

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2011

PRESIDENT ROBERT STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  
KOREEN G. FREEMAN  
TROY W. BUCKLEY  
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT, in at 2:37 p.m.  
LYNN A. MURRAY  
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI  
KIM R. VOGT

OTHERS PRESENT:  
SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT  
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 PRINCIPAL, in at 1:45 p.m.  
DALE R. MUNN, JR., DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES  
MARCIA A. MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER

President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 1:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

*Meeting called to order*

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve previous minutes (Monday, November 28, 2011 regular meeting).

*Approved previous minutes*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve Treasurer's Report, Warrants, and School Lunch Report, as presented.

*Approved Warrants and Reports*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Administrators' Reports, as follows:

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:** Mr. Munn offered the following:

- ✓ The Lewis County Sheriff's Department expects that the DARE program will continue through this school year. They are unsure if they will continue to have the resources to fund the program the following year.
- ✓ Kindergarten enrollment continues to rise. It is now the largest cohort in the Elementary school with 42 students.
- ✓ First Grade Enrichment class performed 2 songs for the Kindergarteners, including "Silent E" and "I Can Sing my Alphabet Backwards and Forwards." There are several other examples of our older students stepping into the class of younger students to assist them.
- ✓ PTO elections have taken place. Attendance at the recent meeting was up significantly and many appear willing to volunteer. The meeting was productive and helped lead to a successful "Evening with Santa." Nearly 300 items were collected for the food pantry and all funds from vendors tables were donated to the pantry as well.
- ✓ NYS Special education annual data forms have been submitted. Increased number of identified students on BEDS day can mostly be attributed to population variables. Many more SWD's have entered the district then exited.
- ✓ Scrubby Bears have completed most of their sessions with UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. It appears to be beneficial to both our High School and Primary students develop necessary skills for the real world.

## 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
12/21/11	66	1	20

- CSE – 1 transfer in, 1 new referral
- CPSE – 1 pending referral
- 504 - 1 pending referral

### **Upcoming events:**

- ✓ January 5<sup>th</sup> Lead Evaluator Training Day 3 (BOCES)
- ✓ January 18<sup>th</sup> CSE Chairpersons meeting (BOCES)
- ✓ January 20<sup>th</sup> Primary Project Team meeting (BOCES)

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

### **Student Highlights:**

- ✓ Upperclassmen student leaders who attended the Leadership Day in October provided a training session summarizing what they learned for the rest of the underclassmen student leaders. The format was outstanding and the entire group had an enjoyable time.
- ✓ The kindergarten changed their "H" week celebration this year. Instead of having a hat fashion show, they had a hat parade stopping in at the offices to sing.
- ✓ There are very preliminary talks with some teachers about becoming adjunct professors for TC3 (Tompkins County Community College) in an effort to offer more college level courses for our students.
- ✓ STARS students are now loading the bus in the upper parking lot. This has made dismissal much more organized with all parents and students in the same place.
- ✓ The PTO *Evening with Santa* was a huge success with record attendance this year.
- ✓ Secondary music students gave their annual holiday performance at the mall. They sounded wonderful and their audience responded in kind.
- ✓ The Winter Concert was a fine showcase of our students' talent.

### **Administrative Highlights:**

- ✓ Lead Evaluator training continues for administrators who will be evaluating teachers. According to the latest information, the certification process will take 6-9 training sessions.
- ✓ The new surveillance cameras on the busses and in the hallways are now being accessed. The building camera system is still in its infancy but the potential uses are great.
- ✓ Common Core training continues for teachers of ELA and math. The perceptions by those in attendance continue to be positive. Faculty meetings continue to focus on the elements that all teachers are required to know.
- ✓ The January Regents schedule has been finalized.
- ✓ The second semester master schedule has been adjusted and is ready to go.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Jan 6 - Alumni College Forum for seniors
- Jan 10 - Sophomore BOCES Visitation
- Jan 10 - PTO Meeting
- Jan 12 - Workforce 2020 at JCC
- Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 19 - STARS Story Time and Literacy Night
- Jan 20 - Grades 6-12 Dance and Activity Night

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Connell reported on the following:

1. Rural Schools Summit he recently attended.
2. The next CTA negotiation session is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Mr. Connell discussed the 2% tax levy limit.
4. Mr. Connell discussed Law Conference he attended.
5. Policy Committee has completed the 5.000's

- 6. John Warneck from the Jeff-Lewis BOCES Health and Safety Office has completed an air quality review of one particular classrooms and all indicators are normal or below.
- 7. Athletic Director, Winter Sports
- 8. New stage curtains.
- 9. Engage New York – Board Work Sessions

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

- (a) Logan Spaulding, modified boys’ basketball coach
- (b) Heidi M. Ressler, substitute teacher
- (c) James Henebry, substitute teacher

*Approved staff appointments*

VOTE: YES – 6: NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Lynn Murray, the Board voted to approve Applications for Use of Facilities, as follows:

- (a) Request from Cindy Carroll, president of the Copenhagen PeeWee Wrestling Club, to use various facilities as presented for the Pee Wee Wrestling program.
- (b) Request from Tracy J. Gyoerkoe, Jefferson-Lewis BOCES, to use the Library on 1/25/2012 between the hours of 3:15 and 5:15 p.m. for a joint BOCES faculty meeting.

*Approved Applications for Use of Facilities*

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

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board approved the following Capital Project Change orders, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
Roof-001 PTL Contracting Corp	\$329,700.00	0.00	\$15,950.00	\$345,650.00	Labor and material to remove and reinstall new fascia as indicated on JD-14 at existing bus garage. Cost of \$19,500.00.00 minus contingency amount of \$5,000.00 as per specs = \$14,500.00 + 10% = Total cost of \$15,950.00

*Approved Capital Project Change Order Roof – 001 – PTL Contracting Corp*

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
Site-014 J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp.	\$1,242,000.00	\$124,774.79	\$39,000.00	\$1,405,774.79	Labor and material to install a new 17,000 square foot parking area for an additional staging area. Work includes the installation of stabilization fabric and 1' of crushed stone to match existing grades. Grading, restoration, utility work is not included. Total cost \$39,000.00

*Approved Capital Project Change Order Site-014, JE Sheehan Contracting Corp*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

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

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve parochial transportation request from Mary Harding who recently moved into the District for her son, Nathaniel Harding, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, to be transported on an existing route from their home at 2965 Mechanic Street to Augustinian academy in Carthage and home.

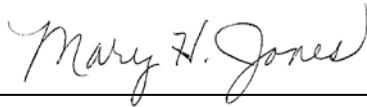
VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Discussion:

1. The Board was in agreement that the purchase of a new copier should be accomplished under the Multi-year agreement.
2. Mr. Connell discussed document which was placed on the school's web page and included in the board's packet "Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap as it relates to public schools".
3. Legalities of Executive Sessions and the purpose of holding same were discussed by the Board.

At 2:40 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 7; NO – 0



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School District Clerk

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

*Approved  
parochial  
transportation  
request from  
Mary Harding*