

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

June 11, 2008

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
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Also Present:	Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. T. Hammond, Mrs. L. Porter, Mrs. S. Stone
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CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Hammond was invited to sit with the Board at this meeting.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the May 13, 2008 budget hearing and the May 20, 2008 meetings be approved, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

(FY'07/08 - #71)

- A sympathy card was sent to Toni DeMott.
- A letter was received from the New York School Boards' Association.

(FY'07/08 - #72)

- A letter was received from the City of Norwich regarding combining services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Porter thanked Mrs. Marshall for the presentation at the awards program to Mrs. DeMott. She also thanked Mrs. Marshall for her service to the Board and the children of Otselic Valley.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Various documents have been filed with The State Education Department regarding the proposed capital improvement project.
- Various newspaper articles.
- A letter has been received from Senator Seward regarding a \$20,000 member item for the upcoming school year.

Business Administrator's

Mr. Lott explained the budget transfers.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- The tobacco survey funds were used to arrange a concert by John Farrell at morning program to honor Mrs. Leinbach.
- Julie Hammer was named School Library Media Specialist of the Year from the Chenango County School Library System
- Various staffing changes
- Elementary students are on the front page of the Arts in Education newsletter highlighting their photography grant.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- The prom was held at the White Eagle Conference Center and the after prom party was at the Palace both in Hamilton. The junior class thanked everyone for allowing it to be off campus.
- The awards program was June 10th. It was very successful and positive program in the District.
- Staffing interviews have taken place.
- Graduation is June 28th at 11:00 AM.
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Board Member's
(FY'07/08 - #73)

- The meeting dates for the 2008-2009 school year were discussed.

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Dr. Evans to approve the meeting dates for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- Mrs. Fox commented on how nice the Awards Program was.
- Dr. Evans commented that the District has a lot to be proud in our students. Athletic officials are on a waiting list for the opportunity to work with our students.
- Mr. Thomas has the state convention packet and explained the new school board member training to Mrs. Hammond.
- Mr. Thomas inquired if the Board was interested in a Board Retreat on a Saturday in July.
- Mrs. Marshall requested that when the District calendar is developed or when events are scheduled, that Board of Education functions are considered.
- Mrs. Marshall expressed her gratitude to Mr. Loomis for his speech at the awards program in that he praised all the good things our students accomplish.
- Mrs. Marshall praised the varsity baseball team for their accomplishments in sectional play this year.
- Mrs. Marshall asked that the Board reconsider transportation arrangements for a particular student.
- Mrs. Marshall distributed mints to everyone at the table as a parting gift.
- Mr. Brown thanked Mrs. Marshall for her service to the District as she was a staunch advocate for all the students. He presented her with a plaque and brief refreshments were served.

Financial Reports
(FY'07/08 - #74)

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Manual – Third
Reading and Adoption –
Section 7000

This meeting constitutes the third reading and adoption of Section 7000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt section 7000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual - Second
Reading Section 8000

This meeting constitutes the second reading of sections 8000 of the Otselic Valley Central School policy Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

Patricia Graham	Appointment as the summer driver education teacher at a stipend per the OVTA contract	Effective July 1, 2008
Stephanie Heald	Resignation as an elementary teacher	Effective June 12, 2008

Jeremiah Haslun	Resignation as a physical education teacher	Effective June 30, 2008
William Gorman	Three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department, as a general science, 7-12 and physics teacher, at a salary of \$36,772.00 (Step 2B+56)	Effective September 2, 2008 – September 1, 2011
Jean Sutton	Three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department, as Home Economics teacher, at a salary of \$38,628.00 (Step 8)	Effective September 2, 2008 – September 1, 2011

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Extra Curricular Appointments

