

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

January 14, 2010

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. T. Hammond, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, High School Principal S. Poreda, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mr. C. Bishop, Mrs. K. Bishop, Mrs. T. Day, Mrs. P. Graham, Mr. C. Hite, Mrs. S. Hite, Mrs. D. Liuzzo, Mr. J. Liuzzo, Miss N. Liuzzo, Miss S. Liuzzo, Mr. C. Marquard, Mrs. L. Marquard, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. E. Robinson, Mr. M. Sheridan, Mrs. L. Taylor, Mr. W. Waltz

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Dr. Evans moved the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE • None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT • Mr. Waltz inquired about the presentations. It was the consensus of the Board to allow questions after the budget presentation with a reasonable time limit.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

(FY'09/10 - # 53)

(FY'09/10 - #54)

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

- He has received his official appointment from Sullivan BOCES as District Superintendent. He read his letter of resignation.
- A memo from the Office of the Governor regarding unfunded mandates and the governor's plan to stop the legislature from ordering unfunded mandates in the future.
- Ms. Gallaher and Mr. Poreda are working with the staff on a zero percent budget increase on their supplies.
- Mr. Steve Thesier from BCK has looked at the entry way near the ramp of the junior-senior high school and will offer solutions to the leaking problem.
- He and Mr. Lott attended a Webinar on rurality and distance learning. Broadband lines are needed to provide this service to the rural districts to offer electronic field trips and other educational opportunities to the students. There is a grant for schools in this area to acquire Broadband connections.
- Mrs. LeBlanc received a \$5,000.00 educational grant from Lowe's stores to dress up the library.
- Mrs. Hammer has applied for an Arts in Education Grant for a sculpture garden at the elementary campus.
- BT BOCES is looking to start a BroadBand project this year. This would be eight to ten times faster than what is currently in use.
- The BOCES calendar for 2010-2011 will be distributed at the next meeting.

- New York State is one of four states in the country to participate in the Race to the Top grants according to the New York School Boards' Association Council.
 - The preliminary 2010-2011 budget was presented. A worst case scenario based on a zero increase in state aid was the basis for the figures presented. The governor's proposed budget has not been released at this time so there are a lot of "what if's" to be answered. Mr. Lott distributed a sensitivity analysis which showed different scenarios and explanations of each and the impact on the budget. Mr. Cruikshank and Mr. Lott met with Senator Seward regarding the upcoming budget process.
- (FY'09/10 - #55)
(FY'09/10 - #56)
- Business Manager's
(FY'09/10 - #57)
(FY'09/10 - #58)
- Mr. Lott reported on the following:
- Response to Mang Insurance regarding safety insurance.
 - Mrs. Neal presented the internal auditor's report.
 - The transportation report. The bus lift has been inspected and was recommended to be taken out of service. It needs major repairs and may need replacing. Options are being explored.
- Elementary Principal's
None at this time.
- High School Principal's
Mr. Poreda reported on the following items to the Board:
- The end of the first semester is approaching with Regents week from January 26 – January 29, 2010. The students in grades K-8 will have a full day of attendance on January 28th and a half day of attendance on January 29th. Students in grades 9-12 will attend only if they have a Regents exam scheduled. More staff development will be able to be offered on those days.
- Board Member's
The following topics were discussed:
- The 2010-2011 budget calendar was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to approve it.
 - The legislative breakfast is January 23, 2010 at the Silo in Greene.
 - Dr. Evans is meeting with a member of the legislature in hopes to get some questions answered about the upcoming budget.
- Financial Reports
(FY'09/10 - #59)
- Motion by Mrs. Fox to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Dr. Evans.
- Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Policy Manual –
Second Reading –
Field Trips, #8460
- This meeting constitutes the second reading of policy #8460, Field Trips, of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.
- NEW BUSINESS**
Personnel
Recommendations
- Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following personnel recommendations:
- Samantha Day Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education

Ryan Bergner Department as a substitute school aide
 Conditional appointment pending
 clearance from the State Education
 Department as a substitute teacher and
 substitute licensed teaching assistant

Ryan Bergner Conditional appointment pending
 clearance from the State Education
 Department as a substitute school aide

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Committee on Special
 Education
 Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, to accept the Committee on Special
 Education recommendations resulting from the meeting on
 December 21, 2009. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Resignation –
 Lawrence A. Thomas –
 Superintendent of
 Schools

Motion by Dr. Evans, to accept the resignation of Lawrence
 Thomas, PO Box 175, Marathon NY 13803, as Superintendent of
 Schools, effective January 31, 2010, with regrets and gratitude of
 the Board of Education and the Otselic Valley community. Second
 by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Appointment – Linda
 Morse Taylor – Interim
 Superintendent of
 Schools
 (FY'09/10 - #61)

Motion by Mr. Brown, to appoint Linda Morse Taylor, 148
 Chenango Avenue Extension, Sherburne NY 13460, as Interim
 Superintendent of Schools at a per diem rate of \$500.00, effective
 February 1, 2010. Second by Mrs. Hammond

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Authorization for
 Payment During
 Orientation and
 Transition

Motion by Dr. Evans, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Otselic
 Valley Central School District, pay to Linda Morse Taylor, 148
 Chenango Avenue Extension, Sherburne NY 13460, a per diem
 rate of \$500.00 for each day worked during the period between
 January 19, 2010 and January 31, 2010 in orientation and transition
 to appointment as Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Authorization for
 Payment of Unused
 Vacation Days and
 Unused Sick Time

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic
 Valley Central School District, in order to honor all portions
 of their current contract with Lawrence A. Thomas, and in
 light of the termination of service provided by Mr. Thomas
 authorizes payment to Mr. Thomas for unused vacation time
 and unused sick time as per contract items 7a and 7h. Said
 payment to be no later than the payday following the
 termination of services.

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

BOCES Unit Cost
 Methodology
 (FY'09/10 - #60)

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

February Meeting
Adjustment

Motion by Mrs. Fox to change the date of the February, 2010 Board of Education meeting to February 10, 2010. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- An inquiry was made about the publicity of the budget calendar. It will be placed on the website.
- A question was asked about replacing or repairing the bus lift.
- Mrs. Graham asked if there was any more information on the possible 55/25 retirement incentive.
- Mr. Bishop asked what the dollar amount will be for salary increases for 2010-2011.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 9:47 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 11:02 PM, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Evans, second by Dr. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk