

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TROY W. BUCKLEY

KOREEN G. FREEMAN

PRUDENCE L. KUNERT

LYNN A. MURRAY, IN AT 7:02 P.M.

ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

KIM R. VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent

NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 Principal

DALE MUNN, Director of Student Services

MARCIA A. MUNDY, District Treasurer

HAYLEY MOSER, JARYN WAUGH, SARA RICE, SARA McNAMARA,
and SaRENA EVES, Members of the National Honor Society.

President Robert Stackel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

School Board Recognition Week – October 31 – November 4., 2011

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Board Members were presented with insulated NYS School Board coffee mugs from the District. The Copenhagen Teachers' Association presented the Board with delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies and each Board Member also received a gift certificate from Dunkin Donuts. Jaryn Waugh spoke on behalf of C.C.S. NHS members present, giving Board Members delicious confections which they made in appreciation for the hard work of the Board Members. The NHS members left the meeting following their presentation.

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2011 regular meeting as well as the October 11, 2011 Special Official Meeting.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: Yes – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report.

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

VOTE: Yes – 7; NO – 0

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ Higher Education Day at JCC was much better attended by taking a busload of students requesting to go than the evening sessions have ever been. Hopefully, this trip can be repeated next year.
- ✓ BOCES is planning to offer New Visions again next year. Some modifications will be made to the curriculum to insure the rigor that was intended all along.
- ✓ The pizza party for the Summer Reading Challenge was a huge success. Some minor adjustments are being considered to make next year's challenge even better.
- ✓ The students who attended the performance of the *Lion King* were in awe by the time they left the theater. It was a great experience for some students who have no other similar opportunities outside of school.

- ✓ Pink Week and the culminating events of the pep rally and the outdoor dance on the tennis courts were simply inspiring. This particular dance was the most highly attended in over a year.
- ✓ The Student Portal will be opened next week during targeted classes in the high school.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ NYSED will no longer be publishing the non-secure materials for Regents examinations. After considering the price for BOCES to print them, it has been determined to be more cost effective to print them in house.
- ✓ The majority of the School Based Inquiry Team has completed “Driven by Data” training. Two members will be finishing at a later date.
- ✓ Lock down drills have commenced for the year. In addition, the Evacuation Drill was completed very effectively. This year, there were only one or two suggestions for improvement for next year. Our best attempt yet.
- ✓ BEDS reporting is complete.
- ✓ Common Core training in Math and ELA continues.
- ✓ Very preliminary training has been provided for administrators in accessing and utilizing the new surveillance system. More detailed training will occur at a later date.

Upcoming events:

- Oct 27 - Leadership Day at JCC
- Nov 2 - Ryan’s Story
- Nov 14-22 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 14 - STARS Family Dinner
- Nov 17-18 - Parent Conferences
- STARS Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
- Nov 18 - Grades 6-12 Activity Night
- Nov 23-25 - Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov 26 - STARS Parents Day Off

REPORT, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Dale Munn offered the following information:

- ✓ Race to the Top trainings continue. Teachers are becoming more fluent with language of Common Core and many have begun to implement strategies related to new standards. Most members of the Network team have received two days of training. Development of interim assessments will need to take place in order to make them useful. We are taking a strategy different than most, with 2 teams focusing on either math or ELA. Lead Evaluator training will take place this month.
- ✓ Elementary observations have begun. The focus has been on math instruction. Teachers have been using it as an opportunity to develop in the area of technology. I remain convinced that we have the best elementary staff in the North Country.
- ✓ UPK has settled in and staff has begun work towards literacy readiness skills consistent with the Common Core. More requests for wrap-around services have taken place than should be accepted. A few moves have led to us only having 20 students on BEDS day.
- ✓ Primary Project training went well. Universal screening of K-3 students is nearly complete. Data will be analyzed and services begun soon.
- ✓ RTI interventions have begun. Little statistical significance exists between the frequency of students being identified as at risk relative to last year. Of the same kids identified as at risk at the beginning of last year, 70% of 1st through 3rd graders remain at risk. Others struggle with fluency that was not previously screened for.
- ✓ Fourth and 5th grade AIS and remedial programs are underway. Less unstructured time exists and more time for teachers to have all of their students in one room exists. 88% of all students are participating in some form of enrichment activity. There has been a significant increase in the number participating in music enrichment and teachers find the time more acceptable to losing their students at that time. 78% of students are participating in music programs and 76% are participating in Science or technology enrichment classes.

Special Education

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
7/27/09	52	5	14
8/19/10	58	5	12
8/22/11	59	0	21
9/26/11	66	0	20
10/24/11	66	1	20

- CSE – 2 pending referrals
- CPSE – 1 transfer in
 - 1 pending referral

Upcoming events:

- ✓ October 27th Network Team Training (BOCES)
- ✓ November 1st Lead Evaluator Training (BOCES)
- ✓ November 2nd Ryan's Story
- ✓ November 3-4 Primary Project Supervisor Training (Rochester)
- ✓ November 16th CSE Chairperson's Meeting (BOCES)
- ✓ November 17-18 Parent Conferences
- ✓ November 28th Lead Evaluator Training Day 2 (BOCES)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Connell offered the following information:

Mr. Connell noted that the bad smell in Darlene's office has traveled to Mrs. Shambo's office, the Nurse's office and the K-12 Principal's office. After an extensive investigation, it was found the smells are caused by air handlers on the roof which have been situated too close to the sewer pipe ventilation.

Building Project Update – Mr. Connell noted that the stage is expected to be done by November 30th. The fitness room equipment will be delivered on Friday and Monday with training of PE staff on Tuesday. Parameters will be established with regard to supervision. Mr. Connell suggested the room be open to the public from 6:00 to 8:00 Monday through Friday with STARS staff supervising the room. Every participant will be asked to sign a waiver prior to using the equipment. STARS staff is trained in CPR and first aid.

2012 – 2013 Calendar: Mr. Connell referred to the template for the BOCES instructional calendar 2012 – 13 component school districts noting it will be difficult to include the required number of instruction days within the usual timeframe. It is possible that February break may have to be shortened by making February 18 and 19 vacation days with students and staff back to school February 20, 21 and 22.

Minnowbrook Update – Mr. Connell reported on his superintendents' conference at Minnowbrook. He had the opportunity to meet and sit down with the New York State Commissioner of Education, noting "you can't not like the man". The Commissioner said State Education Department staff has been cut by 30%. He also noted that the principal/ teacher evaluation piece will make for better instruction.

Winter athletic events – After considerable research, Mr. Connell suggested that the District no longer charge for entrance into the winter athletic events because of the cost of hiring ticket takers and chaperones far outweighs the proceeds at the gate. The District will still have to pay a clock keeper. Administration will take care of the chaperoning. Another possibility would be to have the Booster Club take care of admission.

Lewis County School Boards – Mr. Connell said he felt the meeting of Lewis County School Boards at Beaver River was a good start with regard to discussion on sharing services, noting the dialogue is headed in the right direction.

Mr. Connell advised Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush was in the building this morning for a visit to the student-run business, Designs by Knight. He was given a tour by Designs by Knight CEO, Amber Moser. Mr. Connell had a discussion with Assemblyman Blankenbush with regard to a state aid formula which would be fair and equitable for each school district. He noted tomorrow he will be meeting with area superintendents at Mr. Blankenbush's office to discuss state aid to schools.

Budget – Mrs. Mundy noted that with regard to our recent BAN, the district was rated again by Moody's who awarded us a "Mig 1" rating which is the highest short-term rating possible. She reviewed with the Board the District's budget looking ahead into next year's budget.

A motion was made by Lynn Murray, seconded by Kim Vogt, to approve the Academic Intervention Services Plan as submitted by Mr. Munn. Troy Buckley made a motion, seconded by Kim Vogt to table the aforesaid motion.

Tabled motion to approve AIS Plan

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Lori Wheeler as substitute teacher, teacher’s assistant/aide/monitor or office, pending fingerprint clearance.

Approved Lori Wheeler substitute teacher, aide, assistant and substitute office

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the request of Kay Moser for unpaid leave beginning January 18 through January 28, 2012.

Approved unpaid leave request of Kay Moser

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Application for Use of Facilities submitted by Kimberly Shipman for use of one classroom for the purpose of Daisy Scout Meetings from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. every other Wednesday starting November 2nd through June 6th, 2012.

Approved Application for Use of Facilities from Kimberly Shipman for Daisy Scouts

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

DISCUSSION:

1. Exemption Questionnaire from Lewis County Real Property Tax Office. The Board decided not to change the current exemptions.

At 8:10 p.m. and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt the Board voted to go into Executive session to discuss the medical, financial credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

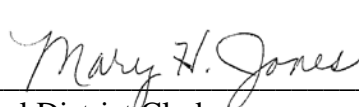
VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

At 8:33 p.m. and on motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to come out of Executive session.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:37 p.m.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0



School District Clerk