

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: February 3, 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 5:03 PM.

Susan Bergene requested that, when the Board is making their budget decisions, they keep in mind classroom sizes and student needs.

Mr. Scalici turned the meeting over to Mr. Nicholas Savin, District Superintendent, Otsego-Northern Catskills BOCES, for a presentation on the 2010-2011 BOCES Administrative Budget. Mr. Savin reviewed the Services Guide, the 2009-2010 programs and services guides and Cooperstown's participation, the district contract analysis & aid summary, the 2010-11 administrative budget and three year comparison, the overview and summary of changes to the administrative budget, the summary of component charges, the capital budget, the total budget increase/decrease for each component district, and the administrative budget specific to Cooperstown Central School. Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Nicholas Savin also gave a brief presentation on the Otsego-Northern Catskills BOCES Strategic Plan. He stated that the ONC BOCES Board is working with Superintendents and Board members from the 19 component districts to develop a multi-year plan for BOCES. He explained the main parts of the plan and the timeline. He also introduced Mr. Dean Utter, ONC BOCES Board member and Mrs. Nancy Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, who were also in attendance. Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Scalici thanked Mr. Savin, Mrs. Noonan, and Mr. Utter for coming to the meeting and their presentation.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the minutes of the special meeting of January 14, 2010.

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo presented the following warrants: WN-53 dated January 8, 2010, School Lunch Fund dated January 8, 2010, Federal Fund dated January 8, 2010, WN-57 dated January 25, 2010, SN-59 dated February 25, 2010, and SN-62 dated January 28, 2010, for Board information.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Cafeteria Financial Report dated October 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the recommendation to purchase two (2) sixty-four (64) passenger buses and trade-in two (2) buses, at a cost of \$187,650.61 for the 2009/2010 school year, pending voter approval.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule – SN-58 dated January 27, 2010 totaling \$52,927.50 as follows:

Fiscal Advisors	202.50
Panko Electrical & Maintenance	11,875.00
Piccirilli-Slavik & Vincent	40,850.00

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 5670: Records Management, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of January 15, 2010.

Motion made by Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Greene. 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. Darlene Bennett, Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk, effective September 18, 2010, with thanks for her many years of service.

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant the request for a leave of absence from Mr. Randall Hoose, Bus Driver, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for the period half-day (1/2) Wednesday, March 3 through Monday, March 8, 2010.

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 grant the request for a leave of absence from Mrs. Kathleen Siracusa, Teacher Aide, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for the period Monday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Ayes 7 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 grant the request for a leave of absence from Mrs. Ann Capozza, Teacher Aide, considered by the Board and outside the Service Unit Contract. Said leave is to be unpaid and to be for one day Friday, February 12, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year: Brianna Hawes – Teacher, Sabrina Loewenguth – Teacher, Stephen Pugliese – Teacher and Teacher Aide, Erika Idelson – Teacher, Teacher Aide, and Cafeteria Worker, Joseph Marsala – Cleaner, and Marcia D’Amico – CROP Activity Leader.

Dr. Borgstrom gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting of January 19, 2010.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the following new course: Introduction to Statistics as a 40 week course, one (1) unit of credit, beginning in September, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the following new course: Non-Regents Geometry as a 40 week course, one (1) unit of credit, beginning in September, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the following High School textbook:

Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World (4th Edition), Ron Larson and Betsy Farber, 2008.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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

Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology, 5/E, Martini/Bartholomew, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of January 20, 2010.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: February 3 – Community Forum following this Board meeting and February 15-19, 2010 – February Vacation.

Mrs. Greene commented on President Obama revising No Child Left Behind legislation.

Mrs. McPhail gave a preliminary report on the progress of developing the 2010-2011 Budget.

Ms. Gorman reported on CROP penny drive, 100th day activities, Red Hot Ropers, Geography Bee, Healthy Schools Grant, 5th grade Social Studies test scores and Target Field Trip Grant. Mr. Cring reported on sophomores visit to BOCES, 8th grade Career Days, 7th grade math class survey, TRUST program, staff weight loss program, OCMEA students, Cabaret Night, HS Jazz Semi-Formal, MS Movie Night, 7th grade Science Agriculture Expedition, Literary Circle, guidance office freshman interviews, Target Field Trip Grant, and TREPS.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on January 11, January 22, and January 25, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval to establish the Dr. J.A. Heissan Memorial Scholarship.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici announced the following: regular Board meeting on March 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM, Budget Work Session on March 10, 2010 at 5:30 PM, and regular Board meeting on March 17, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Scalici acknowledged Mrs. Bennett's dedication and service to the district. He also commented on the budget process and the superintendent search.

Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk