

## OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

April 9, 2008

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| Present:      | Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee  |
| Also Present: | Mr. J. Andrews, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. R. Bullis, Miss K. Bush,, Mr. J. Gale, Mr. K. Hackett, Miss V. Haitian, Mrs. T. Hammond, Mr. D. Hillman, Miss J. Levix, Miss F. Littler, Miss D. Livingston, Miss J. Mott, Mrs. R. Neal, Mr. N. Omans, Ms. N. Orlando, Mrs. L. Porter, M. C.L. Rasmussen, Miss C. Riggall, Mr. J. Rinelli, Miss D. Sayles, Mrs. S. Stone, Mr. W. Waltz, Mr. E. Williams, Mrs. F. Winn, Mr. Z. Winn |

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. Cruikshank moved the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Waltz mentioned it is nice seeing everything running smoothly.

**REPORTS**

Superintendent's  
(FY'07/08 - #55)

Mr. Thomas reported on the following items to the Board:

- BOCES Administrative Budget information for the voting on April 21, 2008.
- The property tax report card will be reviewed at the meeting on April 21, 2008 as well as discussion on the re-establishment of a capital reserve fund.
- Special Programs Finances tracking services report. This BOCES services helps with high cost aid.
- A memo from Mr. Springer regarding transportation issues.
- Mrs. Sue LaBlanc, junior-senior high school librarian, has applied for a grant to get new furniture in the library. She, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Spalluto are trying to get broadband into the District.
- Revisions to the facilities planning were reviewed including the addition of a bus maintenance facility. It was the consensus of the Board that this plan is the scope of the project and will proceed further.
- Recent State Aid runs due to the finalization of the state budget will be reviewed. Adjustments will most likely need to be made.
- Circulation of various pictures and articles from newspapers.
- Mr. Lott was pleased that the financial reports were received from BOCES in time for the meeting.
- Mrs. Neal gave her quarterly internal auditor's report.

(FY'07/08 - # 56)

Business  
Administrator's

(FY'07/08 - # 57)

Elementary Principal's

(FY'07/08 - # 58)

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Parent conference day was busy all afternoon and into the evening.
- The whole school was invited to the movies in Hamilton at no charge. It was a phenomenal experience for most of the students.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- There are many students in attendance at this meeting to fulfill their government and economics class requirement.
- Two Liberty Partnership students have been at a conference at Binghamton University.
- Parent conference day was well attended. A majority of the conferences were in the middle school.
- Advisory group minutes were distributed in the Board packets.
- Mrs. Fox congratulated the cast and crew of the Pirates of Penzance for a great job.
- Mrs. Marshall reported that the Wall of Fame committee has met and will review their deliberations with Mr. Thomas.
- Mr. Brown also congratulated the cast and crew of the Spring musical.
- The Chenango County School Boards' Association spring dinner meeting was a retirement dinner for Mr. Pole. He reminisced about every school.

Board Member's

**Financial Reports**  
(FY'07/08 - #59)

Motion by Mrs. Fox to accept the financial reports as presented.  
Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Manual – Third Reading and Adoption – Section 5000

This meeting constitutes the third reading and adoption of Section 5000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt section 5000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual - Second Reading Section 6000

This meeting constitutes the second reading of sections 6000 of the Otselic Valley Central School policy Manual.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Personnel Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

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| Tanya DeLee       | Resignation as a bus aide                                     | Effective March 14, 2008 |
| Madeline Marshall | Appointment as a bus aide at an hourly rate of \$8.35         | Effective April 1, 2008  |
| Bethany Sortman   | Appointment as a ¼ stage director for the 2008 Spring Musical | At stipend of \$361.00.  |

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

2008 – 2009 Transportation Requests to Parochial and Private Schools

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve District transportation to parochial schools as follows:

Amish School – Georgetown

Emma Hershberger

Ervin Hershberger

Holy Family School – Norwich

Peter Kalin

Katelin Smith

Leah Kalin

Sarah Smith

Peter Robinson

New Life Christian School – Randallsville

Alicia Bencke

Esther Lyon

Jade Bencke

Gabrielle Lyon

Jessica Bencke

Jonathon Lyon

Joseph Billy

Mary Lyon

Levi Billy

Rachael Lyon

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Adoption of 2008-  
2009 School Budget

Tabled at this time.

(FY'07/08 - #60)

The Board reviewed the draft of the budget that was based on the state aid runs of April 9, 2008 due to the finalization of the state budget on April 8, 2008. Mr. Thomas distributed a chart of the local levy in the last four years. This draft budget is still under the contingency cap again this year.

Policy Manual – First  
Reading – Section 7000  
(FY'07/08 - #61)

This meeting constitutes the first reading of section 6000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Committee on  
Special Education  
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings of March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 18, 2008.

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Participation in  
Broome – Tioga  
BOCES Services for  
2008-2009

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School District will participate in the itemized services at the level(s) indicated and hereby agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule: eight equal payments between October 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the District in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gale had questions on Title I funds and capital improvement funds for pre-project planning.
- Mrs. Porter had questions on the BT BOCES services and the Reading First program.
- Mr. Waltz had questions on the success of the reading first program and what the cost per student is.

- Mr. Williams inquired about at broadband connection.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 9:01 PM for the purpose of a specific employee, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 10:37 PM, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mr. Cruikshank, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee  
District Clerk