

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
December 12, 2007

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans (arr. 7:45PM)
Also Present:	Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. L. Porter, Miss R. Porter

## CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

## AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF  
PREVIOUS  
MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- None at this time.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter commented she was glad to see the substitute bus driver ads in the paper.
- Mr. Gale inquired when the next building facilities committee meeting will be. It is not scheduled until the building survey is back from State Education Department.

(Dr. Evans arrived 7:45 PM)

## REPORTS

## Superintendent's

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

- Review of the LINKS goals and objectives with a PowerPoint presentation "The State of the Otselic Valley District".
- Coffee Klatch meetings for staff members have been set up that are the same format as the Rumor Mill and Super's On.
- Sharing of the architect's pencil drawing of the high school building when it was built in the 1930's. It was donated by the Woodall family. Mr. Woodall was supervising principal at the time.
- An update on the building project update. There was a break in over thanksgiving break. The hallway door to the District office had to be replaced.
- The legislative breakfast is scheduled for January 26, 2008.
- Julie Hammer received an Art Start Grant for a

photography project.

- The draft of the 2008-2009 calendar was distributed.
- Various news articles were circulated.

Business  
Administrator's  
(FY'07/08 - #31)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Review of the 2007 Property Tax Summary.

Motion by Mr. Brown, to accept the 2007 property tax summary. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

(FY'07/08 - #32)

- The fleet fuel consumption report was distributed.
- The federal mileage reimbursement rate that is effective January 1, 2008 is \$.505 per mile.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Exploration of a UPK for the District. Opportunities for Chenango runs a UPK in area schools. They provide the staff and the schools provide the space.
- Staff members are exploring having an Odyssey of the Mind group.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- A bullying, self awareness program called Magic with a Message was held recently for all students in the junior senior high school. It was paid for with funds from an Arts in Education grant.
- The high school health class had a friendly cook off Thanksgiving dinner. One group prepared a traditional dinner and the other group prepared a wild game dinner. The home and careers class also took part by setting the tables and serving the meal.
- The new librarian started on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Both varsity basketball teams are doing great.
- Mr. Brown inquired who should police the gym during basketball games when spectators are bringing in beverages and messy snacks. Any adult should speak to those persons that snacks and beverages are not allowed in the gymnasium.
- The budget subcommittee was discussed. A budget development timeline was distributed. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Fox volunteered to serve on that committee.
- The substitute bus driver retroactive pas was discussed.

Board Member's

(FY'07/08 - #33)

Mr. Cruikshank moved to pay Mr. John Roalef \$274.50 in retroactive substitute bus driver pay from November 7, 2007 based on the new pay scale. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- There have been several calls from people interested substitute bus driving from the advertisements in the local pennysavers.

- The Wall of Fame initiative was discussed. Ms. Gallaher and Mr. Poreda will head the committee. Mrs. Marshall volunteered to sit on the committee.
- Mrs. Marshall reported the last Chenango County School Boards' Association meeting was cancelled.
- An inquiry was made as to why the financial reports are a month behind. It is because of a change in staff and change in software.

Financial Reports  
(FY'07-08 - #34)

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

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS  
Policy Manual – First  
Reading – Section 1000  
and Section 2000

This meeting constitutes the first reading of sections 1000 and 2000 of the Otselic Valley Central School policy Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel  
Recommendations

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

Lori Youngs	Appointment as an elementary musical director	At a stipend of \$500.00
Susan LeBlanc	Conditional three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a library media specialist, at a pro-rated salary of \$35,322.00	Effective December 10, 2007 through December 9, 2010
James Plummer	Resignation as a bus driver for retirement purposes	Effective November 14, 2007
Daniel Phillips	Leave of absence as a bus driver for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year	Effective November 15, 2007
Ronald Graham	Appointment as the girls modified	At a stipend of \$1,349.00 plus

	basketball coach for the 2007-2008 season	experience of \$1,175.00
Laura R. Evans	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher	
Roberta Leinbach	Resignation for retirement purposes as an elementary teacher	Effective June 30, 2008
Kelly Hegedus	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute bus aide and substitute custodial worker	
Maxine Marshall	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as substitute school aide and substitute bus aide	
Matthieu Satterlee	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute custodial worker	

Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 – 0. (Dr. Evans, abstain)

Authorized Signature  
for the Fiscal Advisors  
Contract  
(FY'07/08 - #36)

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize Gregory Brown as Board of Education President to sign contract with Fiscal Advisors. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Annual Visual  
Inspection Report

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the annual visual inspection report. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None at this time.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank to enter executive session at 9:25 PM for the purpose of a student issue and a particular personnel issue, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. Poreda was asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 10:16 PM, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee  
District Clerk