

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
JULY 25, 2011

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

TROY W. BUCKLEY  
KOREEN G. FREEMAN  
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT  
LYNN A. MURRAY  
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI  
KIM R. VOGT

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT  
NADINE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY, K – 12 Principal  
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES  
MARCIA MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER  
MR. AND MRS. MELVIN PHELP, MR. JERRY FLANDERS,  
INTERESTED PUBLIC

Following a community meeting at which approximately 25 community members attended with regard to the proposed Lewis County General Hospital Clinic, President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:50 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

On motion of Prudence Kunert seconded by, Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approved previous minutes (Regular Meeting, June 20, 2011; Organizational Meeting, July 7, 2011).

*Approved  
minutes of prior  
meetings*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

*Approved  
Treasurer's  
Report*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Warrants.

*Approved  
Warrants*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Lunch Report, submitting all of the aforementioned for audit.

*Approved Lunch  
Report*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve budget transfers (#4) as presented by the District Treasurer.

*Approved budget  
transfers*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to accept the revised agenda.

*Accepted Revised  
Agenda*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Jerry Flanders introduced himself as Fire Chief of the Copenhagen Fire Department. He asked for permission for the Fire Department to use the school parking lots Saturday, August 30, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. for organizing the annual Firemen’s Field Day parade. He also had questions about the new alarm system and discussed the Loud Street parking problems during winter athletic events.

**K-12 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

Mrs. O’Shaughnessy offered the following:

**Student Highlights:**

- ✓ The first grade held a Poetry Program. In groups, students recited their favorite poems for an audience of family members, classmates, teachers and administrators.
- ✓ All graduations and ceremonies went very smoothly and were well attended. The community outpouring for our students as they make their milestone achievements is a wonderful thing to behold.
- ✓ A couple end of year parent/student/principal conferences were held to set the tone for September based on behaviors exhibited in the last week or two of school.
- ✓ Mr. Munn and Mrs. O’Shaughnessy issued a Summer Reading Challenge to the elementary students. The winning grade level will earn a pizza party in September.
- ✓ The parent/student handbook has been updated for next year.
- ✓ Mrs. O’Shaughnessy reported that on Friday, July 22, Copenhagen students participated in the Lewis County Fair spelling bee. A C.C.S. student took first place in the grades 1 – 2 competition as well as the 3 – 4 competition; a C.C.S. student took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Grades 7 – 8 competition and a C.C.S. student took 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Grades 7 – 8 competition.

**Administrative Highlights:**

- ✓ End-of-year testing was completed routinely. This was the last administration of the Spanish Regents. Districts will be required to create their own exams for that course next year. The intention is to follow the same procedure that was used in creating the Spanish Proficiency this year. She noted the state is cutting corners as grades 6 and 8 social studies exams will cease as well as January Regents exams.
- ✓ Teachers were provided with tentative copies of their schedules for next year prior to leaving for the summer.
- ✓ The retirement party for Mr. Zaluski was a bittersweet occasion.
- ✓ All three administrators participated in the selection process for the BOCES Network Teams who will be guiding us in the implementation of Race-To-The-Top requirements.
- ✓ The temporary offices for guidance, the main office, Mrs. Rowsam and Mrs. Shambo are settled and working as efficiently as possible under the circumstances.
- ✓ Mr. Munn and Mrs. O’Shaughnessy attended the Leadership Conference in Lake Placid. A great deal of information was collected in many areas including the Reform Agenda, the State Testing Program, effective use of technology, Common Core State Standards, the new APPR requirements, among others.
- ✓ Fine tuning on the master schedule continues, as it will for the remainder of the summer.
- ✓ Mrs. Nevills and Mrs. Hovendon submitted an application for an ArtStart Grant. Good luck to them.
- ✓ The VADIR report has been completed and is ready for submission as soon as the portal opens.
- ✓ Initial data runs look good. The few minor errors have been noted with the RIC and should be taken care of by July 25

**Upcoming events:**

- July 27 - BOCES Network Team visiting CCS
- August 16 & 23 - Race-To-The-Top Training for Administrators
- ✓

**REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:**

Mr. Munn reported the following:

- ✓ The Primary Project Child Advocate position has been posted. We will have some good candidates and will interview soon.
- ✓ The Safety Committee completed a year-long review of district safety plan. It has been submitted for BOE review. Mrs. Kunert noted some changes which should be incorporated into the plan.
- ✓ The UPK request for variance from the requirement to participate in a collaborative agreement with an outside organization was approved by NYS.
- ✓ Planning for UPK is well underway. Highlights include new playground equipment, fresh fruits and vegetables, new books and a staff that is familiar with our Literacy plan.
- ✓ Applications for wrap-around program were distributed to all UPK families. Applications are still coming in but we appear to be able to accommodate all requests.
- ✓ College Board Accommodation requests have been completed.
- ✓ NYS Special Education Verification reports (PD and VR) are nearly complete and will be submitted this week.

**Special Education**

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
7/27/09	52	5	14
7/27/10	58	5	12
9/20/10	55	5	14
6/20/11	65	4	22
7/25/11	63	0	20

- CPSE- 1 pending referral

**Upcoming events:**

- ✓ August 15-17 Assistive Technology Workshop

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Superintendent Connell advised the Board he attended the MASLA (New York State Association of Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs, Inc.) Conference from July 17 – 20. Mr. Al Riccio was at the conference and he is outstanding at what he does and very well regarded by his peers. Conversations were held with regard to consolidation and how difficult the process is. There was also much talk about the APPR.

Mr. Connell noted the building project is progressing nicely, although John McGraw is always very dirty by 7:30 a.m. Asbestos abatement drives the project and Watchdog Building Partners has done outstanding work during the construction phase. We are fortunate to have very good contractors as well.

Mr. Connell noted the Race to the Top network teams have been chosen; he feels it is a bonus that Kris Cole, a former Copenhagen math teacher, whom everyone knows is on the team.

The first negotiation meeting has been held.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mrs. Kunert advised the Policy Committee met in its first marathon session; they have worked through the 4000 section with specific policies being given to key people to review for their input.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve payment of 2011 – 2012 Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association dues in the amount of \$260.00.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

*Approved payment of  
2011 – 2012  
Jefferson-Lewis  
School Boards  
Association dues*

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Margaret Nevills Model Schools Coordinator for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

*Approved  
appointment of  
Margaret Nevills  
Model Schools  
Coordinator*

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the amended School Lunch Fund Budget, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

*Approved amended  
School Lunch Fund  
Budget*

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 023, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 023	\$1,821,000.00	\$48,893.19	\$157,859.00	\$2,027,752.19	Labor and material to change demo of ceilings to abatement of ceilings after ACJ fittings were identified above plaster ceilings.

*Approved Capital  
Project Change  
Order GC023, 024,  
028*

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 024, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 024	\$1,821,000.00	\$206,752.19	\$123,881.00	\$2,151,633.19	Labor and material to add new base cabinets and c-tops to exterior walls in 174,175,176,177, 178,179,180,181,182,183; also in those classrooms add ¾" oak paneling & tack boards to interior wall. The exterior wall casework to be finished as wood casework.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 028, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 028	\$1,821,000.00	\$334,620.19	\$12,624.00	\$2,168,244.19	Labor and material to strip existing doors and trim at the C Wing classrooms and refinish w/2 coats of poly.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following staff:

- a) Cheryl Groff & Nancy Overton – Temporary summer cleaning staff @ \$7.75 per hour
- b) Jesse Irwin and Steven Zaluski – Substitute Teachers for the 2011 – 2012 school year.
- c) Thomas Hovendon – Substitute teacher; substitute aide/ teaching assistant for the 2011 – 2012 school year.
- d) Appointment of Maren Farney to a full-time 1.0 FTE two-year probationary appointment in the Pre-Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6 tenure area, effective September 1, 2011; expiration of appointment June 30, 2013; certification – Permanent Certificate in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6; Control #194251081; 2011 – 2012 Salary, Column 2, Step 5 + Masters + 6 Credits - \$42,575.00.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

*Approved appointment of staff*

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

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0;

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

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve request from Debbie Lafontaine for two weeks off from work under the Family Medical leave Act (FMLA) beginning September 6, 2011 due to foot surgery.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

*Approved FMLA leave request from Debbie LaFontaine*

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the revised Copenhagen Central School Safety Plan, June 2011, with corrections as noted.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

*Approved revised C.C.S. School Safety Plan dated June 2011, with corrections*

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 037, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 037	\$1,821,000.00	\$334,620.19	\$12,997.00	\$2,209,029.19	Labor and material to install 16 new computer stations per JD-17.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

*Approved Capital Project Change order GC 037, 038*

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC 038, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC - 038	\$1,821,000.00	\$388,029.19	\$12,351.00	\$2,221,380.19	Labor and material to install visual displays to 10 "C" wing classrooms

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order Site – 002, as follows:

*Approved Capital Project Change Order Site - 002*

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
Site - 002	\$1,242,000.00	0.00	\$30,300.13	\$2,272,300.13	Labor and material to remove and reset granite curbing, remove and replace concrete sidewalk, raise rims on 2 existing structures, install 2 new structures, install 1 new solid cover for an existing structure, lower rim on existing structure, furnish & install new 6" and 4" hdpe pipe to revised locations including all tie ins, etc, furnish and install sub base in parking lot area to meet new grades.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

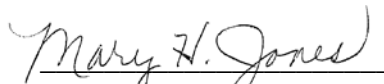
**DISCUSSION:**

1. Bus Garage – After much discussion, the Board decided not to demolish the Loud Street bus garage.
2. Clinic – After much discussion, the Board decided to move forward, getting attorneys involved with regard to housing the proposed Lewis County General Hospital clinic on the campus.

There was no Executive Session.

At 9:08 p.m. and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

  
 School District Clerk