

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

February 18, 2008

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| Present: | Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. D. Fox, 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. 7:41 PM) |
| Also Present: | Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. L. Porter, Miss R. Porter, Mr. W. Waltz |

CALL TO ORDER

President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

Mr. Brown moved the minutes of the January 14, 2009, meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A sympathy card was sent to Marge Davis.
- Thank you notes from the Home and Career Skills class were circulated. These were done as part of the community service unit the seventh graders were learning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(D. Evans arrived, 7:41 PM)

- Mr. Cruikshank reiterated that if the Board is unable to answer a question brought up at a Board meeting, a note will be made and someone will call back the person who is inquiring.
- Mr. Waltz commented that he is concerned that very few people are turning out for the budget meetings. He also feels that the District is not showing that it is trying to save money by sending a bus to Morris for a scrimmage.
- Mrs. Porter commented that a portion of the ceiling in the elementary gym fell down when she entered recently. She stressed that repairs need to be done immediately.
- Mrs. Neal reported that the replacement while the network specialist was on leave was a valuable asset to the District while he was here.
- Miss Porter asked why there is no community winter fest.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- BOCES Special Education Space Report. The plans are complete and there is a link on the website.
- The Technology department went well in Mr. Spalluto's absence.
- Peanut butter recall. Several pages of recalled items have been received and is well at hand. Both cafeteria managers are on top of it.
- A meeting with Steve Thesier from BCK has been held. The Board is committed to renovate both campuses and has reverted back to a tow campus plan, starting over from scratch. Preliminary plans call for minor construction/renovation in kitchen areas, main office location, security and science classroom at the elementary building. Mr. Thomas has a conceptual drawing for one of the campuses. It has also been discussed to hold community programs in both buildings.
- Substitute pay on emergency early closing days. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the substitutes for a full day in event of an emergency early dismissal and this would be retroactive to December, 2008.
- The 2009-2010 academic calendar was distributed.

(FY'08/09 -#51)

- A Liberty Partnership Program report was discussed. It outlined different activities the program does with OV students.
- Mrs. LeBlanc and Mrs. Osowski will present their Rock and Roll grant at a future meeting. Mrs. LeBlanc has been asked to participate in a program in Washington D.C. at the Library of Congress. Mrs. LeBlanc has also applied for a mini-grant from Lowe's for cosmetic renovations to the library.
- Mrs. Sutton has applied for a mini grant to acquire sewing machines for the family and consumer science classroom.
- There will be an ad run for a temporary bus mechanic until June.
- Section III is reducing the number of games to be played next year. A question was raised about cheerleaders going to away games. There is more concern of a second bus going than the cheerleaders going. There is also a possible league realignment especially for the girls athletics.

Business
Administrator's
(FY'08/09 - #52)
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Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- internal claim report was distributed.
- Transportation reports are a work in progress. The bus maintenance schedule was also distributed and will include more information in the future. The Board would like to see cost of the repairs included in the report. Bus routing software has also been investigated.
- A sample quarterly transportation report from Downsville Central School was distributed.
- The retreat he attended for school business officials. They received an update on the Governor's proposal and municipal sharing agreements.

(FY'08/09 - #55)

Elementary Principal's

Mr. Thomas reported on the following to the Board on behalf of Ms. Gallaher:

- The elementary social studies results are as follows:
24% at level 4
62% at level 3
10% at level 2
3% at level 1
- Former employee, Mrs. Stephanie Heald will be in the area and will be observing the elementary school at that time.
- Ms. Gallaher has completed her self review to the Board.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- Introduction of Rebecca Porter who presented the itinerary for the Senior trip to Boston. The cost will be \$465.00 - \$525.00 per person with three increments to pay. It was suggested by a parent to have a deadline to let administrators know when and where and how much the trip will be in the future.
- The Regents results were distributed. Congratulations to Mr. Gorman for the successful Physics Regents scores.
- Minutes from the faculty meeting, discipline subcommittee meeting and the scheduling subcommittee meeting minutes were distributed.
- An anonymous donation has been received for the student incentive program fund.
- Mrs. LeBlanc and Mr. Foor-Pessin are working on a document based grant to document the toxic waste dump happenings from 1990.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Brown and Mrs. Fox attended the Legislative Breakfast. It was stressed that an on-time budget is

important. The STAR program is expected to be continued but may be trimmed back.

- The budget calendar was discussed. It was suggested doing an automatic notification prior to the different meetings.
- Dr. Evans had a sample of an English teacher’s web posting of homework assignments and goals for the week. He would like to encourage Otselic Valley staff to do this.
- Dr. Evans reported on senior night at the last home boys basketball game. Sixteen basketball players and cheerleaders were recognized. All of these students have been on the honor or high honor roll several times. Mr. Cruikshank complimented Dr. Evans on his recognizing of the seniors.
- There are two vacancies on the BOCES Board.
- Budget Talk: the congressional stimulus package is funding for Title I purposes.
 - An advance copy of the newsletter article was distributed.
 - An early look at the 2009-2010 budget was distributed.
 - A tentative seniority list was distributed.
 - A list of employees with their years of service was distributed. It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Thomas to structure an early retirement incentive package to see what it would look like.
- There was discussion on voting locations for the budget vote. It was the consensus to hold the voting in both locations.

(FY'08/09 - #56)

(FY'08/09 - #57)

(FY'08/09 - #58)

(FY'08/09 - #59)

Financial Reports
(FY'08/09 - #60)

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

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Manual Update

This meeting constitutes the first reading of updated policies of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

NEW BUSINESS
Personnel
Recommendations

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

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| Sarah Eschen | Appointment as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2009 season | At a stipend of \$1,406.00 plus experience of \$70.30 |
| Vicki Lincoln | Appointment as a substitute teacher | |
| Elizabeth Spalluto | Resignation as an elementary teacher | Effective February 3, 2009 |
| Roy Marshall | Appointment as the boys modified baseball coach for the 2009 season | At a stipend of \$1,406.00 |
| Galina Peschel | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a | |

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| Patricia Heffernan | substitute teacher Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher | |
| Corey Smith | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute custodial worker | |
| Daniel Phillips | Resignation as a bus driver | Effective September 1, 2008 |

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 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 January 13, 2009. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

BOCES Unit Cost
Methodology

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to BOCES unit cost methodology. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Waltz inquired what the cost per mile is to run a bus. He has also heard that the state is cutting back by working five days and getting paid for four. He also reported that there was a bus in the handicapped parking section at the last basketball game.
- Miss Porter suggested consolidating some of the bus runs to save money.
- Mrs. Neal requested that driver education not be cut from the budget.
- Mrs. Porter asked if it was ok to advertise a potential 15% increase on the tax levy.
- Mr. Waltz inquired if the bus garage will accommodate the new, wider school buses.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 10:07 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 11:07 PM. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Dr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk