

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MAY 21, 2012

PRESIDENT ROBERT F. STACKEL, PRESIDING  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:           BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  
TROY W. BUCKLEY                   LYNN A. MURRAY  
KOREEN G. FREEMAN  
PRUDENCE L. KUNERT  
ALFRED E. TOMASELLI  
KIM R. VOGT

OTHERS PRESENT:

SCOTT N. CONNELL, SUPERINTENDENT  
NADINE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY, K – 12 PRINCIPAL  
DALE MUNN, DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS SERVICES  
MARCIA MUNDY, DISTRICT TREASURER  
ADAM STAAB, C.C.S. MATH TEACHER

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

*Meeting called to order*

Mr. Adam Staab, C.C.S. math teacher, presented to the Board his HIL Project which basically is a blended or hybrid technique he is using to teach algebra/trigonometry classes using both on-line and classroom teaching. He noted all students learn at a different pace and the HIL Project affords students the opportunity to be re-taught each lesson if the need arises. The classroom environment is a lot more positive. He also indicated he has had a lot of support from and discussions with administration. Mr. Staab left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Koreen Freeman made a motion, seconded by Troy Buckley, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 Regular meeting.

*Approved previous minutes*

VOTE:                   YES – 6;    NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report, Warrants, and School Lunch Report, submitting all for audit.

*Approved Treasurer's Report, Warrants and School Lunch Report*

VOTE:                   YES – 6;    NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vote, the Board voted to accept the Revised Agenda.

*Accepted Revised Agenda*

VOTE:                   YES – 6;    NO – 0

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

Principal O'Shaughnessy offered the following:

**Student Highlights:**

- ✓ Grades 3-8 ELA and Math testing and scoring is complete. At this point, predicting results is nearly impossible since there is no way to tell which questions were field test items and which were actual test items. Science will begin this week. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade testing ELA/MATH went very well.
- ✓ The YAC talent show was very entertaining. Next year they are thinking about changing it to a variety show since it is taking on elements of that type of presentation.
- ✓ The spring concert was longer than expected, but the performance was absolutely commendable. The art show was nothing short of impressive.
- ✓ The school musical was not as highly attended as hoped, but the students, elementary through high school, should be proud of their accomplishment.

- ✓ National Honor Society hosted a “Dress Down and Purple Up” day. A photo of the entire student body in purple and black was taken on the front lawn.
- ✓ The Academic Banquet went very smoothly. The second year with the new format was well received by those in attendance.
- ✓ After much planning and worrying, the Mock DWI Accident provided exactly the right message at exactly the right time for our students. The District did not receive a single negative phone call or comment.
- ✓ The prom was a pleasure to host. Our students looked and acted like fine ladies and gentlemen.
- ✓ Many students received awards at the Tri-County Art show. One of our students, SaRena Eves won best of show.
- ✓ Parent/grandparent luncheons have concluded for the year. Feedback has been all positive.
- ✓ The Lewis County Police Appreciation Committee is honoring our sixth grade for their essays. The top award goes to one of our students, Cody Zubrzycki.

#### **Administrative Highlights:**

- ✓ Next year’s master schedule is well under way and should be complete in the next week or two.
- ✓ All fire drills and lock-down drills have been completed for the year.
- ✓ Our final early dismissal for curriculum writing has occurred. Several teachers have at least one curriculum completed and are working on the next. Some have begun writing their first interim assessment for next year. Before they leave for the summer, all teachers will have this accomplished.
- ✓ Teachers continue to attend Common Core Training with “Infusing the Shifts Part III” starting this week.
- ✓ The final step of the APPR process is in progress.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- ✓ May 23 - Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance Test
- ✓ May 23 - NJHS Inductions
- ✓ June 1 - Dairy Parade
- ✓ June 4 - Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Test
- ✓ June 6 - Invention Convention
- ✓ June 7 - Athletic Banquet
- ✓ June 8 - Dance Grades 6-8
- ✓ June 12 - Last Full day of Classes (9-12)
- ✓ June 13-22 - Regents Exams
- ✓ June 14 - Last Day of STARS
- ✓ June 14 - Flag Day Parade
- ✓ June 15 - Last Day of Classes (K-8)
- ✓ June 15 - Kindergarten Graduation
- ✓ June 15 - Middle School Award
- ✓ June 18 - Grd 8 Spanish Proficiency
- ✓ June 18 - MS Semi Formal
- ✓ June 22 - Senior Luncheon
- ✓ June 23 - Alumni Banquet
- ✓ June 24 - Senior Commencement

