

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: March 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 7:00 PM.

Deborah Miller commented on the cuts in Technology and Practical Arts. Annmarie Bascio commented on staff cuts and that maybe sports should be cut. She also stated that academics should come first. Ed Johnson asked about the State Aid formulas and the amount of aid per student. George Hovis expressed concerns regarding teacher/student ratios, retaining young faculty, retirement incentives, scaling back sports, and infrastructure cuts. Annmarie Bascio stated that the quality of the school has an impact on the property owners and the value of their property. Peggy Quinn expressed concerns regarding special education students being impacted by cuts in technology courses. Mary Tedesco commented on increased class sizes being counter-productive to other programs that have been instituted. Ivy Bischof asked if there is other ways to get funding for the school. Barb Cannon commented on the cuts made to business, technology, and foreign language and the impact on the future. She also commented that these actions are not congruent with the school's mission statement. Mary Powers commented on the cuts to the technology program and its impact on certain students. She also stated that perhaps cuts to the sports program could be made. Claire Satriano commented on the cut of summer driver education. Cathe Ellsworth stated that she feels bad for the Board and the decisions they are forced to make regarding issues that are beyond their control. Ed Johnson commented on the insurance break for driver education, Brookwood school enrollment, and sports coverage in the newspapers. Karen Katz commented on the cuts to technology and that she didn't favor cuts to sports. She also wondered if teachers retired would it keep some positions. Ann Capozza stated she empathized with all parties but was concerned about cutting programs. Holly Hren stated that the Board must cut the fat, that the district has to make choices and that sports be intramural. Alina Bischof, student, commented that she agreed with the money issue but did not want to see teachers laid off.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved approval of the minutes of the special meeting of February 2, 2010.

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Motion carried.

03/03/10

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. McPhail presented the first draft of the 2010-2011 Budget. She stated that the proposed budget is \$16,252,158, which represents a 1.79% decrease from the 2009-2010 budget. She also reviewed the budget schedule, expense highlights, faculty reductions, extracurricular programs/position reductions, other district position reductions, BOCES reductions, revenue issues, and that the proposed average tax levy increase is 8.8%. Lastly, she reviewed topics for discussion at the work session on March 10th.

Dr. Russo presented the following warrants: WN-60 dated February 10, 2010, School Lunch Fund dated February 9, 2010, and SN-65 dated February 10, 2010, for Board information.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for the period January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010, as follows:

Trust & Agency Fund Account	Total Available Balance	151,697.78
CD's	432,917.00	
Prize	36,422.90	
School Lunch Fund Account	Total Available Balance	42,126.19
General Fund Account	Total Available Balance	139,034.32
NBT	4,981,676.69	
JPM	224,335.32	
Citizens	148,752.79	
Federal Fund Account	Total Available Balance	89,742.36
Capital Fund Account	Total Available Balance	84,846.92
Savings	441,017.25	
Payroll Account	Total Available Balance	-0-

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule – SN-68 dated February 24, 2010 totaling \$7,328.33 as follows:

Fiscal Advisors	4,800.00
Premier Printing, Inc.	1,728.33
Fiscal Advisors	800.00

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved adoption of the following Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES General Efficiency Planning Grant Resolution:

Whereas, the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES desires to apply for a General Efficiency Planning Grant granted by the New York State Department of State and,

Whereas, the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES authorizes Nicholas Savin and/or Jennifer Bolton Carls to act as contact person(s) to submit the application and, for Jennifer Bolton Carls to execute all financial/administrative processes related to the grant program and,

03/03/10

Whereas, the grant application will focus on the study of potential shared services to create cost savings and increased program for students.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Cooperstown Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the grant application and appointment of contacts as stated above,

Furthermore, be it resolved, that the total initial cost to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES is estimated at \$3,500 as the grant requires a 10% local cash match.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Cooperstown Central School District participate in cooperative bidding for bread and bread products for the school year 2010-2011 with other school districts in the Southern Tier of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Doretta Hughson, Clerk of the Board of Education, GST BOCES, be designated to advertise, receive and open said bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Cooperstown Central School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved an amendment to Policy 6170: Safety of Students (Fingerprinting Clearance of New Hires), for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Russo, moved an amendment to Policy 6190: Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization), for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to Policy 6470: Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved an amendment to Policy 7314: Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy), for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved an amendment to Policy 7552: Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools, for first reading.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved an amendment to Policy 8271: The Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy, for first reading.