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

Sally Bucalo	Appointment as elementary newspaper advisor	At a stipend of \$466.00 plus experience of \$93.20.
Sally Bucalo	Appointment as junior student council advisor	At a stipend of \$418.00 plus experience of \$313.50
David Loomis	Appointment as boys varsity soccer coach	At a stipend of \$1,838.00 plus experience of \$1,378.50
David Loomis	Appointment as boys varsity basketball coach	At a stipend of \$2,870.00 plus experience of \$2,152.50
David Loomis	Appointment as varsity baseball coach	At a stipend of \$1,838.00 plus experience of \$1,378.50
Eileen Knickerbocker	Appointment as scoreboard operator for all home basketball games	At a stipend of \$29.00 per game
Eileen	Appointment as	At a stipend of

Knickerbocker	an AED instructor	\$34.00 per hour
Eileen Knickerbocker	Appointment as boys modified soccer coach	At a stipend of \$1,349.00 plus experience of \$1011.75
Eileen Knickerbocker	Appointment as varsity softball coach	At a stipend of \$1,838.00 plus experience of \$1,194.70
Patricia Graham	Appointment as ski club advisor	At a stipend of \$793.00 plus experience of \$594.75
Patricia Graham	Appointment as biology club advisor	At a stipend of \$187.00 plus experience of \$65.45
Patricia Graham	Appointment as Envirothon coach	At a stipend of \$187.00 plus experience of \$65.45
Julie Hammer	Appointment as a supervising teacher for computer lab LTA	At a stipend of \$38.00 per hour
Julie Hammer	Appointment as ½ cast director of the elementary drama production	At a stipend of \$250.00 plus exp experience of \$37.50
Julie Hammer	Appointment as head teacher at the elementary school	At a stipend of \$500.00
Kevin Springer	Appointment as girls varsity soccer coach	At a stipend of \$1,838.00 plus experience of \$367.60
Kevin Springer	Appointment as girls varsity basketball coach	At a stipend of \$2,870.00 plus experience of \$1,578.50
Elizabeth Robinson	Appointment as Envirothon coach	At a stipend of \$187.00 plus experience of \$65.45
Sarah Eschen	Appointment as the girls junior Varsity basketball coach	At a stipend of \$2,435.00 plus experience of \$121.75
Sadie Allen	Appointment as girls modified soccer coach	At a stipend of \$1,349.00 plus experience of \$67.45
Sadie Allen	Appointment as the Varsity cheerleading advisor	At a stipend of \$1,677.00 plus experience of \$586.95
Kevin Springer	Appointment as an activity	At an hourly rate of \$34.00.

Michael Foor-Pessin	supervisor Appointment as the fall play director	At a stipend of \$1,444.00 plus experience of \$1,083.00
Winifred Sortman	Appointment as the director and musical director for the Spring musical	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Winifred Sortman	Appointment as the musical director for the elementary musical	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Robin Neal	Appointment as the girls junior varsity and Varsity basketball scorekeeper	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Robin Neal	Appointment as the outdoor scoreboard operator for Varsity soccer games	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Robin Neal	Appointment as an activity supervisor	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Pamela Ross	Appointment as a mentor	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Diane Slocum	Appointment as a mentor	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract
Marjorie Davis	Appointment as the boys junior varsity and Varsity basketball scorekeeper	At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Non Resident
Attendance Request

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the non-resident attendance request made by Judy Morgan for Vanessa and Cody Morgan for the 2008-2009 school year. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 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 May 12, May 13, May 16, May 20, and May 28, 2008. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Appointment of a
Construction
Management Firm

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Greenwood Corporation, 839 State Route 13, Cortland NY 13045, as the construction management firm for the proposed construction project for pre-referendum services. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Ratification of the
Otselic Valley
Employees'
Association
Agreement

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the bargaining agreement between the Otselic Valley Central School District and the Otselic Valley Employees Association effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 3 - 0. (Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Cruikshank abstain)

Cooperative Purchasing
Resolution

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison- Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School below authorizes the Delaware- Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Cafeteria Supplies and
Food Resolution

