

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
August 18, 2010

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. D. Fox, Superintendent of Schools R. Hughes, High School Principal S. Poreda, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. T. Hammond
Also Present:	Mrs. K. Bishop, Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. R. Neal, Mr. K. Springer

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

AGENDA The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Fox and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mr. Brown, moved the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting be approved, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE Mr. Hughes shared the following:

- A thank you from Christine Neal for the retirement remembrances
- A thank you from Antha Robbins for the Area 8 nomination
- A thank you from the Cincinnatus Christian Academy for transporting students there over the past several years.
- A thank you from Gary Finch as well as a welcome to the district to Mr. Hughes
- A letter from Senator Seward welcoming Mr. Hughes to the district.
- Mrs. Stafford has donated school supplies in memory of Robert Loomis. A thank you will be sent to her for her generosity.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Gale inquired if the District was still teaching French. He suggested that Mandarin Chinese would be a good alternative to Spanish. He also reported that there is federal funding to train History teachers. He also inquired what the Board's position is on testing standards.

REPORTS
Superintendent's

Mr. Hughes reported on the following:

- Explanation of a semestered schedule vs. a traditional schedule and how the change came about based on a state budget with cutting January Regents exams.
 - Explanation of the Risk Assessment based on recent wind storms to see what issues the District should be concerned about. Mr. Springer is getting quotes to take care of issues.
 - The ropes on the flagpoles at both campuses were cut during a recent vandalism.
 - Review of the purchasing policy. The state has raised the minimum bidding to \$20,000.00
 - Explanation of the make up credit policy. This is an optional policy provided by Erie 1 BOCES.
 - Explanation of federal funds to rehire teachers who were laid off. The District may get \$100,000.00 to \$170,000.00. The funds must be obligated by
- (FY'10/11 - #8)
- (FY'10/11 - #9)
- (FY'10/11 - #10)

September 1, 2012. More information needed as this is a temporary fix.

- LINKS training was three days of intense workshops.
- Attended a Leadership training where the new New York State model of accountability for teachers was explained. Assessments play a part in their score.

Business Manager's
(FY'10/11 - #11)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Mrs. Neal gave her April to June Internal Auditor's Report.
- Explanation of the Retirement Reserve Fund.
- Mr. Springer gave his Operations and Maintenance Report as follows:

Tank inspection at the elementary school
Explanation of "A" runs and "B" runs
A thank you from Cincinnatus Christian Academy

Schedule of work to be completed before school starts

Met with Steve Thesier regarding the roof repair at the ramp entrance of the junior senior high school

Walk through with Lew Ford

The Library upgrade at the junior senior high school with funds from a grant.

Cooling of new server room at the junior senior high school

Elementary Principal's

Mr. Hughes reported on behalf of Ms. Gallaher the following:

- Summer reading program was entitled Reading Theater. There was good enrollment at the program.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- LINKS was held on August 3-5, 2010. The focus was on reading.
- Spoken with Spanish teacher candidates. Interviews will be next week.
- Leadership Academy he attended.
- Exploration into offering Spanish courses for college credit.
- Communications with parents when letters and schedules were mailed home.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Brown mentioned the new name signs are nice.
- Mr. Cruikshank reported that a resident stopped him as he was entering the building for this meeting that there has been a lot of 4-wheeler activity on the playground at the elementary school all summer. The state police informed this resident that signs need to be posted that the playground closes at 9:00 PM. This will be looked into.
- Mr. Cruikshank suggested that some board members should consider attending area school board meetings to observe then possibly explore cross contracting with them for services.
- Mrs. Burpee has information on the NYSSBA conference.

Financial Reports
(FY'10/11 - #13)

Motion by Mrs. Fox to accept the June and July financial reports as well as the April to June internal auditor's report as presented. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 3 – 0.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the following personnel recommendations:

Betty Howe	Retirement resignation with much regret, as a school aide, effective August 16, 2010
Elizabeth McLean	Resignation as a speech language pathologist, effective August 31, 2010
Kellie Bishop	Resignation as a 1:1 aide, effective July 19, 2010
Colleen Krause	Resignation as a Spanish teacher, effective September 1, 2010
Lara Stover	Three year conditional appointment, pending clearance from the State Education Department, as a speech language pathologist at a salary of \$44,513.00 (Step 10M + 51), effective September 7, 2010 through September 6, 2013.
Kellie Bishop	Appointment as an account clerk at a salary of \$17,880.00, effective July 19, 2010
Colleen English	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department, as a school nurse for the summer school program, at a stipend of \$725.00, effective August 10, 2010
Ronald Graham	Appointment as the girls varsity basketball coach for the 2010 – 2011 season at a stipend of \$3,252.00 plus experience of \$2,439.00.

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 3 – 0.

**2010 – 2011
Transportation
Routes**
(FY'10/11 - #14)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the 2010 – 2011 transportation routes. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

**2010 – 2011
Instructional
Substitute List**
(FY'10/11 - #15)

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2010 – 2011 instructional substitute list. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

**2010 – 2011 Non
Instructional**

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2010 – 2011 non

- Substitute List**
(FY10/11 - #15)
- instructional substitute list. Second by Mr. Brown.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Committee on Special Education Recommendations**
- Motion by Mr. Brown, to accept the Committee on Special Education recommendations resulting from the meeting on July 14, 2010. Second by Mrs. Fox.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Non Resident Attendance Requests**
- Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following non resident attendance request:
- Cody Morgan requested by Judy Morgan
Sheleen and Cora ManWarren requested by Helen ManWarren
- Second by Mr. Brown.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Non Resident Status**
- Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that students who are attending Otselic Valley Central School as a non-resident student prior to the 2009-2010 school year will be grandfathered in as tuition paying students on a year to year basis. Such students must apply each year.
- Second by Mr. Brown.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Transfer of Funds to the Retirement Reserve Fund**
- Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the transfer of \$190,000.00 from the non-appropriated fund balance from the general fund to the Retirement Reserve Fund. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- 2010 – 2011 Tax Warrant**
(FY10/11 - #16)
- Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tax warrant in the amount of \$2,908,420.00 for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The date of the tax warrant will be September 1, 2010. There will be no penalty for taxes paid on or before October 1, 2010. Taxes paid on or after October 2, 2010 will incur a 2% penalty. Taxes not collected by November 1, 2010 are returned to the County Treasurer's office for collection. Second by Mr. Brown.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Acceptance of Donations**
- Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the donation of \$150.00 to the music department from the Winterfest Committee of the American Legion, and to accept the donation of two voting machines from the Town of Otselic. Second by Mrs. Fox.
- Motion carried, 3 - 0.
- Tax Variance**
- Motion by Mrs. Fox, 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 Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

**Transportation
Request to a
Parochial School**

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve District transportation to Holy Family School for Tristan and Peyton Lyndaker as requested by Roxanne Lyndaker. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Neal reported that it is good to classes that offer college credits.
- Mr. Springer reported that there is a new DOT inspector.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 9:25 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 10:15 PM. Second by Mr. Brown.

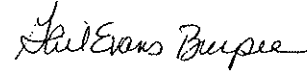
Motion carried, 3 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mrs. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

Submitted by,



Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk