marcia Mundy
- b) Deputy Treasurer – Scott Connell
- c) District Clerk – Mary Jones
- d) Tax Collector – Robin Spaulding
- e) Internal Claims Auditor – Rachel Guyette

VOTE:            Yes – 7;            No – 0

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board approved the following appointments:

- a) Secretary to the Board – Mary Jones
- b) School Physician – R. Brian Shambo, M.D.
- c) School Alternate Physicians – Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone School Attorney –
- d) School Attorneys - Dennis O’Hara, Esquire of O’Hara, O’Connell & Ciotoli as well as Marc H. Reitz of Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, PC.
- e) Records Management Officer – Margaret Nevills
- f) Designated Education Official – Scott Connell
- g) District Internal Auditors – Poulsen & Podvin
- h) District External Auditors – Sovie & Bowie
- i) Title IX/Section 504 Hearing Officer – Scott Connell
- j) Central Treasurer-Extra Class Activity Account – Robin Spaulding – alternates – Catherine Snyder, Director of Student Activities
- k) Election Clerks and Inspectors – Rachel Guyette, Brenda Shelmidine, Linda Prince, Mary Shambo, Robin Spaulding, Marcia Mundy, Mary Jones, Phyllis Gaines, Donna Wheeler, and alternate Patricia Eddy
- l) Coordinator of Federal Funds – Marcia Mundy
- m) District Investment Coordinator – Marcia Mundy
- n) Committee on Special Education and 504 Committee

Parent or persons in parental relationship to the student

Chairperson - \_\_\_\_\_

- R. Brian Shambo, M.D. School Physician
  - Andrew Hodge, Nicole Nortz, Miranda Bush or Lisa Mattis, Special Education Teachers
  - Stephanie Olson/Lisa Green and/or Vivian Doolittle and/or Ellen Eves and/or Joyce Sullivan, Parent Representatives
  - Amie Pelton, School Psychologist
  - \_\_\_\_\_, Regular Education Teachers
  - \_\_\_\_\_, Special Education Teachers and/or Special Education Service Provider(s)
- o) Committee on Special Education Subcommittee
    - Parent or persons in parental relationship to the student
    - Chairperson - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_, Special Education Teachers and/or Special Education Service Provider(s)
    - Amie Pelton, School Psychologist
    - \_\_\_\_\_, Regular Education Teachers
  - p) Committee on Pre-School Special Education
    - Parents of the pre-school child
    - Brenda Shelmidine, Chairperson
    - Laurie Stoffel, Lewis County Municipality Representative
    - Larry Tingley and/or Ljuba Cvetkovic, Jefferson County Municipality Representatives
    - Stephanie Olson/ Lisa Green and/or Vivian Doolittle and/or Ellen Eves and/or Joyce Sullivan, Parent Representatives
    - Amie Pelton, School Psychologist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Special Education Teacher of the Child and/or Special Education Provider of the Child.
- q) Instructional Material Review Committee:
- Mrs. JoAnne Spooner Elementary Teacher
  - Ms Holly Evans Secondary Teacher
  - Mrs. Nadine O’Shaughnessy K-12 Principal
  - Mrs. Margaret Nevills Teacher
  - Mrs. Monica Kellogg Member of the Community
- r) Attendance Officers – Eileen Carroll, School Nurse, and Mary Shambo  
s) Co-Census Enumerators – Phyllis Gaines/ Deborah Woodruff  
t) Records Access Officer – Scott Connell  
u) District Audit Committee
  - Seven Board Members
  - Community Member: Laura Tousant
v) Asbestos (LEA) Designee – John McGraw  
w) Purchasing Agent – Scott Connell  
x) Director of Student Activities - Catherine Snyder  
y) Chemical Hygiene Officers – Robert Cooper and John McGraw

VOTE: Yes – 7; No – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to bond the following personnel handling district funds:

- a) District Clerk/Secretary to Supt. – Mary Jones
- b) District Treasurer – Marcia Mundy
- c) Central Activity Treasurer – Robin Spaulding
- d) Internal Claims Auditor – Rachel Guyette
- e) Deputy Treasurer – Scott N. Connell
- f) Tax Collector – Robin Spaulding

VOTE: Yes – 7; No – 0

Prudence Kunert moved, seconded by Kim Vogt, to approve the following designations:

- a) Depository of Funds – HSBC, with Secondary Depositories: Key Bank, Community Bank and J. P. Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank.
- b) Newspaper – *Watertown Daily Times*.
- c) Mileage reimbursement rate @ \$.45 per mile.
- d) Set tuition rate for the 2011 – 2012 school year at zero.
- e) Rate of pay for tutors of homebound students @ \$17.23 per hour.
- f) Regular monthly meetings and Work Sessions:
- g) Regular Monthly Meetings Work Sessions
- h) July 7, 2011 Reorganizational Meeting
- i) July 25, 2011
- j) August 22, 2011 Work Session August 9, 2011
- k) September 26, 2011 Work Session September 6, 2011
- l) October 24, 2011 Work Session October 11, 2011
- m) November 28, 2011 Work Session November 8, 2011
- n) December 21, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m. Work Session December 6, 2011
- o) January 23, 2012 Work Session January 10, 2012
- p) February 27, 2012 Work Session February 7, 2012
- q) March 26, 2012 Work Session March 6, 2012
- r) April 23, 2012 Work Session April 10, 2012
- s) Annual Meeting May 1, 2012/Annual Vote May 15, 2012
- t) May 21, 2012 Work Session May 8, 2012
- u) June 25, 2012 Work Session June 5, 2012

VOTE: Yes – 7; No – 0

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

- a) to certify Payroll – Scott N. Connell
- b) of attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc. with designated expense – Scott N. Connell; Board of Education to authorize any out of state conference prior to registration.
- c) to establish Petty Cash Fund – Scott N. Connell
- d) Purchasing Agent – Scott N. Connell
- e) To offer school district employee and officer indemnification under Public Officer’s Law §18;
- f) to designate authorized signatures on checks – Marcia Mundy
- g) to use check signing device – Marcia Mundy, Mary Jones
- h) of Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers, and the monetary limits of such transfers.

VOTE:            Yes – 7;            No – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to re-approve the Copenhagen Central School Plan for Annual Professional Performance Review.

VOTE:            Yes – 7;            No – 0;

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to readopt all Board of Education policies.

VOTE:            Yes – 7;            No – 0

The following Board Committees were designated:

- Finance and Facilities:  
Robert Stackel  
Lynn Murray  
Kim Vogt
  
- Policy:  
Koreen G. Freeman  
Troy Buckley  
Prudence Kunert
  
- Personnel & Negotiations:  
Troy Buckley  
Alfred Tomaselli  
Prudence Kunert

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to appoint the following 2011 – 2012 fall coaching staff:

- a) Varsity Tennis – Hiedi Hebert/Juli Hebert
- b) Modified Girls Soccer – Cathy Snyder
- c) Varsity Girls Soccer – Nancy Henry
- e) Modified Boys Soccer – Gerald Snyder
- f) Varsity Boys Soccer – Scott Randall

VOTE:            Yes – 7:            No – 0

*Approved fall coaching staff*

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 020, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 020	\$1,821,000.00	\$34,936.19	\$13,268.00	\$1,869,204.19	Labor and material to perform demolition of the existing masonry chimney as shown on JD-8. Upon completion provide a poured in place concrete cap with wood blocking and a temporary waterproof cap.

*Approved  
Change Order  
GC 020*

VOTE: Yes – 7: No – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

*Approved  
recommendations of  
Committee on  
Special  
Education as  
well as  
Committee on  
Pre-School  
Special  
Education*

VOTE: Yes – 7: No – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve resolution designating the President of the Board of Education of Copenhagen Central School District the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell such amounts of Revenue Anticipation Notes, the amount thereof not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), of the Copenhagen Central School District, Lewis and Jefferson Counties, New York, as may, from time to time, be appropriate subject to the constraints of the local finance law in anticipation of state aid during the fiscal year of said school district, commencing on July 1, 2011.

*Approved  
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exceed  
\$500,000.00*

VOTE: Yes – 7: No – 0

Kim Vogt made a motion, seconded by Prudence Kunert, to accept letter of resignation from Renee Powlin, from her half time (.5) Library Media Specialist position. Prudence Kunert subsequently made a motion to table the aforesaid motion; Troy Buckley seconded the motion to table.

*Tabled motion  
to accept  
resignation  
from Renee  
Powlin from  
her .5 Library  
Media  
Specialist  
position*

VOTE: Yes – 7: No – 0

**DISCUSSION:**

- Mrs. Vogt discussed briefly the Village of Copenhagen’s proposed walking trail which is proposed to cross the school’s property. Letters of support have been requested for the grant proposal.
- Superintendent Connell advised the Board that he has received a communication from the Copenhagen Teachers’ Association requesting negotiations be opened. Mr. Connell will make arrangements and report back to the Board the time and date for the first session.
- Proposed Lewis County Clinic - Mr. Connell reported there is no new news with regard to the clinic. The hospital CEO has proposed seeking renovation funding on its own.

4. Project Meeting - Asbestos abatement employees have ramped up their work days in order to hopefully finish sooner. They will be working 10 hours days instead of 8 hour days.

5. Testing Results – Mr. Connell reported test results were pretty good with the exception of algebra/trig. 54% passed and only 3 were 85 or above.

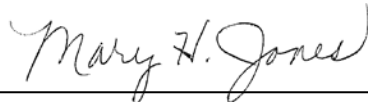
6. Race to the Top – Mr. Connell reported we are in the process of putting inquiry teams together with the help of the CTA

7. Mr. Connell reported two estimates for demolishing the old bus garage, Bette & Cring - \$38,000.00 and Sheehan \$33,000.00. The Board requested Mr. Connell find out how much it will cost to erect a replacement building

8. The Board discussed moving away from marching band, possibly moving to a jazz band of sorts and at a later date move back to marching band when the numbers support it.

9. Mr. Connell advised the entire school building will be shut down on Friday, July 8, as National Grid will be present to connect the new entrance.

At 8:15 p.m. and on motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

  
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District Clerk