03/03/10

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Motion carried.

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

USE OF THE DISTRICT CELL PHONE

District-owned cell phones that are assigned to individual employees

A School District-owned cell phone will be issued to a District employee when required by that employee's job duties or as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Additionally, the following rules shall apply regarding the use of a District-owned cell phone:

1. Job titles requiring cellular telephones shall be listed in Regulation and reported to the Board of Education each year at the District's organizational meeting in July.
2. The Superintendent shall establish the level of service contract for each specific employee, with the contract for same subject to review and approval by the Business Administrator.
3. Employees shall make every attempt to use their cellular phones for only business purposes; however, in the event an employee uses a cellular phone for other than business purposes, he/she shall reimburse the District for such non-business calls pursuant to the Regulation.
4. Individuals authorized to use District cellular telephones shall agree in writing to accept financial responsibility for any inappropriate usage by that individual.
5. The cell phone may not be used by anyone other than designated School District employees.

At least once per year, the Business Administrator shall evaluate the effectiveness of the cellular telephone plan.

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved an amendment to Policy 5410: Purchasing, for second reading and adoption. (See Attached)

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved an amendment to: Non-School Groups Authorized to Distribute Materials, to add Kelberman Center.

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of February 1, 2010.

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 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:

03/03/10

Varsity Baseball	Frank Miosek
JV Baseball	Samuel Ackerman
Modified Baseball	Kenneth Hotaling
Varsity Softball	David Bliss
JV Softball	Joseph Pestar
Modified Softball	TBD
Boys Varsity Track	Joseph Kennedy
Girls Varsity Track	Connie Herzig
Boys Modified Track	Wayne Weir
Girls Modified Track	Justin Hobbie
Golf	David Peplinski
Tennis	David Bertram
Asst. Varsity Track (B & G)	TBD
Asst. Modified Track (B & G)	Michael Leggett

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year: Steven Prokopenko – Teacher and April Conant – Teacher.

Dr. Borgstrom gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting of February 12, 2010.

Dr. Borgstrom left the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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

Grammar for Writing, McDougal Littell, 2008.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: March 4 – Early Release Day – Teacher Staff Development, March 12 – Cooperstown’s Got Talent – CFEE – Auditorium, March 16 – High School Mid-Winter Concert at 8:00 PM, March 17 – Concert Snow Date, and March 19 – Superintendent’s Conference Day – No School for Students.

Mrs. McPhail presented the Statement of Intention Report dated September, 2008 to March, 2009, for Board information.

Dr. Borgstrom returned to the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on January 29, and February 23, 2010 and the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2010.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici presented the Tuition Student report dated March 2010, for Board information.

03/03/10

Mr. Scalici presented the Upcoming BOCES Activities memo, for Board information.

Wayne Weir asked about the coaching appointments. Peg O'Dell asked that the proposed budget and/or the power point be on the district website. George Hovis asked if current budget was on-line, about the tax levy increase and if he could get a copy of the current budget. Karen Katz asked what would the tax levy increase be if there were no cuts.

Mr. Scalici announced the Budget Work Session on March 10, 2010 at 5:30 PM. He also commented on the budget and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and their comments.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons and contract negotiations with the Faculty Association and the Service Unit at 8:12 PM.

Ayes 7 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard left at 9:30 PM.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 10:29 PM.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Dr. Russo, immediately moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk