

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

August 6, 2008

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. T. Hammond, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans (arr. 7:50 PM)
Also Present:	Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. R. Neal, Ms. M. Thuesen

- CALL TO ORDER** President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag
- AGENDA** The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Fox and seconded by Mrs. Hammond.
- Motion carried, 4 - 0.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** Mrs. Hammond moved the minutes of the July 9, 2008 reorganizational meeting be approved, second by Mr. Brown.
- Motion carried, 4 - 0.
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- Mr. Thomas shared a letter from Senator Seward regarding the property tax cap issue.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** None at this time.
- REPORTS**
- Executive Session Motion by Mrs. Fox to enter executive session at 7:38 PM for the purpose of audit committee meeting with the auditor. Second by Mrs. Hammond.
- (Dr. Evans, arr. 7:50 PM.)
- Motion carried, 4 -0.
- Ms. Thuesen joined the board in executive session.
- Open Session Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 8:19 PM, second by Mrs. Hammond.
- Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- Superintendent's Mr. Thomas reported on the following items to the Board:
- The DOT inspection report
 - Announced that Gary Slater is the interim director of personnel relations at BOCES
 - An update on the litigation with Mirabito Fuel. The District's attorney recommended paying Mirabito Fuel the \$1,400.00 difference in the fuel bid from last year as it would cost more to continue with the litigation.
 - A report on the Superintendent's retreat. Assessment results were shared. Mr. Thomas did a presentation on working with middle management.
 - The LINKS committee will be meeting in mid-August to discuss new goals and emotional services to support students.
 - The cleaning in both buildings is going as planned.
 - An update on the new fingerprinting procedure.
 - A policy needs to be developed regarding interest accrued on the student activity account. It was the consensus of the Board to split the interest earnings to the organizations that need it the most this year and to pro-rate the interest to other organizations next year.
- (FY'08/09 -#8)
- Business Administrator's Mr. Lott reviewed the school lunch and breakfast prices. He distributed information on the free and reduced lunch and

(FY'08/09 - #9)

breakfast revenues for 2007-2008. He also distributed a chart comparing prices with other local schools as well as other component BOCES districts' prices.

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Dr. Evans, to increase lunch prices by twenty cents and breakfast prices by fifteen cents and the cost of the adult lunch to be raised to \$3.25.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- Attendance at the summer school has been good.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- The Extended School Day academic study hall will begin in the middle of October.
- The Saturday detention program will also begin in middle October.
- Student and teacher schedules will be mailed on August 8th.

Board Member's
(FY'08/09 - #10)

The following topics were discussed:

- The draft goals for the 2008-2009 school year were discussed and focus points were added.
- Mrs. Fox felt the Board retreat was very productive.
- Mrs. Hammond volunteered to be the Chenango County School Boards' representative.
- Mr. Brown volunteered to act as the Legislative Liaison.
- Mr. Cruikshank thanked Mr. Brown for his leadership to the Board in recent years.

Financial Reports
(FY'08/09 - #11)

Dr. Evans moved to table the financial until the next meeting to give ample time for review. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Greenwood Corporation
Presentation

Mr. Roy Herfort from the Greenwood Corporation addressed the Board on the proposed building project. He reviewed updated schedules and what the next steps should be. At least three public meetings are required before the referendum is voted upon. He also suggested possible options for the elementary in the event the referendum is approved. There is an educational component that can be used in the classroom regarding the referendum.

Motion by Dr. Evans to establish November 18, 2008 as the date of the referendum, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Board members were asked to give Mr. Thomas a list of community groups and committees in the District to be contacted for a possible presentation about the referendum. It was the consensus of the Board to offer voting in both school buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

Natalie Beckwith	Unpaid leave of absence	For the 2008-2009 school year
Justin Barlow	Three year probationary	Effective September 2,

	appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a physical education teacher at a salary of \$34,890.00 (Step 4B)	2008 through September 1, 2011
Colleen English	Appointment as a school nurse for summer school at a stipend of \$32.50 per day	Effective August 4, 2008 through August 15, 2008
Patricia Rounds	Appointment as a licensed teaching assistant to fill a leave of absence at a salary of \$18,592.50 (Step 4)	Effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
Mary Helen Blake	Appointment as a mentor for the 2008 -2009 school year	At a stipend per the OVTA contract
Colleen Hanville	Appointment as the Spanish Club advisor for the 2008-2009 school year.	At a stipend per the OVTA contract
Sarah Yafchak	Appointment as a mentor for the 2008-2009 school year.	At a stipend per the OVTA contract

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Non Resident
Attendance Request

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the non-resident attendance request made by JoLynn Guyer for Austin Parker for the 2008-2009 school year. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

2008 – 2009 Non
Instructional
Substitute List
(FY'08/09 - #12)

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2008 – 2009 non instructional substitute list. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2008 – 2009
Instructional
Substitute List
(FY'08/09 - #12)

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2008 – 2009 instructional substitute list. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2008 – 2009
Transportation Routes
(FY'08/09 - #13)

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2008-2009 transportation routes. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2008 -2009 Tax
Warrant
(FY'08/09 -#14)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tax warrant in the amount of \$2,730,136.00 for the 2008-2009 school year. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Surplus Bus Bid

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the bid of \$801.50 made by Barry Monro for the surplus bus. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Discussion Item -
Transportation of
Special Needs Students

Mr. Cruikshank recused himself from this discussion.

A cost comparison was distributed between Birnie Bus and District transportation of two special needs students to schools in the Binghamton area.

Motion by Mrs. Fox to create a bus driver position for this purpose, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Hammond, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk