

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: February 4, 2009

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rosemary Craig, President, Susan L. Mulligan, Vice-President, David C. Borgstrom, Paula M. Greene, Mary B. Leonard, Theresa J. Russo, Anthony J. Scalici

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools
James A. Collison, Business Manager
Michael G. Cring, Middle School Principal/Director of PE,
Health and Athletics
Teresa L. Gorman, Elementary Principal

President Craig called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to amend the agenda under Personnel, to remove Non-instructional Appointment.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Craig turned the meeting over to Ms. Jennifer Pindar, Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Marge Schleining, French Teacher, and Mr. Peter Henrici, Latin Teacher, for a presentation on a trip to Italy. Ms. Pindar began by thanking Board members for their approval of the recent Inauguration Trip. She presented information from Explorica and WorldStrides for a trip to Italy in April, 2010. She stated that the cost would be about \$3000 for about 40-42 students. Ms. Schleining stated that the students on the trip are very well behaved. Mr. Henrici talked about the educational impact for Latin students. He also stated that he went to Italy recently and did some background research for this trip. Questions and discussion followed. Mrs. Craig thanked them for their presentation.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the Trip to Italy in April, 2010, as presented by Ms. Pindar, Ms. Schleining, and Mr. Henrici.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Mrs. Craig turned the meeting over to Mrs. Teresa Bliss, High School English Teacher, and Mrs. Ann Olmstead, Middle School English Teacher, for a presentation on the English Language Arts implementation. Mrs. Bliss explained that the English department reviewed the curriculum map and decided to focus on grammar and writing. She stated that they worked with Kathy Smith and are working on grammar and writing on a regular basis and going back to basics. She also stated that they would like to create a semester long grammar class/writing lab. Mrs. Olmstead stated that the middle school English teachers are also focusing on grammar and writing and that they are using the 6 + 1 writing traits and the GUM (Grammar, Usage, Mechanics) series. She stated that they are working on grammar and writing once a week and looking at consistency. Questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2009.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the following warrants: School Lunch Fund dated January 12, 2009, WN-53 dated January 9, 2009, SN-55 dated January 9, 2009, WN-58 dated January 23, 2009, and SN-59 dated January 23, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Mulligan presented Budget Transfer Schedule – 3 dated January 14, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the Cafeteria Report and Analysis dated October 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008, for Board information.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of Change Order RC-1 at an decrease of \$525.00 and authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to sign.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the recommendation to purchase one (1) forty-eight (48) passenger bus with track seating for three (3) wheelchairs and trade in one (1) used bus (#79) at a cost of \$97,187.55 for the 2009/2010 school year, pending voter approval.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule – SN-60 dated January 29, 2009 totaling \$38,666.17 as follows:

Bearsch Compeau Knudson	20,578.02
Apple Roofing	9,633.15
H J Brandeles Corp	8,455.00

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to approval of the Driver Education Car Lease for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$250 per month.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Mrs. Mulligan gave a report on the Operations, Grounds, and Audit Committee meeting of February 4, 2009. The committee reviewed Business Office functions in-depth which included cost comparison between existing practice vs. shared business through BOCES. It was recommended that for the 2009-2010 school year that we continue our current practice as it was determined to be cost neutral. It will be reviewed again for the 2010-2011 budget year.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved Policy 5751: Idling School Buses on School Grounds, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 7521: Students With Life-Threatening Health Conditions, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meetings of January 15, 2009 and January 29, 2009.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Mrs. Stephanie Nelen to the tenure position of Teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective March 5, 2009, who holds a permanent New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Special Education.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an increase in hours for Mr. Gordon Hage, Bus Driver, from 3 to 6 hours per day effective January 26, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, at a salary of \$12,530 (to be prorated).

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, 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 approve a stipend for Mr. Walter R. Bennett, Jr., Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, for fulfilling the duties of Clerk of the Works for the Capital Project, in the amount of \$2500 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cooperstown Central School District Faculty Association and the Superintendent of Schools of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education regarding Article XVII – Salary Section I. Career Attendance Incentive, dated January 30, 2009 and authorization for the Superintendent to sign said agreement.

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cooperstown Central School District Faculty Association and the Superintendent of Schools of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education regarding Article V – Leaves Section A. Paid Leaves 1. Sick Leave, dated January 30, 2009 and authorization for the Superintendent to sign said agreement.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, 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 an extension to the unpaid child care leave of absence to Mrs. Mary Beth Murdock, Social Studies Teacher, to commence on February 17, 2009 and to continue through March 31, 2009 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.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Craig stated that the coaching assignments are deferred until after executive session.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following extracurricular position for the 2008-2009 school year:

Senior Play Director David Peplinski

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2008/2009 school year: Brekke Holub – Teacher, Kevin Gray – Teacher and Teacher Aide, Anthony Schifano – Teacher and Teacher Aide, Thomas Polulech – Bus Driver, Anthony Pacherille – CROP Peer Tutor, and Scott Evans – CROP Peer Tutor.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the list of Middle School textbooks for Reading. A copy of the list is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of January 27, 2009.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: February 10th – History Day Fair and February 16th – 20th – Winter Vacation.

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Mrs. Leonard gave a report on the Public Relations Committee meeting of January 26, 2009.

Mrs. McPhail gave a report on the NYSCOSS Mid-Winter Conference that she attended on January 11-13, 2009.

Mrs. McPhail gave a preliminary report on the 2009-2010 budget.

Mrs. McPhail presented a copy of the letter from Commissioner Mills to Dean Utter, Board President, ONC BOCES, in which he states that the ONC BOCES will remain as currently organized and that the position of District Superintendent be filled.

Ms. Gorman talked about the Social Studies State test, Red Hot Ropers, All County Choir, Geography Bee, and Odyssey of the Mind. Mr. Cring talked about athletics, History Day, Adirondack Odyssey, portfolio presentations, Agriculture Expedition, and Middle School Community Meeting.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the Addendum to Agreement Between Kelberman Center, Inc. and Cooperstown Central School District, to provide Autism Support Program services for the period September 1, 2008 until January 31, 2010. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Cooperstown Central School District School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. A copy of the calendar is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved to accept the donation of \$80 from Lucy Jones and Michael Powers to the middle school art department for materials and supplies and the donation of \$500 from National Wild Turkey Federation to the physical education department for archery and instructed Mrs. McPhail to write letters of appreciation.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Craig announced the following: the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Budget Work Session on March 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM, and regular Board meeting on March 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Michelle Miller asked a question about History Day.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 6:26 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 7:20 PM.

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Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved to table the 2008/2009 Coaching Assignments.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk