

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 23, 2012

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  
KOREEN G. FREEMAN  
TROY W. BUCKLEY  
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT  
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI  
KIM R. VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  
LYNN A. MURRAY

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, Superintendent  
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K-12 Principal  
DALE R. MUNN, JR., Director of Student Services  
MARCIA MUNDY, District Treasurer  
GERALD AND SALLY CARTER, Interested Public  
Megan Cross, Instrumental Band Teacher w/ students, Morgan Clarke,  
Elizabeth Walker, their parents, Dale Clarke and Ryan Annis  
Copenhagen Champion of Character Student Award Recipient:  
• Elementary – Brett Vogt w/ brothers Nolan and Clay and father, Ron  
Vogt

**PRESENTATION:**

Instrumental Music Teacher, Megan Cross, led student flute players, Morgan Clarke and Elizabeth Walker, in performing three short musical selections for the Board.

President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. which convened in the Band Room. The pledge to the Flag was said.

*Meeting called to order*

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve previous minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2011.

*Approved previous minutes*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, 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 – 6; NO – 0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Carter thanked the Board for their support of Mr. Tomaselli; she commended Mr. Buckley for his coaching of the J.V. boys' basketball team in teaching them they don't have to be a star; just get out there and play their hearts out. Mr. Carter expressed his support for Mr. Tomaselli; he told the Board he was impressed with administration's handling of an incident on the BOCES bus concerning a young student athlete who was caught with tobacco. He also commended Renee Eisel and Troy Buckley who are volunteering their services as score keeper and coaching, respectively.

President Robert Stackel and the entire Board of Education recognized the aforementioned Champion of Character Brett Vogt, with a certificate and a Copenhagen shirt from *Designs by Knight*.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

K-12 Principal Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

### **Student Highlights:**

- One of our foreign exchange students gave informative presentations to the elementary highlighting the similarities and differences between holiday traditions in the United States vs. Germany.
- Crane School of Music students visited to observe our music teachers.
- Distance Learning students have concluded their enrichment seminars for the middle schoolers. Sessions included: *All About Art*, *How to Ace a Test*, *Becoming a Pilot*, *Photography*, *Why YOU Should go to College*, and *High School History: What to Expect*. Twenty students signed up for the workshops.
- Financial Aid night was very informative for those who attended.
- YAC has their weekly backpack program up and running. Nine families are being served. They have been collaborating w/ Lowville YAC. Their efforts were rewarded as they won a Pratt-Northam competition, having been awarded \$2,500.00 over the next five years which will help support the backpack program.
- Student of the Month was brainstormed and the parameters have changed, hopefully to make the awards become more meaningful as well as make the awards selected more consistent with all teachers participating.
- Unfortunately, Workforce 2020 was canceled for this year.
- Many students received awards at this year's Scholastic Art Show.

### **Administrative Highlights:**

- A misunderstanding between our distance learning students and their sociology teacher has been resolved in a way that has satisfied everyone involved.
- Many families in Copenhagen had happier holidays because of the efforts of our students and staff. Since then, a Christmas Committee meeting has been held to debrief and have notes in place for next year.
- The definitive memo has arrived from State Ed. The 3-8 tests will be administered over three days instead of two. Each administration will include embedded field test questions. 90 minutes per session must be provided for students to have ample time to finish.
- Half of the Inquiry Team has visited General Brown School District to observe their "data chats" which follow the interim assessments all districts will be required to administer starting next year. In six weeks, the other half of the team will visit.
- Faculty meetings continue to focus on the Common Core as do Network Team Workshops for math and ELA teachers.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Jan 24-27- Regents Exams
- Jan 27- STARS Indoor Soccer Tournament
- Jan 31- ASVAB Test for all Juniors
- Feb 10- Valentine's Day Dance
- Feb 14 - National Honor Society Inductions
- Feb 16 - STARS Story Time & Literacy Activities
- Feb 17- "Just Dance" Competition grades 1-5
- Feb 20-24 - Winter Vacation
- Feb 27- BOE Meeting

Director of Student Services, Mr. Munn offered the following:

- Applied for Exception to 1% cap on Proficiency or Above Scores Based on Alternative Achievement Standards.
- The second round of RTI Universal screenings have taken place. Progress has been made regarding previously screened areas, however, a similar number of students require services as they screened low on new

assessments. Scheduling difficulties remain at the K-2 level as a result of decreased staff.

- The PTO has a new-found energy with approximately 15 people attending this month’s meeting. This month they donated \$500 to the Backpack program and purchased a new popcorn machine. They have expressed an interest in assisting the school in purchasing an AED for the softball dugout and handicap accessible bleachers.
- 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.
- Training has continued related to the Common Core. Plans to align curriculum to the Common Core have progressed. The PD Committee and SBIT team would like to work on this process during 4 planned half days throughout the remainder of this school year.
- Proposed State mandate relief related to CSE and CPSE may lead to streamlining of the CPSE referral and therapy provision process.
- A NYS proposal related to a change in the credentials granted to those currently qualifying to receive IEP diplomas could have negative implications. While the proposed credentials for those that qualify for alternative assessments will likely have little to no bearing on these students lives, those that do not qualify for Alternative assessments but cannot pass all Regents exams will need another diploma option or all schools risk an increase in non-completion rates.

**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
1/23/12	67	1	21

- CSE – 3 pending referrals, 2 pending transfer ins
- CPSE – 1 pending referral, 1 pending transfer in
- 504 - 1 newly identified

**Upcoming events:**

- January 24<sup>th</sup> Driven by Data Workshop (BOCES)
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Lead Evaluator 4 training (BOCES)
- February 15<sup>th</sup> CSE Chairperson’s meeting (BOCES)
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Lead Evaluator 5 Training (BOCES)
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Lead Evaluator 6 Training (BOCES)

Superintendent Scott Connell offered the following:

- Mr. Connell noted he celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary as Superintendent of Copenhagen Central School last week, thanking his staff for help easing him in to the position. He noted Mr. Munn and Mrs. O’Shaughnessy being the competent professionals that they are have brought much to the administrative team and he has enjoyed every second of his first year at Copenhagen.
- Mr. Connell reported on the CCS Vadir (Violent and Disruptive Incident Report) noting we have a very safe school.
- Following Governor Cuomo’s State of the State message, Mr. Connell discussed the State Aid runs for 2012-2013 noting that the 20% increase reported in the newspaper was due to the recent capital project and building aid. He said as of now the District is scheduled to receive a 3.1% increase.
- Progress on the capital project has slowed tremendously. Contractors are working on the punch list, however, they schedule workers in the building

when it works best for their work schedules. Mr. Connell talked with Sue Whitney, Superintendent at LaFargeville, who stated her project should have been finished a year before Copenhagen's and is still not finished. Temperatures have dipped to -20° and so far the geothermal heating is working, however, we have not taken ownership as yet.

- Governor Cuomo has drawn a line in the sand with regard to the APPR. It was said progress is being made.
- Troy Buckley will DJ the senior prom; payment will come from extra class funds, not taxpayer money.
- The March 19<sup>th</sup> Superintendent's Conference Day has been moved to May 1<sup>st</sup> when in-house scoring of New York State ELA and math exams will be accomplished.
- Much has been accomplished with curriculum and Common Core. However, there is more to be done and we are planning on releasing students three half days, the first of which will be February 13<sup>th</sup> so that more Common Core work may be done.
- Lewis County Stop DWI wants to simulate a Stop DWI accident in our District. Mr. Connell noted he feels this is a positive learning experience for the students and if no one has any objections, he will go ahead and make the arrangements. 9 – 12 students will be involved. There were no objections; Mr. Connell will make the arrangements.
- The Village of Copenhagen has requested as of this date the school's co-sponsorship of the Summer Recreation program, more specifically use of the school's facilities (cafeteria, gym, and playground) as well as transportation to Westcotts' Beach two days a week and transportation to Enchanted Forest during the last week of the program. Pending passage of the 2012-13 budget the Board agreed to co-sponsor the program but will pay for one trip per week to Westcott's Beach, not two.
- There is a need to raise the school lunch price due to increases in the price of food and other costs.
- Mrs. Mundy presented to the Board a Fund Balance Analysis, together with a 2010 -11 - 2011-12 Revenue Comparison.
- Mr. Connell noted there is \$250,000,000.00 grant money sitting in Albany for which most North Country schools are not planning to apply for because they do not qualify; the hope is this money instead will be repurposed to help North Country schools with the gap elimination.
- Mr. Connell's hope/dream is if the financial situation becomes brighter that the District might be able to hire one middle school-high school math/science teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jared Spaulding as Volunteer Assistant Modified Boys Basketball Coach.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to appoint the following substitute teacher applicants:

- a) David Hovendon
- b) Korinna Olson
- c) Hiedi Hebert

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

*Approved  
appointment of  
Jared Spaulding  
as Volunteer  
Assistant  
Modified Boys  
Basketball Coach*

*Approved  
substitutes*

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order GC-087, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC-087	\$1,821,000.00	\$671,364.19	\$22,630.00	\$2,514,994.19	Labor and material for abatement work in the Cafeteria and kitchen.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

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 – 5; NO – 0; Abstain – 1 (*Mr. Tomaselli*)

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the appointment of spring coaching staff, as follows:

- Varsity Baseball – Jim Spaulding
- Modified Baseball – Logan Spaulding
- Varsity Softball – John Cain
- Modified Softball – Cathy Snyder

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Troy Buckley, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve an overnight trip for Varsity Wrestling Team to Schoharie Tournament weekend of January 14, 2012.

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

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve Application for Use of Facilities submitted by John McGraw, Tug Hill Wheelers, to use cafeteria on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. for a regional meeting.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve contract with *Graduates on Tour* for 31 seniors with four chaperones, Melissa Herbert, Eileen Carroll, Natalie Scott and Eric Scott, for senior trip to Disney World Park from Sunday, April 1, 2012 through Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0;

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Copenhagen Central School District desires to enter into a five (5) year contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES in order for the Regional Information Center to furnish certain services

*Approved capital project change order GC-087*

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

*Approved appointment of spring coaching staff*

*Approved overnight trip for Varsity Wrestling Team*

*Approved Application for Use of Facilities from the Tug Hill Wheelers*

*Approved contract w/ Graduates on Tour for senior trip*

*Approved Multi-year contract w/ Madison-Oneida BOCES for Administrative Computer Services*

to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 602 Administrative Computer Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Copenhagen Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$24,656 plus related borrowing fees, plus yearly Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract finalized by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education, for a period of five (5) year(s); 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-2014; 2014-2015, 2015-16.

VOTE: YES 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve General Fund Loan to Capital Account, not to exceed \$100,000.00.

*Approved  
General Fund  
Loan to Capital  
Account*

VOTE: YES 6; NO – 0;

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to co-sponsor the Village of Copenhagen’s Summer Recreation Program, pending passing of the District’s 2012 – 2013 budget in May. The Rec Program will have use of the school’s facilities (cafeteria, gym, and playground). The District will provide transportation to Westcotts’ Beach one (1) day per week and transportation to Enchanted Forest during the last week of the program.

*Approved request  
from the Village  
of Copenhagen to  
co-sponsor the  
Village’s Summer  
Recreation  
Program,  
pending passage  
of the 2012-2013  
budget*

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

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to raise the price of school lunches .10¢ from \$1.65 to \$1.75 for both elementary and high school students beginning February 1, 2012. For now the cost for breakfast and milk will remain the same, however, the Board moved to raise the price of breakfast and milk by .10¢ beginning September 1, 2012.

*Approved  
resolution to  
raise the price of  
school lunches,*

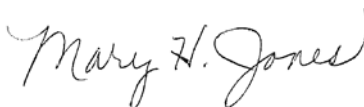
VOTE: YES 6; NO – 0;

DISCUSSION:

1. Legislative Breakfast – February 3, 2012. Mr. Connell inquired as to whether anyone else was interested in attending the Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association Legislative breakfast. We have three people going, Mrs. Kunert, Mr. Tomaselli, and Mr. Connell.
2. Letter from Mr. J. W. Allen, New York State FFA President – Mr. Connell referred to letter received from Mr. Allen and the importance of an FFA Chapter where students have the opportunity to learn leadership skills through agricultural education.

At 8:25 p.m. and on motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES 6; NO – 0;



School District Clerk