#### **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:**

Mr. Munn offered the following:

- ✓ We had four students participating in Special Olympics Day at Fort Drum on Friday, May 18th. Events include Aquatics, Basketball Skills, Bowling, Track & Field and Adaptive Games. Plans will be underway soon for the Carthage Games which is held in June which allow for more students to attend.
- ✓ Kindergarten Registration is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thirty two students have been sent information for registration. Twenty nine students have enrolled for the UPK program!
- ✓ The Elementary/Special Education Schedules are in draft form for next year. A scheduling committee has been working for a block of time a couple of times a week on the Middle/High School Schedules.
- ✓ Data related to literacy outcomes for UPK, 1<sup>st</sup> and second grade demonstrate significant improvements over last year. Staff has worked diligently to utilize

RTI data to support student learning objectives. Data from Kindergarten demonstrates individual student growth, but a decline in overall exit outcomes from last year. This may be attributed to class size.

- ✓ Planning has begun for the Summer Learning Program. It will be nice to see kids in the building this summer. The Summer Recreation Program sponsored by the village will also resume this year.
- ✓ Our Community Garden is underway. Donations have been received to support the construction process. Students will be taking an active role in the process.

**Special Education**

Date	CSE	CPSE	504
8/19/10	58	5	12
8/22/11	59	0	21
9/26/11	66	0	20
1/23/12	67	1	21
3/26/12	70	3	19
4/16/12	71	2	20
5/17/12	72	2	21

- CSE - 2 classifications, 1 declassification, 1 transfer in, 2 pending referrals
- CPSE: no changes
- 504: 1 classification, 3 pending referrals

**Upcoming events:**

- ✓ May 22, 23 – Kindergarten Registration
- ✓ May 22 – CSE Chairpersons Meeting
- ✓ May 30 – Lead Evaluator Training
- ✓ May 31 – VESID Meeting with Seniors
- ✓ June 6 – Carthage Exceptional Games
- ✓ June 7 – Elementary Principals Meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

2012-2013 Budget has passed and Mr. Connell noted he thought the Town Hall Meeting helped. Mrs. Mundy has worked out preliminary figures with regard to savings to the District is enjoying because of the geothermal project. Mr. Connell has been in contact with Laura Payne Bourcy with regard to grants and it looks like the available grants are beyond the District’s reach. With regard to the APPR Rubric, Mr. Connell is in favor of using the NYSUT Rubric. He said three other districts, Indian River, Lyme and South Jefferson are also looking at the NYSUT Rubric. Mr. Connell also discussed the Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Dessert Workshop he attended with regard to shared services. Mrs. Beverly Ouder Kirk, shared Superintendent of the Brushton Moira Central School and St. Regis Falls Central Schools Districts was the speaker who discussed the pros and cons which have been perceived in the past two years of these districts sharing a Superintendent. Mr. Connell noted another windmill meeting has been conducted wherein he learned 85% of the landowners have signed on. The Community Committee has also met again. The Clinic is at a standstill at this point and the One-on-one i-Pad Initiative will be launched. The i-Pad Learners Road Show will be here on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The District has received 69 elementary applications and 10 math allocations. The plan is to schedule interviews on or around June 5.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, MEGAN A. CROSS, a probationary Music K-12 teacher, having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated August 24, 2009 to a three-year probationary position of Music K-12 teacher; that it having been shown that MEGAN A. CROSS holds New York State Initial Certificate in Music K – 12 , Control # 222298081; and it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on June 30, 2012; the Board

*Approved tenure appointment for Megan A. Cross*

of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure MEGAN A. CROSS, effective September 1, 2012.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 1  
(Mr. Buckley)

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of Scott N. Connell, Superintendent, RACHEL C. RARICK, a probationary Childhood Education (Grades 1 – 6), having been appointed by resolution of the Board dated May, 26, 2001, to a three-year probationary position of Childhood Ed (1-6) Visual Arts teacher effective September 1, 2009; it having been shown that RACHEL C. RARICK holds New York State Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial Certificate, Control #86953071 and Visual Arts, Initial Certificate, Control #157655071 and it further having been shown that the probationary period in this District will expire on June 30, 2012; the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure RACHEL C. RARICK, effective September 1, 2012.

*Approved tenure appointment for Rachel C. Rarick*

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 1  
(Mr. Buckley)

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to authorize District Treasurer, Marcia Mundy, to close HSBC Bank Account ending in 6262.

*Approved authorization to close HSBC Bank Account ending in 6262*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Kim Vogt, the Board voted to approve the following staff appointments:

- a) Anne Marie Guillory – Substitute Teacher
- b) Debbie Woodruff – Part-time teacher aide for 2 hours per day

*Approved appointment of staff*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve Applications for Use of Facilities, as follows:

- a) Request from Terrance W. Fleming to use classroom 305 on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of running a NYS DEC Hunter Training Course.
- b) Request from Asa Stackel, Captain, Tug Hill Soccer League, to use Varsity Soccer Fields on Wednesdays/Sundays between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. starting the first week of June and ending Mid-August, 2012 for the Tug Hill Summer Soccer League home games.

*Approved Applications for Use of Facilities*

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; Abstain – Mr. Stackel

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement from Carolyn Carlson, with deep regret, from her elementary teaching position effective June 30, 2012.

*Accepted letter of retirement from Carolyn Carlson*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to accept letter of retirement from Cynthia Pridell, with deep regret, from her elementary teaching position effective June 30, 2012.

*Accepted letter of retirement from Cynthia Pridell*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve request from Anne Joy Morgan to amend letter of retirement to reflect effective date to be June 30, 2012, not August 9, 2012.

*Approved request from Anne Morgan to amend her letter of retirement*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Alfred Tomaselli, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

*Approved recommendations of 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 Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the following appointments:

*Approved staff appointments*

- Phyllis Gaines and Debra Woodruff - co-census takers for 2012/13
- Donna Wheeler – Tax Collector for 2012/13
- Brenda Shelmidine – Sub Caller for 2012/13
- Brenda Shelmidine – CPSE Chairperson for 2012/13
- Cathy Snyder – Director of Student Activities for 2012/13

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to grant a 2% salary increase for administration, confidential/managerial employees, in addition to co-census takers, tax collector, sub caller, CPSE Chairperson and Director of Student Activities for the 2012 – 2013 school year as presented by the District Treasurer.

*Approved 2% salary increase for administration, confidential/managerial employees for 12-13*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to approve \$7,500.00 stipend for Mr. Munn for performing the duties of the School Psychologist.

*Approved stipend for Mr. Munn for performing the duties of the School Psychologist*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Alfred Tomaselli, the Board voted to approve the Revised (April 11, 2012) Copenhagen Central School Safety Plan, as presented.

*Approved School Safety Plan (Revised April 11, 2012)*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to modify the Revised 2011 – 2012 Instructional Calendar to include Friday, June 22, 2012 as a day instructional and support staff need be in attendance.

*Approved modification of 11 – 12 Instructional Calendar*

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Koreen Freeman, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to adopt amendment to provide for compliance with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART) and the Worker, Retiree, and employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA) with regard to 403(b) District participants serving in the armed forces as well as their families.

VOTE: YES – 5; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 1  
(Mr. Tomaselli)

On motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Koreen Freeman, the Board voted to extend current contract with Superintendent Connell to June 30, 2015.

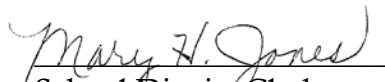
VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

On motion of Kim Vogt, seconded by Prudence Kunert, the Board voted to accept letter of resignation from Anita Jones from her position as Child Associate for the Copenhagen’s Primary Mental health Project at the close of the 2012 – 2012 school year.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

At 8:30 p.m., and on motion of Prudence Kunert, seconded by Troy Buckley, the Board voted to adjourn.

VOTE: YES – 6; NO – 0

  
School District Clerk

*Approved adoption of amendment to provide for compliance with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008*

*Approved extension of current contract with Superintendent Connell to June 30, 2015*

*Accepted letter of resignation from Anita Jones from her position as a Child Associate*