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison- Otsego

BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Generic Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The Otselic Valley Central School wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading

up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Ratification of the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association Agreement

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the bargaining agreement between Otselic Valley Central School District and the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 1. (Mr. Cruikshank)

Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Georgetown-South Otselic Central School District, upon approval by the qualified voters of said District on May 20, 2008, does hereby authorize the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund to carry a life of 10 (ten) years, whereby, the Board of Education is authorized to transfer no more than \$500,000 annually from any or all of the following sources: non-appropriated fund balance from the general fund, state aid relating to expenditures from the capital reserve funds, interest income related to investment of money in the fund and any other additional monies hereafter authorized by the voters of the District for total cumulative transfers not to exceed \$750,000.

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Transfer of Funds to the Capital Reserve Fund

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Georgetown-South Otselic Central School District does hereby authorize the transfer of the \$255,668.54 balance from the District's expired Capital Reserve Fund, for which the probable term ended on May 31, 2008, to the District's general fund.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Georgetown-South Otselic Central School District does hereby authorize the transfer of \$200,000.00 non-appropriated fund balance to the District's Capital Reserve Fund established by the qualified voter's of the District on May 20, 2008.

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Bus Bond Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED JUNE 11, 2008, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000.00. AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OR OTHER AUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS OF THE GEORGETOWN-SOUTH OTSELIC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR USE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Georgetown-South Otselec Central School District, Chenango and Madison Counties, New York (the "District") at an annual meeting of such voters held on May 20, 2008, adopted a resolution authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in the manner provided in the Education Law for the financing of the cost of the acquisition of school buses for use by the District. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the District as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds or other authorized obligations of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$200,000.00 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance the cost of the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this bond resolution, the estimated maximum cost of each such specific object or purpose, the principal amount of serial bonds or other obligations authorized herein for each such specific object or purpose, and the period of probable usefulness of each thereof pursuant to the applicable subdivision of paragraph a of section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, is the acquisition of one 30 passenger school bus, one 30 passenger school bus equipped with a wheelchair lift, track flooring, two wheel chair stations and air conditioning, and one 60-passenger school bus for use by the District (the "Project") at a total estimated maximum cost of \$200,000.00 of which \$200,000.00 principal amount of serial bonds or other obligations are authorized herein having a period of probable usefulness of five (5) years pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds or other authorized obligations shall have a maximum maturity not to exceed five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds.

Section 3. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has ascertained and hereby states that the Board plans to finance the cost of the Project from the \$200,000.00 proceeds of the obligations authorized herein which amount is hereby appropriated thereof.

Section 4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond

anticipation notes, or other obligations and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds or other obligations is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer of the District. The President of the Board of Education of the District is hereby authorized to execute by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of the District all serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and all bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, or other authorized obligations and the Clerk of the District is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the District (or to have imprinted a facsimile thereof) to or on all such serial bonds and all such bond anticipation notes or other obligations and to attest such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes or other obligations. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds, statutory installment bonds or other authorized obligations shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the President of the Board of Education.

Section 5. The Clerk of the District shall cause this resolution to be published, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Evening Sun, a newspaper having general circulation in the District and published in Norwich, New York and in the Mid-York Weekly a newspaper having general circulation in the District and published, in Hamilton, New York. The validity of such serial bonds and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds or other authorized obligations may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 6. The faith and credit of the District are hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution as the same shall become due.

Section 7. The District covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized herein that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the District, and will not make any use of the facilities financed with the proceeds of such obligations which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or any facilities financed thereby if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Code

(except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the bonds or any other provision hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoptions.

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Transportation
Request to a Parochial
School

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve district transportation of Kaleen, Kaleb, Aaron, and Malinda Moore to the Cincinnatus Christian Academy made by Craig Moore.
Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The next meeting is July 9, 2008.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 9:10 PM for the purpose of personnel, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5- 0.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 9:59 PM, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, second by Mrs. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk