

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
August 20, 2014

Present:	Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. R. Peabody, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. J. Foster, Mrs. D. Liuzzo, Superintendent of Schools R. Hughes, Business Administrator R. Berson, Principal D. Henner, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs L. Eaves, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mrs. J. Cookingham, Mrs. J. Doroshenko, Mr. R. Doroshenko, Mrs. L. Kenyon, Ms. P. Ross, Ms. D. Slocum, Mrs. C. Smith, Mr. S. Smith, Mrs. T. Straight, Mrs. H. Wood,
Guests:	Mr. P. Harmer, Mr. J. Mickelson, Mr. N. Minderler, Mrs. N. Phelps,

CALL TO ORDER	President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.
AGENDA	The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Peabody and seconded by Mr. Foster. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Mrs. Liuzzo moved the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting, and the amended minutes of the June 18, 2014 be approved, second by Mr. Brown. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
Executive Session	Motion by Mr. Foster to enter executive session at 7:33 for the purpose of a particular contractual issue and the audit committee, second by Mrs. Peabody. Motion carried, 5 - 0. Mr. Mickelson and Mr. Berson joined the Board.
Open Session	Motion by Mrs. Peabody to resume open session at 9:16 PM, Second by Mr. Foster. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
CORRESPONDENCE (FY'14/15 - #6) (FY'14/15 - #7) (FY'14/15 - #8)	The following correspondence was received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thank you from the North Pitcher Community Heritage Society • A letter and picture from Gary Finch commemorating the college government class trip to Albany. • A thank you from Ann Parkhurst for the use of the

Georgetown building for School Days.

- A sympathy card was sent to the family of Faye Winn.
- A letter was received from Charlene Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Smith asked if the Board has considered establishing a policy for children who opt out of state testing.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

Mr. Hughes reported on the following:

- Mr. PJ Harmer was introduced representing the DCMO BOCES communication service. This is a new service and helps districts with website, social media and other forms of exposure to publicize the positives.
- An update on the capital project. The parking lot has been paved and lined in some areas. The Gym floor has been installed and will be lined and finished in the near future. The bleachers have been installed in the gymnasium. The lockers rooms and older restrooms will be upgraded in the phase two of the project.
- The state assessment results were shared.
- The reading levels were shared. 51.2% of the students in grades K-8 are reading on grade level. A lot of work has to be done and is the reason for the change in staffing.

High School Principal's

Mr. Henner reported on the following:

- Historical data for college credits students have earned while enrolled in high school and explained the advantages of receiving college credit for courses as opposed to an advanced Regents diploma.
- Common Core Testing update.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs

Mrs. Eaves reported:

- All IEP's are finalized and mailed. Mrs. Adams and Ms. Slocum were instrumental in achieving that.
- The LINKS committee developed a plan to help student achievement.

Business Manager's

Mr. Berson reported on the following:

- Financial reports
- Real property tax reports are prepared to be sent to the State
- Gifts to the school: A collection of history books have been donated to the school and the lawn roller was repaired and the District was charged for that service. Mr. Wood considered the repair his gift to the school.
- Food Service status

- **Operations and Maintenance:** the crew has done a fantastic job of getting the grounds and building ready for the start of the soccer season and for students starting a new school year.
- It was noted that some funds are available to be transferred to the Liability Reserve Fund.

Motion by Mr. Foster, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to transfer \$70,000.00 to the liability reserve fund. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Athletic Director's

Mr. Henner reported on the following:

- The proofs of the new banners for the gymnasium are not ready at this time. It is expected that they will be ready for the September meeting.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee: The committee has met and reviewed the district wide safety plans. They also discussed an option for the playground pieces at the Georgetown building. Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Peabody will be meeting with the Georgetown Town Board about the use of the playground equipment and use of the Georgetown building.

Finance Committee: The committee recommends amending the administrative index so everything is up to date. The committee also has reviewed the working agreements for the confidential and administrative employees.

Policy and Procedure: Mrs. Liuzzo and Mr. Foster volunteered to serve on this committee.

Board Member's (FY'14/15 - #9)

A proposal from the Eastern Star group in Georgetown was reviewed to rent the use of a room at the Georgetown building. It was the consensus that it was a fair and well thought out proposal.

There was discussion on having a second meeting on September 4, 2014. It was the consensus of the Board to do so at 7:30 PM.

The "Board Corner" in the newsletter was discussed. It was the consensus to have this article in each newsletter.

Mrs. Peabody has been trying to contact other members of the Chenango County School Boards' Association with no luck. She will keep trying.

Financial Reports
(FY'14/15 - #10,11)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the June and July financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS
Personnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Brown , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following:

Lindsey Eaton	Appointment as a school aide at a salary per the OVEA contract	Effective September 2, 2014
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Jennifer Fish	40% leave of absence as a guidance counselor
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Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Extracurricular
Appointments

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following with a stipend per the OVTA contract:

Lori M. Wood	Volunteer to assist with the girls' varsity soccer team.
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Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meeting on July 28, 2014. Second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

2014-2015
Transportation Routes
(FY'14/15 - #12)

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2014-2015 transportation routes. Second by Mr. Brown.

- Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- 2014-2015
Instructional
Substitute List
(FY'14/15 - #13)
- Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2014-2015 instructional substitute list. Second by Mr. Foster.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- 2014-2015 Non -
Instructional
Substitute List
(FY'14/15 - #14)
- Motion by Mr. Foster, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the 2014-2015 non-instructional substitute list. Second by Mr. Foster.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Tax Variance
- Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to declare a tax bill paid in full if the amount paid is not more than one dollar under or less than ten dollars over the amount to be paid. Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.
- Motion carried, 5- 0.
- Tax Warrant
- Motion Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the 2014-2015 tax warrant in the amount of \$3,114,734.00. The date of the tax warrant will be September 1, 2014. There will be no penalty for taxes paid on or before October 1, 2014. Taxes paid on or after October 2, 2014 will incur a 2% penalty. Taxes not collected by November 3, 2014 are returned to the County Treasurer's office for collection. Second by Mr. Foster.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- 2013 Audit Report
- Tabled at this time.
- Bus Leasing Bids
- Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the bid from Santander Bank, N.A. for the leasing of six buses at an interest rate of 2.301% with five equal payments per bus of \$14,332.00. Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.
- Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Acceptance of
Donations to the
School
(FY'14/15 - #15)
- Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the gift of library books by Mrs. Catherine K. Schramm and to accept the donation of services of Mr. Wood for repairing the lawn roller. Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.
- Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- 2014-2015 Safety
Plans
- Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2014 – 2015 Emergency

Response Plan and the 2014-2015 District –Wide School Safety Plan. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Transportation
Request to a Parochial
School

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve District transportation of Phoebe Trush, as requested by April Trush, to New Life Christian School in Randallsville on all days that Otselic Valley is in session during the 2014-2015 school year. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 -0.

NYSSBA Area Four
Director Nomination

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to nominate Marissa Mims, a member of the Fayetteville-Manlius Board of Education, as a candidate for Area 4 Director of the New York State School Boards' Association. Second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Smith inquired if the Common Core and reading levels results would be on the website. She also inquired if progress from the beginning of the year to the end of the year would be monitored with intervention offered.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Peabody to enter executive session at 10:23PM for the purpose of a contractual issue and a student issue. Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo to resume open session at 11:48 PM, second by Mr. Foster.


Motion carried, 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Foster, second by Mrs. Liuzzo, to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,



Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk