

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: September 16, 2009

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.

President Scalici turned the meeting over to Mrs. Carina Franck, PTO, for a presentation on TREP\$. Mrs. Franck stated that TREP\$ is an entrepreneurial program for middle school students. She explained that the program is a series of 6 workshops that outline all aspects of starting a business, a marketplace where students present and sell their product and then a final workshop to discuss what worked, what didn't and what could have been done differently. She then played an informational DVD. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Scalici thanked her for the presentation and for offering a valuable extracurricular opportunity for our middle school students.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Dr. Russo presented the following warrants: SN-11 dated August 25, 2009, and SN-15 dated August 28, 2009, for Board information.

Dr. Russo, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Capital Fund Bill Schedule dated September 10, 2009 totaling \$2,825.29 as follows:

Hodgson Russ Attorneys                      2,825.29

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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Dr. Russo, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, moved to accept the fuel bids and award the bid to Mirabito Energy Products, Binghamton, NY for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel at a price of \$0.0425/gallon higher than the published average-Albany reseller price-in the Journal of Commerce for ultra low sulfur diesel on the day of delivery; Ultra Low Sulfur Kerosene (ULSK) at a \$0.0400/gallon higher than the published average-Albany reseller price-in the Journal of Commerce for ultra low sulfur kerosene on the day of delivery; No. 2 Oil delivered in a small truckload at a fixed price of \$2.2000/gallon; and No. 2 Oil delivered in a large (tanker) truckload at a fixed price of \$2.0600/gallon.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Dr. Russo gave a report on the Operations, Grounds and Audit Committee meeting of September 16, 2009.

Mrs. Greene gave a report on the Policy Committee meeting of September 9, 2009.

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 purpose of retirement of Mrs. Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2010, with deep regret and 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, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following Department Chairperson position for the 2009-2010 school year:

Mathematics    Michael Toulson

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 September 1, 2009 through January 20, 2010, and that he be granted one (1) sick day per month and one (1) personal day, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that he be paid at the rate of \$125 per day and receive individual health and dental insurance at the faculty association rate.

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve a decrease in hours for Mrs. Alicia Robinson, Teacher Aide, from 6 ¼ to 6 hours per day effective September 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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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 approve an increase in hours for Mrs. Tammy Kelly and Mrs. Lorraine Butler, Teacher Aides, from 6 to 6¼ hours per day effective September 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 accept the resignation (constructive resignation) of Mr. Michael Pikarsky as Media Team Co-Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year.

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, does hereby approve the administrative assignment of the following extracurricular position for the 2009-2010 school year:

Media Team Advisor    Mark LaValley

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Mrs. Anita Cleveland as the Mentor for Ms. Rasmiya Ruenes for the 2009-2010 school year as per the Faculty Association Contract.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year: Rachel Owens – Teacher, Joseph Caporali – Teacher, and Ann Marlette-Haggerty – Teacher and Teacher Aide

Dr. Borgstrom gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting of September 11, 2009.

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

Night, Elie Wiesel.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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

I Am Legend, Richard Matheson.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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Mr. Scalici gave a report on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of September 11, 2009.

Mr. Scalici stated that the recommendation of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee regarding the placement of the sixth grade is: That at this time the sixth grade remain at the middle/high school building, that the critical issues in the sixth grade from the study that can and should be addressed and changes implemented, and recognition that there is a valid preference among a number of parents that 6<sup>th</sup> grade age appropriateness is better in an elementary school. Questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Leonard announced the following District events: September 24 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade hike and September 26 – Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

Mrs. Leonard gave a report on the Public Relations Committee meeting of September 9, 2009.

Mrs. McPhail stated that the current enrollment K-12 is 998.

Mrs. McPhail announced that School Board Recognition Week is October 19-23, 2009.

Mrs. McPhail gave an update on H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) and reviewed plans.

Ms. Gorman stated the elementary school had a smooth opening. She reported on the elementary theme, library, Kid Garden, bus safety and fire drills. Mr. Cring stated that the middle/high school had a great start. He reported on class meetings, middle school open house and high school open house.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on September 3, 2009.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Service Agreement between the Kelberman Center, Inc. and Cooperstown Central School District effective July 15, 2009. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Under Public Comments, Lisa Mooney commented on concerns regarding the sixth grade. Ivy Bischof commented on concerns regarding the Book Fair. Mary Tabor asked if the copy of the Sixth Grade Study document was available for the public. Wilma Smith asked for the number of students in the middle/high school and the number of teachers without classrooms.

Under President's Comments, Mr. Scalici announced the Operations, Grounds and Audit Committee meeting on October 7, 2009 at 6:30 PM. He also commented on the TREP\$ program, the sixth grade, and the superintendent search. Mrs. Leonard acknowledged Mrs. McPhail's service to the district and stated that she would be missed.

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Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Sky-Shrewsberry, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 8:28 PM.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 9:48 PM.

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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

Ayes 7                      Noes 0                      Motion carried.

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Clerk