

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 26, 2012

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TROY W. BUCKLEY
KOREEN G. FREEMAN
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT
LYNN A. MURRAY
KIM R. VOGT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT
NADINE O'SHAUGHNESSY, K – 12 PRINCIPAL
DALE R. MUNN, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
GERALD CARTER AND SALLY CARTER, INTERESTED PUBLIC
MEGAN CROSS, Instrumental Music Teacher w/ students Stephanie Aubin
and Alexis Smith and her parents
DARLENE ROWSAM, Technology Coordinator
VIRGINIA HOVENDON, 6 – 12 Art entered at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Instrumental Music Teacher, Megan Cross, led student clarinet and flute players, Stephanie Aubin and Alexis Smith, in performing a short musical selection for the Board.

Meeting called to order

President Robert Stackel called this regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2012 regular meeting and the March 6, 2012 special official meeting.

Approved previous minutes

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Troy Buckley, 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 – 6; NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Sally Carter expressed concerns about walking her beagle dog which she adopted from the SPCA about three months ago near the school playground while school is in session and children are on the playground.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

Student Highlights:

- ✓ Our community lost one of its most recent graduates since the last meeting. In response, student support services members cleared their calendars and all students in need of counseling, quiet time, or group talk, were accommodated.
- ✓ Senior trip plans have been finalized. The mandatory senior trip parent/student meeting has been completed and all forms signed and turned in. On Saturday, March 31, Mr. Connell will check senior luggage between

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The luggage will then be loaded on a school bus after which the doors will be locked in anticipation of its 4:00 a.m. departure for Hancock Airport, Syracuse the following day.

- ✓ The annual Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game was played in good spirits and in good fun. All participants put on a good show for the crowd.
- ✓ This year's circus was not as highly attended as usual. Adjustments will be made next year since this is the first year it has ever been held on a Sunday.
- ✓ Connor Berrus has been selected to receive the Presidential Volunteer Award.
- ✓ Yet another college credit bearing class has been approved. Video Productions will now be offered through TC3 with Mrs. Griffin as the teacher.
- ✓ An assembly has been scheduled for grades 9-12 regarding cybercrime and cyber bullying.
- ✓ The Elementary Concert was amazing; she has received much positive feedback.

Administrative Highlights:

- ✓ Second round observations have been completed.
- ✓ The scoring schedule for May 1 is edited and completed. All teachers will be scoring in some capacity and tests will be returned to the RIC on time the following day.
- ✓ The process for interim assessments has been shared with staff at faculty meeting.
- ✓ Some ongoing issues with Distance Learning have been addressed.
- ✓ The spring Data Workshop with the RIC was very informational. At the very least, we learned the absolute myriad upcoming reports in the next few years.
- ✓ Teacher-Student Data Linkage must be verified by both the school and each individual teacher using their unique ID codes. This will be done by the staff at the next faculty meeting.
- ✓ The March 16 curriculum writing day was very productive. A few more maps have been completed.
- ✓ The schedule for the in-house "Infusing the Shifts" workshop on March 23 has been edited and completed.
- ✓ Mrs. O'Shaughnessy noted the entire NYS Report Card for Copenhagen is not as yet available but The New York State School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for Copenhagen Central School is and this is a report we should be proud of. Copies were distributed to the Board.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ Mar 24- STARS Easter Egg Hunt
- ✓ Mar 28- Town Hall Meeting
- ✓ Mar 28- NHS Senior Recognition Night
- ✓ Mar 29-30- Prevention Needs Assessment from MVPS
- ✓ Apr 1-4- Senior Trip to Florida
- ✓ Apr 17-19- NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Exams
- ✓ Apr 18- Talent Show

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Mr. Munn offered the following:

- ✓ Work has begun on implementing peer tutoring intervention with Middle school student tutors and 1st and 2nd grade tutees during "flooding time." Informational meetings will take place this week and with trainings to take place immediately. The goal is to begin sessions following Spring Break.
- ✓ Four students will be participating in Special Olympics on May 18th on Fort Drum. Events that our students will be participating in include swimming, bowling and Track and Field.
- ✓ Elementary schedule for next year has been completed. It will include 2 first grade classes, 1 second grade class and a mixed age 1/2 class. This will assist in reducing class size for this year's Kindergarten cohort and allow for increased flexibility should more students move into this cohort.

- ✓ Several students have been discontinued from Primary Project with new students replacing them. In general positive social/emotional improvements have resulted from this intervention, in some cases substantial improvements have been noted. It is, however, focused on mild school adjustment issues.
- ✓ Mr. Munn has begun counseling some elementary students and providing for the psychological testing needs of the district. When possible testing has been scheduled during school breaks.
- ✓ A BOCES Social Worker and 1:1 aide have begun working here since our last meeting. Preliminary interactions suggest that we have been able to recruit quality employees.

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
1/23/12	67	1	21
2/27/12	70	3	20
3/26/12	70	3	19

- CSE – 4 pending referrals, 1 transfer in, 1 transfer out, 1 classified and 2 declassified
- 504 – 2 pending referrals and 1 declassified

Upcoming events:

- ✓ March 29th Elementary Principal’s meeting (BOCES)
- ✓ April 11th CSE Chairperson’s Meeting (BOCES)
- ✓ April 18th YAC Talent Show
- ✓ April 25th Blood Drive

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Mr. Connell requested the Board approve changes in the 2011 – 2012 instructional calendar giving back unused snow days (Thursday May 24, Friday, May 25 and Friday, June 22). Last day for elementary students will be June 15; last day for Middle School will be June 18. Professional Development regarding the Common Core and Assessment writing will take place June 18, 19, 20 and 21.
- Mr. Connell noted the tax increase proposed for next year’s budget should be confirmed tonight and after much consideration, he and Mrs. Mundy are recommending between 2 and 3%. He noted the budget runs are not out yet from Albany. The Town Hall meeting on the budget for the public will occur on Wednesday.
- CTA negotiations will occur again on May 8.
- Mr. Connell noted he is working with Mrs. Shambo and Mrs. Mundy cleaning up outdated language in the Support Staff Contract.
- Capital Project – We are having issues with changing of filters in the heat exchangers. Talks are taking place on how to come to a good solution for all concerned.
- Ms. Cross is planning to begin rehearsal for all marching band students in the morning before school, once a week on Wednesday mornings.

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Darlene Rowsam presented to the Board a PowerPoint production with regard to the proposed Multi-Year contract with Madison-Oneida BOCES for CoSer 505 Instructional Technology Services and CoSer 602 Administrative Computer Services in the amount of \$141,375.00 sharing the technology committee’s vision for technology for the District for the next four years.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the Annual Budget Election (May 15, 2012) Inspectors, Meeting Chairperson Assistants to the Clerk for balloting:

Meeting Chairperson: Phyllis Gaines
 Chief Inspector: Phyllis Gaines
 Inspector: Donna Wheeler
 Alternate Inspector: Patricia Eddy

Assistants to the Clerk for Balloting: Rachel Guyette, Brenda Shelmidine, Mary Shambo, Linda Prince, Marcia Mundy, Robin Spaulding and Mary Jones, Clerk

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved appointment of Annual Budget Election Inspectors

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to approve the second reading of the Copenhagen Central School Anti-Bullying Policy, as presented.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved 2nd reading of the Copenhagen Central School Anti-Bullying Policy

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve Capital Project Change Order, as follows:

Change Order #	Original Contract Sum	Net Change by previously authorized Change Orders	Contract Sum Increase	New Contract Sum	Explanation
GC-092	\$1,821,000.00	\$714,174.84	\$12,510.00	\$2,547,684.84	Labor and materials to extend walls to bottom of existing deck in Corridor 165, fire safe & fire tape, cost \$7,479.00 and to finish the new drywall that was applied to the existing walls in Classroom 163-169, cost \$5,031.00; Total cost \$12,510.00

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved Capital Project Change Order # GC-092

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve Sarah Jolliff as substitute teacher, pending fingerprint clearance.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved Sarah Jolliff as substitute teacher

On motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of Kristin Gunderson as substitute teacher.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

Approved the reappointment of Kristin Gunderson as substitute teacher

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the board approved request from Nancy Moser for two unpaid days, March 29 and 30, 2012 for a trip out of the country.

Approved request for two unpaid days from Nancy Moser

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the 2012 – 2013 Instructional Calendar, as presented.

Approved 2012 – 2013 Instructional Calendar

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to approve resolution modifying the 2011 – 2012 C.C.S. instructional calendar to excuse the attendance of students and all staff on Friday, May 25, 2012 and to excuse the attendance of students and instructional staff on Thursday, May 24, 2012 and June 22; last day for elementary students will be Friday, June 15; last day for Middle School students will be Monday, June 18. Instructional staff will be engaged in professional development, i.e. The Common Core and Writing assessments June 18 through June 21.

Approved resolution modifying 2011 – 2012 school calendar

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Alexander Beebee as substitute teacher, pending fingerprint clearance.

Approved Alexander Beebee as substitute teacher

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Theresa Staab as substitute teacher.

Approved Theresa Staab as substitute teacher

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert the Board voted to approve resolution, as follows:

Approved Resolution to enter into a 4 year contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES for Instructional Technology Services and Administrative Computer Services

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF Education of the Copenhagen Central School District desires to enter into a four (4) year contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES, in order for the Regional Information Center to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 505 Instructional Technology Services and CoSer 602 Administrative Computer Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Copenhagen Central School District not to exceed \$141,375.00 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 four (4) years: 2011 - 2012, 2012 – 2013, 2013 – 2014, 2014 – 2015.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Hovendon presented to the Board with regard to her art students who competed in the prestigious Scholastic Art Show held at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. She noted there were three “Gold Key” winners from Copenhagen, SaRena Eves, Autumn Moser and Elise Edmonds. She reported on

the grant which the Art Department received wherein a local artist, Mr. Jeff Mann will spend a week with the art classes building a "Car Part" Quilt. She also noted upcoming "art" events are the Annual Art Exhibit, the Tri-County Art Show, the Gala Opening of the Car Parts Quilt and Senior Exhibitions.

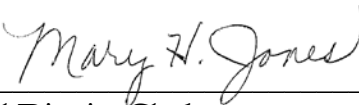
DISCUSSION:

The Board of Education was in agreement with Mr. Connell and Mrs. Mundy in regards to the proposed tax increase. Mr. Connell noted that because of the APPR, he envisions the practice of elementary parents requesting specific teachers for their children coming to an end. The District will make every effort to place each child in the class that they feel fits the student. Mr. Connell read letter to the Board of education from elementary teacher Cyndy Pridell with regard to the District's salary schedule for instructional staff.

VOTE: YES - 6; NO - 0

At 8:35 p.m. and on motion of Lynn Murray, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES -6; NO - 0



School District Clerk