

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

April 8, 2009

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Mrs. T. Hammond (arr. 7:46 PM), High School Principal S. Poreda
Also Present:	Mr. C. Bishop, Mrs. K. Bishop, Mrs. S. Bucalo, Miss S. Day, Mrs. T. Devine, Mr. C. Dibble, Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. C. Havener, Mrs. S. Heald, Miss E. Johnson, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. L. Porter, Mr. K. Springer, Mr. N. Stark, Mrs. N. Stark, Mrs. T. Straight, Mr. R. Tefft, Mr. W. Waltz, Mr. B. Wentworth, Mrs. C. Wentworth,-

CALL TO ORDER

President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown moved the minutes of the March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2009 meetings be approved, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A sympathy card was sent to Michael Foor-Pessin.
- Letters from state legislators Finch and Seward thanking the Board for their participation in Lobby Day.
- A letter from Stacie Morse thanking the District for allowing her to attend recent workshop.
- A letter from John and Shirley Girton praising the students involved with the Spring musical on how polite and well mannered they were to work with.
- A letter on intent from Patricia Plummer expressing her intent to return from a one year leave absence as a licensed teaching assistant in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Waltz questioned the tax refund to be discussed under new business.
- Mrs. Graham asked for a brief synopsis of the policies to be adopted at this meeting.
- Mrs. Porter inquired on the raises on the salaries to be approved under new business.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Circulation of recent newspapers articles.
- The Fitness and Walking Challenges at the high school.
- Mr. Springer is taking a load of expired chemicals to Oneonta for the Clean Sweep Program.
- Our attorney is not employed by the District but is paid a per diem rate.
- April 21st is the BOCES administrative budget vote as well as election of two members to the BOCES board of education. The voting in 2010 will be April 21, 2010.
- Legislator James Seward had an article in the Watertown Daily Times regarding the tax cap on state owned land.
- Distribution of a Weekend Check report that the Board asked for at the previous meeting. This report

(T. Hammond arrived, 7:46 PM)

(FY'08/09 - #72)

included December 6, 2008 through the end of March, 2009.

(FY'08/09 -#73)
(FY'08/09 - #74)

- Mr. Lott and Mr. Thomas attended a Webinar at BOCES today with federal and state representatives on how to apply the stimulus funding and the documentation involved. The IDEA funding can be used for response to intervention and 50% of the increase can be used to provide services to all students. The Title I funding is very strict on how it can be used. There are specific ways it can be used especially for innovative programs.
- Mr. Lott distributed a revised proposed budget. The IDEA and Title I funding was pulled out. He also reviewed anticipated revenues. This reflects an increase of 2.72 % increase on the budget and a 4.63% increase in the tax levy. In order for employees to take advantage of the retirement enhancement, letters are to be received by April 15th at 3:00 PM. The OVTA voted to approve the incentive. The OVEA recently signed off on it.
- There was a break in at the junior senior high school over the previous weekend.

Business
Administrator's
(FY'08/09 - #75)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Mrs. Neal gave her quarterly internal auditor's report.
- A donation was received from Rhoda Wolf.

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the donation of \$50.00 from Rhoda Wolf to be deposited in the student incentive fund. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- Parent Conference Day was busy. They scheduled one hour conferences for troubled students.
- Mrs. Stephanie Heald has been shadowing Ms. Gallaher as a potential building administrator. Mrs. Heald spoke briefly and thanked the Board for what she learned and appreciated here.

High School Principal's

None at this time.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mrs. Fox thanked Ms. Gallaher for details to her Board notes.
- Mr. Cruikshank reported that he, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Lott attended the Chenango County School Boards' Association Spring Dinner Meeting. The topic was about getting students prepared for life after high school whether it is going to college or joining the workforce.
- Mrs. Fox congratulated the students and staff involved in the spring musical "Pippin". They did a wonderful job. Mr. Brown felt uncomfortable with some of the language and perceptions in the play with young children and conservative adults in the audience. Mr. Cruikshank felt some of the language could have been changed.

Financial Reports
(FY'08/09 - #76)

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

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Manual – Third Reading and Adoption - #7131 Education of Homeless Children, #7160 Census, and #7110 Attendance

This meeting constitutes the third reading of policy number 7131, Education of Homeless Children, policy number 7160, Census, and policy number 7110, Attendance of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt policy 7131, Education of Homeless Children, policy number 7160, Census, and policy number 7110, Attendance of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Recommendations

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

Adam DiDuro	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher
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Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Committee on Special Education Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings of March 4, March 10, March 12, March 17, March 23, March 25, and March 27, 2009. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Appointment of Machine Custodian

Motion by Mrs. Fox, to appoint Paul Martin, 556 Route 80, Otselic NY 13072 as the machine custodian for the two voting machines at the District voting on May 19, 2009. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2009 – 2010 Transportation Requests to Parochial and Private Schools

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

Cincinnati Christian Academy – Cincinnati

Aaron Moore	Malinda Moore
Kaleb Moore	Stephanie Moore
Kaylene Moore	

Holy Family School – Norwich

Justin Graham Leah Kalin
Peyton Graham Peter Kalin

New Life Christian School – Randallsville

Alicia Bencke Joseph Billy
Jade Bencke Levi Billy
Jessica Bencke

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2009-2010
Administrative
Employees' Salaries

Motion by Dr. Evans, to approve the 2009-2010 salaries for the elementary principal, the junior-senior high school principal and the business manager. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2009-2010
Management/
Confidential
Employees' Salaries

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-2010 salaries for the management/confidential employees. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Application to Refund
Taxes

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the application to refund the taxes in the amount of \$155.36 to John Myers, tax map #26.-1-3.1. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual – First
Reading - #7132 Non-
resident Students

This meeting constitutes the first reading of policy number 7132, Non-resident Students, of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Retirement
Resignation

Mr. Thomas read a letter from Marjorie Davis with her intent to retire from the District after 39 years of service in education effective June 30, 2009.

Motion by Mrs. Fox to accept the retirement resignation of Marjorie Davis, effective June 30, 2009. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter inquired what the salary increase percentage is for the administrators and management/confidential staff. At this point, Mr. Cruikshank read a letter from the administrators stating they would take a lower percentage than in previous years to help keep the budget as low as possible. The administrators pay increase percentage is 2% while the management/confidential employees will see a 3% increase in pay. It was also noted that the OVTA will help the budget by donating time for chaperoning events and similar activities.
- Mr. Waltz inquired if there will be more retirements, if cameras are available to detect break-ins, and what the homeless age is. He also suggested that college preparation should start in the seventh grade.

- Mr. Bishop asked if transportation to private and parochial school transportation is mandated.
- Mrs. Graham mentioned that the Career Fairs that were held in the past in the high school were very good and educational for the students. She suggested a class for seniors dealing with the management of money, credit cards and such. The FFA program works on resumes and other tools to help with job searches. She is happy the Home and Career Skills class is back in place. She also asked why BOCES doesn't try to pare down their budget especially in these trying economic times. She requested a copy of the attendance policy and the non resident attendance policy and is the attendance policy being enforced.
- Mrs. Bucalo asked if the students could do vocational training more than just the last two years of high school.
- Mr. Waltz asked what the mileage limits are for transportation to private and parochial schools.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to enter executive session at 9:05 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 10:26 PM. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, second by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk