

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

DATE: January 13, 2010

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony J. Scalici, President, Mary B. Leonard, Vice-President,
David C. Borgstrom, Paula M. Greene, Noreen P. Polus, Theresa
J. Russo, Mikal Sky-Shrewsberry

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools
Amy Kukenberger, School Business Admin./Building Admin.
Michael G. Cring, Secondary Principal
Teresa L. Gorman, Elementary Principal

President Scalici called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. There were no public comments.

Mr. Scalici turned the meeting over to Mrs. Holly Hren, President of Friends of CCS Music and Art, for their annual report. Mrs. Hren reported on membership, financial status, activities, art awards, middle school drama club, other financial support, and other contributions. Mr. Scalici thanked Mrs. Hren for her presentation and for all that Friends does for students and the school district.

Mr. Scalici turned the meeting over to Mrs. Annmarie Bascio and Mrs. Peg O'Dell, Co-Chairs of PTO, for their annual report. Mrs. O'Dell reported on the largest donations such as Kid Garden, Field Trips, FM Audio System, summer Music Lessons, and summer Reading Program. She also reported on other donations, events, fundraisers, communications, and Crayon Carnival. Mr. Scalici thanked them for their presentation and for all that the PTO does for students and the school district.

Mr. Scalici stated that Mr. Snyder was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Scalici presented the Cooperstown Sports Booster Club Annual Report as prepared by Mr. Robert Snyder, President. He reported on membership and the following activities: Concession stand at track invitational, ushers for Hall of Fame Game, All Sports Banquet, distribute programs for Hall of Fame inductions, concession stands for football, soccer games, and Hall of Fame world series kick-off, SADD/Booster Club spaghetti dinner, Dick White Boys Holiday Tournament, and fundraising activities. Mr. Scalici thanked the Booster Club for all that they do for athletes and the school district.

Mr. Scalici turned the meeting over to Mrs. Stephanie Bauer, Chairperson of the Cooperstown Foundation for Excellence in Education for their annual report. Mrs. Bauer presented the balance sheet for previous year comparison and profit and loss previous year comparison. She reviewed funding allocations, funds that CFEE holds such as Expeditionary Learning, Kid City, Kid Garden, Driver Education program, new sign and 5th grade yearbook, and fundraising activities. Mr. Scalici thanked Mrs. Bauer for her presentation and for all that CFEE does for the school district.

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Mr. Scalici turned the meeting over to the administrative staff for a presentation on the 2010 Goals. Mrs. McPhail began with background information regarding the 2010 initiatives, 2010 teams, and academic goals. Mr. Cring and Ms. Gorman presented a power point presentation highlighting the 2010 goals, the support goals, student test data, and beyond 2010. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Scalici thanked them for their informative presentation and invited Board members to review the information and refer any additional questions and comments to the administrators.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo presented the following warrants: WN-43 dated December 9, 2009, SN-46 dated December 9, 2009, School Lunch Fund dated December 11, 2009, WN-48 dated December 22, 2009, SN-49 dated December 30, 2009, SN-50 dated December 22, 2009, and SN-52 dated January 4, 2010, for Board information.

Dr. Russo presented the Budget Status Report dated December 31, 2009, for Board information.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Reports, as follows:

November 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009		
Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	83,507.79
CD's	432,917.00	
Prize	32,074.32	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	39,068.95
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	135,285.42
NBT	6,317,366.75	
JPM	224,169.59	
Citizens	148,663.18	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	519.91
Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	180,630.54
Savings	440,904.90	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009		
Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	110,737.44
CD's	432,917.00	
Prize	34,923.26	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	36,609.99
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	132,474.73
NBT	5,333,573.24	
JPM	224,255.20	
Citizens	148,713.68	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	40,121.20
Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	113,227.67
Savings	440,961.07	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule – SN-55 dated January 6, 2010 totaling \$28,393.85 as follows:

Excel Insulation Co. Inc.	4,258.36
Bearsch Compeau Knudson	24,135.49

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval to set the mileage rate at \$.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved approval of the Quarterly Extracurricular Report for the period October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo gave the Operations, Grounds, and Audit Committee Mid-Year Report.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 5322: Use of the District Cell Phone, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 5410: Purchasing, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the amendment to the Middle/High School Attendance Regulations.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of January 7, 2010.

Mrs. Greene gave the Policy Committee Mid-Year Report.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Mrs. Susan Reynolds, Account Clerk/Typist, effective June 30, 2010, with thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, School Psychologist, effective January 13, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Mrs. Kim Santoro to the 10 month, part-time (5½ hours per day) position of Food Service Helper for a probationary period of 52 weeks, effective December 22, 2009; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during her first year of appointment be paid at the rate of \$10.75 per hour, as stipulated in the Service Unit Contract.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Leonard. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, does hereby withdraw the request for an unpaid leave of absence from Mrs. Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Guidance Counselor, for a period of six (6) days from Monday, January 11, 2010 through Tuesday, January 19, 2010, as per her request.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom deferred the Request for Leave of Absence Extension and Appoint Long Term Substitute until after executive session.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education and Walter R. Bennett, Jr., CDF, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, regarding Retirees Health Benefit Plan, dated January 13, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom presented the Probationary and Tenure Status list, for Board information.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year: Matthew Gulotta – Teacher, Marcie Foster – Teacher, Kerry Righi – Teacher, Alexandra Kollisch – Teacher, Margaret Hayes – Teacher, Bryan Avery – Teacher, Ian DelGiacco – Teacher and Teacher Aide, and Katie Sellick – Food Service Worker.

Dr. Borgstrom gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting of December 21, 2009.

Dr. Borgstrom gave the Personnel Committee Mid-Year Report.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsbury, moved approval of the following High School textbook:

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Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer, 2006.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the following Elementary School textbook:

En Vision Math 2011 (New York), Pearson/Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, 2011.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsbury, moved approval of the following Middle School textbook:

Physical Science, Science Explorer Series, Prentice Hall, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the following High School textbook:

Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology, 4/E, Martini/Bartholomew, 2007.

Following discussion the following motion was made.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to withdraw the motion to approve the above textbook.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meetings of December 21, 2009 and January 7, 2010.

Mr. Scalici gave the Curriculum and Instruction Committee Mid-Year Report.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School, January 26 – Early Release Day for staff development, January 26-29 – Regents Exams, and January 29 – Friends of Music and Art Cabaret Night at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Leonard gave a report on the Public Relations Committee meeting of January 5, 2010.

Mrs. Leonard gave the Public Relations Committee Mid-Year Report.

Mrs. McPhail presented a Statement by Education Commissioner David Steiner – An Agenda for Education Reform in NYS, for Board information.

Mrs. McPhail presented the outdoor weather policy for the elementary school, for Board information.

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Mrs. McPhail presented the agenda for the early release day on January 26, 2010, for Board information.

Mrs. McPhail presented information regarding the New York State Race to the Top (RTTT) Grant Proposal and the Cooperstown Central School District Memorandum of Understanding for Race to the Top (RTTT).

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the Cooperstown Central School District Memorandum of Understanding for Race to the Top (RTTT), as prepared by Mrs. Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools. A copy of the MOU is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Kukenberger gave her Mid-Year Report by updating the progress on her goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Gorman gave her Mid-Year Report by updating the progress on her goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Cring gave his Mid-Year Report by updating the progress on his goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. McPhail gave her Mid-Year Report by updating the progress on her goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on December 15 and December 22, 2009 and the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education on December 8, December 10, 2009, and January 4, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Sky-Shrewsbury, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the Collaboration Agreement between Cooperstown Central School District and Opportunities for Otsego Head Start dated December 1, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici announced the following: special Board meeting on January 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM and the next regular Board meeting on February 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of a particular person and contract negotiations with the Faculty Association and Service Unit at 7:04 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 7:55 PM.

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Leonard. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant the request for an extension of the unpaid leave of absence from Mr. Michael Pikarsky, Computer Science and Technology Teacher, from January 21, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Greene. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of Mr. Thomas Place as a full-time Long Term Substitute as Teacher of Computer Science and Technology effective January 21, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, and that he be granted two (2) additional personal days, seven and one half (7½) additional sick days and individual health and dental insurance as per the faculty association contract, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for remainder of the 2009-2010 school year he be paid at the annual salary of \$37,295. (to be prorated), effective January 4, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk