

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

January 9, 2008

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, 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:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Dr. D. Evans
Also Present:	Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. R. Neal

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A sympathy card was sent to Barbara Wood.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None at this time.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- The new scoreboards are in the gymnasium and are up and running.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the gift of the new scoreboards presented by the Booster Club, second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

(FY'07/08 - #37)

- The 2008-2009 BOCES calendar has been approved. Conference days are still being discussed by the administrators.
- The Governor's State of the State address was discussed. A summary was distributed as it relates to education.
- The enrollment projection raw data survey has been received from NYSSBA. There are more building aidable units than expected. Mr. Thomas has met with BCK and they are exploring different construction options and exploring a bus maintenance bay.
- A Post-Standard article regarding cell phones in schools was circulated.

Business Administrator's

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Mrs. Robin Neal gave her quarterly internal auditor's report.
- The timeliness of the monthly financial reports was discussed. Otselic Valley has the earliest meeting of those schools participating in the CBO service at BOCES. That and the fact that there is only one meeting a month makes it difficult for the financial reports to get back in time for the meetings.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- On April 22, 2008, the sixth graders will be participating in a Youth Tobacco Survey. A representative from the state will administer the

survey. The District will receive \$1,000.00 for participation in the survey

- The recent newsletter highlights many wonderful events at the elementary school in the month of December.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- An update of the guidance counselor search. The committee interviewed four exceptional candidates and one is being brought forth for approval at this meeting.
- There was a canine search on December 18, 2007. There were no hits for drugs or alcohol.
- The Spanish Club is planning a trip to New York City to a museum, play and a Spanish restaurant.
- The Winterfest ran very smoothly this year with the Student Council taking an active role in running it.
- The clocks at the junior senior high school are fixed.
- Pictures and articles from The Evening Sun were circulated.

Board Member's

- There is an Educational Forum on January 10, 2008 at BOCES.
- The Legislative Breakfast is January 26, 2008 at the Silo in Greene.
- Lobby Day is March 4, 2008 in Albany.
- Mr. Brown inquired about a monthly calendar of events that was previously included in the packets.
- Mrs. Marshall expressed her disappointment that the Board meeting was scheduled the same time as other school events. This is the second month in a row this has happened.

Financial Reports

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Tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Manual – Second Reading – Section 1000 and Section 2000

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Recommendations

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

Shannon Gracey	Resignation as a school counselor	Effective January 11, 2008
Timothy Moon	Appointment as a substitute bus driver pending successful completion of further testing requirements	
Lori Fisher	Conditional three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a school counselor	Effective January 9, 2008 through January 8, 2011

	at a pro-rated salary of \$35,457.00 (Step 2M+39)	
Julie Hammer	Appointment as a mentor for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year	At a pro-rated stipend of \$750.00
Pamela Ross	Appointment as a mentor for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year	At a pro-rated stipend of \$750.00

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 – 0.

Declaration of a Surplus Bus

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to declare bus number 89 as surplus and to advertise for bids. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

BOCES Mutual Sharing Plan

Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, participating Plan depository banks have requested that the Governing Board lower its requirements that cooperative investments be collateralized by a pledge of eligible securities in the aggregate market value of 105% of the aggregate amount of cooperative investments to a pledge of eligible securities in the aggregate market value of 102% of the aggregate amount of cooperative investments; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is of the collective opinion and belief that lowering said collateralization requirements as requested by the Plan's depository banks would pose no risk to Plan participants and would enable the Plan's depository banks to better meet the needs and services required by Plan participants; and

WHEREAS, said change to the Plan's collateralization requirements can be effected by an amendment to Article XIV, paragraph 1, subparagraph (c), the first line thereof, and only the first line thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article XX of the Plan provides that the Plan may be amended by the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of all members of the Governing Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

ARTICLE XIV, entitled Collateralization of Excess Authorized Investments, paragraph 1, subparagraph (c), the first line thereof, and only the first line thereof, of the Amended Mutual Sharing Plan For The Cooperative Investment of Excess Funds as Amended May 7, 2003, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(c) the Chief Fiscal Custodial Officer shall arrange for, and shall accept a pledge of eligible securities having, in the aggregate, a market value at least equal to 102% of the

aggregate amount of the authorized investments made by the Chief Fiscal Custodial Officer, together with a security agreement from the bank or trust company.”;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Fiscal Custodial Officer shall and hereby is authorized to cause all existing security agreements with depository banks and all existing third party custodial bank agreements to be amended to conform to the new collateralization requirements as contained in the foregoing amendment to the Plan;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid amendment to the Plan shall be effective immediately and the Chief Fiscal Custodial Officer shall cause to be affixed to the Plan, a complete copy of the said amendment together with a statement thereon as to its effective date. immediately and the Chief Fiscal Custodial Officer shall cause to be affixed to the Plan, a complete copy of the said amendment together with a statement thereon as to its effective date.

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

BOCES Unit Cost
Methodology

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

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

Committee on
Special Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings of November 5, December 14, 2007, and January 7, 2008.

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gale inquired if the enrollment projection survey was open to the public. It is hoped that the finalized copy will be available at the next facilities planning meeting.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 8:28 PM for the purpose of a specific personnel issue, second by Mrs. Fox. Mr. Poreda were asked to join the Board.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

Mr. Poreda and Ms. Gallaher were asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 9:50 PM, second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Motion carried, 3 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk

