

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

February 21, 2007

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| Present: | Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Business Administrator N. Henner, District Clerk G. Burpee |
| Absent: | Mr. D. Cruikshank, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher |
| Also Present: | Ms. L. Adsit, Ms. S. Billy, Mrs. T. Billy, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. R. Neal, Mr. W. Waltz, Ms. J. Wright |

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown 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. Marshall and seconded Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting be approved as corrected, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Thomas shared the following:

- A letter regarding the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame induction. Mr. Bradley who coached at Georgetown Central School in the 1930's will be inducted. Mr. Thomas will send a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Board for the induction program booklet.
- a letter from BOCES regarding the Homeless to Harvard presentation
- correspondence from NYSBBA
- Correspondence regarding the Governor's Executive Order #3.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Waltz reported on the incident with the visiting team bus at the sectional game on February 20, 2007. He suggested the school have a designated parking location for any bus coming from another District for an event.
- Mr. Waltz distributed an article regarding pedophiles in the central New York area. He inquired why the District hasn't sent out any notifications in late years. Mr. Thomas reported that when the sheriff's department notifies the District, then the residents are notified.
- Mr. Waltz inquired why school was open when there was a travel advisory in Madison County.
- Mr. Waltz inquired what the Shared Decision Making Committee functions are. He would like to see minutes of the meeting in the newsletter. The group is sponsoring a Family Movie Night in the near future.
- Mr. Waltz expressed his disappointment in the fact that the chemistry teacher is leaving in the middle of the school year.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Jenny Osowski, Lori Youngs, Julie Hammer, Sherry Grello, Mary Helen Blake and Michael Foor-Pessin

received mini-grants to enhance their programs for students.

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- The staff walking challenge sponsored by the Chenango Health Network that runs from February through the end of March.
- Presentation on the possibility of building project at the February 9th District Hours. There was a meeting with BCK recently regarding the alterations. They are waiting on the various costs.
- There was a meeting of the safety committee on January 16th. A reference sheet was distributed to be used in the case of an emergency.

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- He and Ms. Henner have met with representative from the Chenango Health Network regarding a school based health center.
- The Contract for Excellence speech given by Governor Spitzer was distributed.
- Bruce Sharpe, Superintendent at DeRuyter Central School has been in contact about cross contracting with Otselic Valley for driver education this summer.
- Discussion was held on universal Pre-K programs.
- The itinerary for the Biology Club whale watch trip has been approved.
- review of the February 8, 2007 School Boards Academy
- Rebecca Ashton has been nominated for a state nursing award. There was an article in the Post Standard.

Business
Administrator's

(FY'06/07 - #48)

Ms. Henner reported on the following:

- update on the BOCES Fuel bid
- Distribution of a chart prepared by the state outlining non-resident tuition costs. Otselic Valley currently charges \$100.00.
- OCM BOCES meeting regarding an energy bid. Since there is no natural gas, it wouldn't be a savings to participate in it.
- a review of the Governor's budget proposal
- Reviewed the initial 2007-2008 budget proposal.
- Reviewed the initial 2007-2008 estimated revenues. It was the consensus of the Board to investigate the BOCES CBO program.
- Distributed the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget.
- The internal audit risk assessment has been completed. The report will be given at a future Board meeting.
- None at this time.

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(FY'06/07 - #50)

(FY'06/07 - #51)

Elementary Principal's

High School
Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following items:

- reviewed the January Regents results
- Interviews for the chemistry teacher have been held.
- The Student Council is more active since there is time scheduled for the officers to meet.
- A motivational speaker is coming on March 27th to speak to all the junior-senior high school students.
- BOCES Board elections were discussed.
- Legislative Lobby day was discussed.
- Mr. D. Brown distributed a document on acronyms and definitions of various terms.
- Mrs. Marshall is disappointed by the lack of support of the girls' athletics by the District and the Booster Club.
- Mr. D. Brown drafted a letter to the legislators regarding tenure appointments.
- Mr. D. Brown reported that the District cannot give the Booster club, a private entity, public funds for a

Board Member's

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scoreboard as Mr. Williams asked for at the last meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS
(FY'06/07 - #55)

Motion by Mr. D. Brown, to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. G. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

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| Alison Locke | Resignation with regret for leaving in the middle of a school year, as a 7-12 Science teacher | Effective March 2, 2007 |
| Joseph Miller | Appointment as a substitute bus mechanic at an hourly rate of \$13.35 | Effective February 13, 2007 |
| Vicki Lincoln | Appointment as a substitute teacher | |
| Andrea Curtis | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher | |

Second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 3 - 0. (Mrs. Marshall abstained)

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings of January 16, January 19, January 22, and January 30, 2007. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Discussion Item -
First Draft of the
Otselic Valley Central
School Policy Manual
(FY'06/07 - #56,#57)

A revised policy manual was distributed to be reviewed by the Board members. A list of policies no longer needed was also distributed as well as a policy manual revision timeline.

Fire Inspection Report

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the fire inspection report. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

2007-2008 School
Calendar
(FY'06/07 - #58)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar. Second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Bread Bid

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School participate in the cooperative bidding for bread and bread products for the school year 2007-2008 with other schools districts in the Southern Tier of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Doretta Hughson, Clerk of the Board of Education, GST BOCES, be designated to advertise, receive, and open said bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Otselic Valley Central School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Fox reported she had an opportunity to go on a whale watch trip organized by Mrs. Graham and it was wonderful. She also congratulated Mrs. Ashton.
- Mr. Waltz expressed his budget concerns.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. G. Brown to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel issues at 10:09 PM, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to resume open session at 10:47 PM. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Evans, second by Mr. D. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 PM.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk