

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2011

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TROY BUCKLEY in at 6:35 p.m.
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
PRUDENCE KUNERT
LYNN A. MURRAY
KIM R. VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALFRED TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
MARCIA A. MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER
GERALD CARTER, INTERESTED PUBLIC
MELVIN PHELPS, INTERESTED PUBLIC in at 6:55 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (Regular Meeting, October 24, 2011).

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve Transfers (#1), as presented by the District Treasurer.

Approved Transfers (#1)

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

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

Accepted Revised Agenda

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gerald Carter stated he was unable to attend the October Board of Education meeting when the Board of Education celebrated School Board Recognition Week; he noted he now would like to commend and thank the Board for the job they do as Board Members. He also thanked Mr. Connell for his visits to the bus garage to hold regular meetings with the bus drivers. He thanked Mrs. O'Shaughnessy for allowing the junior BOCES students to come back from BOCES early for the Pep Rally in October. Mr. Carter also commented on the posting in the bus garage with regard to the Shared Decision Making Council's discussion on changing the workday next year for teaching staff, and more specifically starting the day with CPT time from 8:00 to 8:30, with the students' days going from 8:30 to 3:20 p.m. Mr. Carter expressed his concerns about the proposed a change.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Principal O'Shaughnessy offered the following

Student Highlights:

- ✓ The student portal has been opened to all interested high school students. Regulations for the middle school students are different; they must obtain parental permission, but the hope is to open it to them in the near future.
- ✓ DL students have finished JCC Classes and now will engage in community service and more specifically one option is to perform middle school enrichment. Plans are fledgling at this point.
- ✓ Two of our students have been selected as "Student of the Quarter" at BOCES. Congratulations to Wendy Colton and Marissa Parsons.
- ✓ Necessary meetings have been held, student agreements have been signed and senior lounge has been opened.
- ✓ Junior and Senior student leaders attended Leadership Day. They are working on their presentations for the rest of the underclassmen which will be scheduled very soon.
- ✓ The PTO sponsored presentation of "Ryan's Story" was very moving. There was extra help on hand in the event that students were affected. This was good planning as everyone was very busy in terms of counseling in the afternoon.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ All first round observations have been completed for the year.
- ✓ Student and Parent portal features have been shared with all middle and high school staff in an effort to make clear what they are sharing when they click, "publish to portal."
- ✓ The PDP Committee and Inquiry Team worked together to create a plan for implementing the Common Core and interim assessments over the rest of this year and all of next year. This was presented by both groups at the last faculty meeting.
- ✓ Common Core training for all teachers of non-math or ELA subjects has been requested of the Network Team. They informed the principals that this training will commence after January.

Upcoming events:

Nov 28	- Continuing Lead Evaluator Training
Dec 2	- STARS Elementary Activity Night
Dec 4	- Hometown Christmas Parade
Dec 5-16	- Student Council Food Drive
Dec 16	- Black Light Bonanza Dance
Dec 9	- PTO Evening with Santa
Dec 15	- Music Performance at the Mall
Dec 15	- Winter Concert
Dec 21	- Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following:

- ✓ Various assemblies have targeted Bullying and tobacco prevention this month. Ryan's Story, funded by the PTO targeted and Reality Check presented to our older students, while Lewis County Opportunities and Fort Drum provided programs to our younger students.
- ✓ Elementary observations are nearly completed. The focus has been on math instruction. Most teachers have begun the implementation of the Common Core curriculum with a strong focus on developing Number Sense.
- ✓ Parent conferences went well. We continue to get a strong turnout. Handing out report cards at conferences can only help with participation.
- ✓ The Primary Project intervention has begun. A total of at least 25 K-3 students with mild school adjustment difficulties will be seen this year. Screening and selection has taken place and 13 students have begun to be seen for the first 12 week round of sessions.

- ✓ Elementary report cards are now being completed using our digital format. Significant amounts of development and training took place in producing this product.
- ✓ The STARS program has improved in organization and targeting of academic and behavioral goals. Parent participation in events has been a goal and appears to have been well received.
- ✓ UPK enrollment has now surpassed our New York State allotment. We are servicing 22 students. Previous structure would have led to some students being wait-listed. At least one parent has suggested that they chose this district because of the availability of space in UPK.
- ✓ All AIS and remedial students are being seen at previous levels. Some class sizes have increased as a result of decreased staff.
- ✓ Revisiting Elementary field trip expenses and utilizing BOCES CoSers will allow us to participate in similar trips with a significant decrease in admission costs. Teaming grade levels to go to the same sites does not appear to be a pathway to monetary savings as the same number of busses will need to be used.

Special Education

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
8/19/10	58	5	12
8/22/11	59	0	21
9/26/11	66	0	20
10/24/11	65	1	20
11/28/11	65	1	20

- CSE – 1 new referral, 1 exited-goals met
 - CPSE – 1 pending referral

Upcoming events:

- ✓ November 28th Lead Evaluator Training Day 2 (BOCES)
- ✓ November 29th PTO Meeting
- ✓ December 2nd VESID (Vocational Educational Services for Individuals w/Disabilities) in Building
- ✓ December 8th Elementary Principals (BOCES)
- ✓ December 9th PTO Night with Santa
- ✓ December 13th Recipe for College Success for Students with Disabilities at JCC
- ✓ December 15th Holiday Concert
- ✓ December 16th 10th Mountain Division Band Holiday Concert
- ✓ December 16th Snow Ball

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Connell discussed the Shared Decision Making Council's proposal to move CPT time to 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. with students' instructional school day beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Mr. Connell noted there is much to consider and Sara Gleason has prepared and placed on the school's web site a survey inviting all to participate sharing their thoughts both pro and con. Mr. Connell noted data will be compiled and we will move from there.

Mr. Connell noted he conducted a building project punch list walk through today with the architect, Mr. William F. Taylor, Mr. Todd LaBarr of Watchdog Building Partners, LLC, together with school custodial personnel to identify areas which need contractor's attention. Mr. Connell noted that tomorrow both Modern Comfort and Pasco will be in the building working together to tweak the HVAC system. He noted the District will not sign off until the system has worked 30 days consecutively without any issues. He noted those two entities (Modern Comfort and Pasco) need to be here at the same time to work together to work out the "bugs". Mr. Connell noted he stands behind Watchdog Building Partners and the owner Mr. Todd LaBarr. He has been outstanding.

Mr. Connell discussed a Questar State Aid meeting he recently attended and noted Copenhagen is in the best shape we could possibly be in compared to some other districts.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Kunert attended a Jeff-Lewis School Boards Dessert Workshop meeting recently where she learned the NYSSBA conventions for the next two years will be held in Rochester and then possibly Lake Placid; she encouraged board members to consider attending. Mr. Connell and Mr. Murray agreed and that much can be learned from attending School Boards conventions. Mrs. Kunert noted the dessert workshop focused on the pros and cons of consolidation, sharing services, and utilizing BOCES.

OLD BUSINESS:

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman the Board voted to approve Academic Intervention Services Plan, as presented with the revised district mission statement to be included.

Approved AIS Plan

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion by Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the following Applications for Use of Facilities:

Approved Applications for Use of Facilities

- a) Request from Ellen Eves for use of room every other Monday between the hours of 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. for Junior Girl Scout Troop Meetings starting November 7, 2011 and go through June, 2012.
- b) Request from Mrs. Kathy Amos to use room for Brownie Scout meetings every other Monday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Troop meetings will start November 21 and go through June 12, 2012.
- c) Request from Ray Taylor, North Country Draft Horse Club to use the school cafeteria on January 31, 2012 and February 28, 2012 from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Club Meetings.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

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

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve request from Lisa Mattis to extend her maternity (FMLA) leave from November 24, 2011 through December 16, 2011. Said extension will cover the six week period after the birth of her son.

Approved request from Lisa Mattis to extend her FMLA leave

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the appointment of David Hovendon, Darcy Waugh, Philip Clarke, Ken Clarke and Dylan Eddy as District Volunteers for the winter sports season.

Approved appointment of District Volunteers for winter sports season

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0
Abstain – 1 (Mrs. Freeman)

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach Kyle Wheeler.

Appointment of Kyle Wheeler Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0
Abstain – 1 (Mrs. Freeman)

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Sarah Martin as substitute teacher.

*Approved
appointment of
Sara Martin
substitute
teacher*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve contract with Lowville Academy & Central School for Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (6) attending parochial schools within the Lowville Academy & Central School District in the amount of \$1,270.32.

*Approved
Contract for
Health and
Welfare
services w/
Lowville
Academy &
Central School*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve contract with Beaver River Central School District for Health and Welfare Services rendered Copenhagen Central School District students (4) attending parochial schools within the Beaver River Central School District in the amount of \$718.28.

*Approved
Contract for
Health and
Welfare
services w/
Beaver River
Central School*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve establishment of an “Art Club” as requested and presented by Mrs. Hovendon; there is no stipend for its advisor.

*Approved
establishment of
an Art Club*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve General Fund loan to School Lunch Fund, said amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

*Approved
General Fund
loan to School
Lunch Fund*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. School Law Briefing focusing on the Life Under the Tax Cap: *What Are Your District's Options?* Ferrara Law Firm School Law Briefing
2. Thank you from Leueen Smithling, Superintendent, Beaver River Central School.
3. Mr. Connell asked whether or not the Board would allow the annual Circus visit to occur on a Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The Board was in agreement that this would not be a problem. On the same note Mr. Connell reported that Mr. Cain would like to run a Sunday afternoon softball clinic in the gym which will be open to any age softball player. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Cain to run his clinic.
4. Darlene Rowsam will attend the next Board Meeting to instruct Board Members on how to access their school e-mails and discuss whether or not their e-mails will be available to the public.
5. Mr. Connell has scheduled a meeting with Eric Burch, Lewis County General Hospital, on Thursday of this week to discuss pertinent sections of the proposed lease agreement with the hospital.

At 8:05 p.m. and on motion by Troy Buckley, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

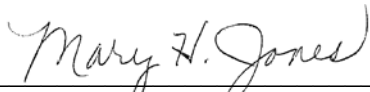
VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 8:25 p.m. and on motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 8:28 p.m. and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0



School District Clerk