

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: October 21, 2009

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paula M. Greene, Anthony J. Scalici

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

Vice-President Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were no public comments.

Mrs. McPhail introduced Ms. Cathy Jeanette, Incarcerated Youth Program Manager, for a presentation on the Incarcerated Youth Program and also gave background information on the program and Ms. Jeanette. Ms. Jeanette stated the program serves 16-20 year olds who are incarcerated and have dropped out of school before obtaining their diploma, they receive 15 hours of instruction per week, and they are given the GED test. She also stated that she obtains the funding and does all the paperwork associated with the program. Questions and discussion followed. Mrs. Leonard thanked Ms. Jeanette for coming to the meeting and her informative presentation.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2009.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo presented the following warrants: WN-26 dated October 9, 2009, School Lunch Fund dated October 13, 2009, and SN-30 dated October 14, 2009, for Board information.

Dr. Russo presented the Budget Status Report dated September 30, 2009, for Board information.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule dated October 16, 2009 totaling \$120,574.78 as follows:

H J Brandeles Corp.	16,287.28
Conmas, Inc.	92,254.50
Excel Insulation Co., Inc.	12,033.00

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Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of Change Order GC-4 at an increase of \$5,864.00, Change Order AA-1 at an increase of \$16,000.00, Change Order AA-2 at an increase of \$2,400.00, and MC-1 at a decrease of \$1,247.12 and authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to sign.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved to accept the Cooperstown Central School District Independent Auditor's Report, as prepared by Bonadio & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. A copy of the audit is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District ("Employer"), does hereby empower Mrs. Amy Kukenberger, School Business Administrator, Building Administrator, to request and authorize The Omni Group ("Omni") to take all steps it deems necessary with respect to checks issued by certain Service Providers ("SP"), and sent to Omni by Employer, as a result of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's, among others' law suits against relevant SPs, and settlement with the same.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for the period September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 as follows:

Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	55,730.73
CD's	432,917.00	
Prize	27,535.52	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	40,171.57
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	638,835.06
NBT	5,743,280.66	
JPM	223,963.81	
Citizens	148,563.85	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	25,834.75
Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	345,035.15
Savings	440,794.40	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo reviewed a potential reduction in State Aid in the amount of \$398,875 and ways to begin to deal with it. She stated that Mrs. McPhail would be meeting with administrators to come up with a plan.

Dr. Russo announced that there will be a public forum regarding the budget on December 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend.

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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 Mr. David Peplinski as Senior Play Director for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the request from Mrs. Caitlin Cook-Wightman, Art Teacher, for a child care leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, to begin on or about March 25, 2010 for two-four (2-4) weeks as per Article V of the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010 Agreement Between the Superintendent of Schools of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education and the Cooperstown Central School Faculty Association and in accordance with Family Medical Leave Act Policy 6551. Said leave is to be unpaid.

Ayes 5 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the request from Mrs. Margaret Pokorny, Social Studies Teacher, for a child care leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, to begin on or about March 15, 2010 for two (2) weeks as per Article V of the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010 Agreement Between the Superintendent of Schools of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education and the Cooperstown Central School Faculty Association and in accordance with Family Medical Leave Act Policy 6551. Said leave is to be unpaid.

Ayes 5 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant the request for a leave of absence from Mr. David Lamb, Bus Driver, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for the period Friday, November 13, 2009 through Friday, November 20, 2009.

Ayes 5 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, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following coaching positions for the 2009/2010 school year contingent upon CPR, First Aid certification, defibrillator training (AED), and certification/licensing requirements as per NYSED:

Boys Varsity Basketball	David Bertram
Boys JV Basketball	Allen Ruffles
Boys 8th Grade Basketball	Jeffrey Snyder
Boys 7th Grade Basketball	John Brotherton
Girls Varsity Basketball	Michael Niles
Girls JV Basketball	Shelly Hilts

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Girls 8th Grade Basketball	Bruce Andrews
Girls 7th Grade Basketball	TBD
Varsity Wrestling	James Jordan
Modified Wrestling	Wayne Weir
Asst. Modified Wrestling	Peter Sorbera
Winter Cheerleading	Justin Hobbie
Varsity Volleyball	Richard Jantzi
JV Volleyball	Joseph Pestar
Modified Volleyball	Brenda Jaeger
Boys Varsity Swim	Cheryl Rock
Bowling	TBD

Ayes 5 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Adrian Lynch, Ethan diLorenzo, and Megan Haggerty as Peer Tutors for the CROP Program, at a rate of \$7.25 per hour for two (2) hours per day effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 on an as needed basis, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these are temporary positions and not attached to the Service Unit.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year: Alexandra Paul – Teacher, Patricia Whelihan – Teacher, Amity Malack – Teacher, and Jeffrey Emerson – Cafeteria Worker.

Dr. Borgstrom gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting of October 16, 2009.

Dr. Russo gave a report on the Curriculum Committee meeting of October 14, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard gave a report on the Public Relations Committee meeting of October 20, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: November 3 – Early Release Day – Staff Development.

Mrs. McPhail announced that there would again be a Walking Program during the winter months at the middle/high school in the morning before school starts. This program will begin on October 26, 2009 and is available on days when school is in session.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the Walking Program at the middle/high school to begin on October 26, 2009 and continue through the winter months, on days when school is in session.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. McPhail presented the Cooperstown Central School Profile Class of 2010, for Board information.

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Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the 2009/2010 Administrative Goals.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the 2009/2010 Grade Level, Team Leader, and Department Chairperson Goals.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. McPhail presented the agenda for the Superintendent's Conference Day on October 23, 2009.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on October 1, 2009 and the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on October 1, 2009.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved approval of the Consulting Agreement between Alan D. Pole and the Cooperstown Central School District Board of Education dated October 21, 2009 for the purpose of facilitating a search for a new superintendent of schools. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following: Public Relations Committee meeting on October 20, 2009 at 9:00 AM, Policy Committee meeting on October 28, 2009 at 2:00 PM, Personnel Committee meeting on October 30, 2009 at 9:00 AM, Operations, Grounds and Audit Committee meeting on November 4, 2009 at 6:30 PM, and Curriculum Committee meeting on October 26, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss contract negotiations with the Faculty Association and Service Unit.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to return to the regular meeting at 9:40 PM.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, seconded by Mrs. Polus, immediately moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk