

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

December 10, 2008

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. T. Hammond, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott,
Absent:	Mrs. D. Fox, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mr. F. Crapo, Ms. S. Grello, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. L. Porter, Mr. W. Waltz

CALL TO ORDER

President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Hammond moved the minutes of the November 6, November 12, and November 19, 2008 meetings be approved, as corrected, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A sympathy card was sent to Timothy Moon.
- Thank you notes were sent to all the organizations and Town Boards that hosted the Board for the presentation of the building project as well as the election inspectors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter inquired about the payment for the Girtons for the Spring musical.
- Mrs. Marshall inquired if the students will have an opportunity to work on the musical
- Mr. Waltz appreciates the automatic calling system, thanked Mr. Thomas for the bus in the handicapped area, and as for accountability, restrooms should be checked and there should be signs on the restroom doors.
- Mrs. Porter mentioned the fire door was closed during the play and that there were issues with it being closed.
- Mr. Waltz suggested a coat rack be available during events and perhaps a coat checker could be available as well.
- Mrs. Marshall reported there is an issue with the rest rooms during Saturday morning town basketball. There is also a concern about the gym not being cleaned afterwards. She suggested to have the Town be responsible for youth league supervision.
- Mr. Waltz inquired about shared services.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

(FY'08/09 -#37)

- Distribution of the staff directory.
- Proposed 2009-2010 school year calendar
- Library Grants were received by Lisa Mosely and Sally Bucalo and Susan LeBlanc and Jenny Osowski.

(FY'08/09 -#38)

- State budget status

(FY'08/09 -#39)

- Spending freeze memo to staff

(FY'08/09 -#40)

- Distribution of various articles
- Greivance update on phones and special education time
- Basketball chaperones at girls' games

Business
Administrator's
(FY'08/09 - #41)

Mr. Lott reviewed the 403b OMNI Agreement.

Motion by Mrs. Hammond to approve the 403b OMNI Agreement, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- The K-3 winter concert.
- The 4-6 winter concert.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- The mentoring program.
- The Safe Place Program.
- The US News and World Report. The high school is considered a Bronze Medal recipient in the high school rankings.
- Introduction of Ms. Sherry Grello who presented "Viking TV".

(FY'08/09 - #42)

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- A reminder of the Board retreat on December 13th.
- A reminder of the Legislative Breakfast.
- Mr. Cruikshank read a statement regarding the recent building project referendum in that the District needs to move forward positively, a particular resident's name should never had been called into question regarding their integrity, and that every Board member is entitled to his or her opinion on school issues and to be trusted with the respect of the office they hold.
- Proclamations of Appreciation were given to the capital project helpers: Mrs. Porter and Mr. Waltz.
- Pairing down of repairs in both building.
- It was suggested to discuss implementation of savings and academic focus as topics at the retreat.
- Dr. Evans reported that most people stated that an exceptional job and accurate presentation by all involved at the various meetings was very much appreciated.
- Mr. Brown reported that the Board can't procrastinate with projects and ideas and expressed his concern for the future.
- The culinary essentials class was thanked for the snacks.

Financial Reports

(FY'08/09 - #43)

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

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

DEC Hearing Consent
Order

(FY'08/09 - #44)

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the consent order resulting from the DEC hearing. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Management
Advisory Group
Internal Audit
Function Report

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the internal audit function report prepared by the Management Advisory Group. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

John and Shirley Girton	Appointment as the lighting and	At a stipend of \$752.50 each.
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stage directors for
the 2009 Spring
musical

Ronald Marshall Conditional
appointment
pending
clearance from
the State
Education
Department as a
substitute
custodial worker

Brandon Benson Conditional
appointment
pending
clearance from
the State
Education
Department as a
substitute
custodial worker

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 – 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 November 5, November 20 and December 5, 2008. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Annual Visual
Inspection Report
(FY'08/09 - #45)

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the annual visual inspection report resulting from the inspection on October 22, 2008. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Waltz inquired about the DEC report.
- Mr. Waltz inquired about the fire inspection at the elementary building. This would be a good topic for the facility planning committee.
- Mrs. Porter reported that with finances being hard, how the District got to this place and that a repair fund should be established.
- Mrs. Porter reported that the PTO has raised money for many causes and maybe they could help with equipment for Viking TV.
- Mr. Waltz mentioned that the interiors need painting and that perhaps volunteers would assist with this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, second by Dr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk