

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

June 10, 2009

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:	Mrs. K. Bishop, Miss M. Blake, Mrs. S. Bucalo, Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. J. Hammer, Mrs. L. Mosely, Mrs. L. Porter, Mrs. S. Stone,

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mrs. Fox moved the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting be approved, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note from Rev. Carl Johnson was shared.
- A thank you note from David Cruikshank and family was shared.
- A letter from BOCES Superintendent announcing that Natalie DeRochie was inducted into National Technical Honor Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter is concerned about the wood chips on the playground at the elementary school and the chips and dust getting into the children's eyes.
- Mrs. Graham inquired about the LTA posting.
- Mrs. Graham expressed her concern that with the instructional cuts that have been made in the last few years, that now support staff are being hired to fill those positions. She is also concerned about the summer school program and inquired which programs were selected to be eliminated.
- Mrs. Porter inquired about the dissolution of the Varsity Club.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher introduced Julie Hammer who presented a slide show on a grant she received entitled "Local History – Using Primary Sources to Compare Yesterday and Today." Mrs. Bucalo and Mrs. Mosely also reported on this project with the 4th graders. Mrs. Hammer also received a grant along with Miss Blake for the 6th grade photography unit.

Business Manager's

Mr. Jerry Mickelson was introduced for his audit pre-comments. The audit will begin on July 13, 2009.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox second by Mrs. Hammond to enter executive session at 8:20 PM for the purpose of personnel.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. Poreda was asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 8:54 PM, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Circulation of recent newspaper articles.
- Sherry Grello received a grant for Viking TV and Michael Foor-Pessin received a grant entitled, "As the Crow Flies".
- Notification from Department of Transportation the 97% of the buses passed the semi-annual bus safety test.
- Staffing needs for the 2009-2010 school year. There is a posting for an LTA position at the high school with funding provided by the President's Stimulus package for two years.
- Interviews have begun for the BT BOCES network specialist position.
- There will be a focus group of local staff regarding the status of health care in Chenango County.
- There has been discussion with the various supervisors for staffing and curriculum for the 2009-10 school year.

Business Manager's

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- BOCES has been exploring zoning for bids on milk and bread.
- Explanation of the BT BOCES services.

(FY'08/09 - #90)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School District will participate in the services during the 2009-2010 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule: eight equal payments beginning October 1, 2009 and ending May 1, 2010.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the District in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

(FY'08/09 - #91)

- Distribution on Internal Audit Function information.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Grades 3-6 ELA Scores and Grades 3-6 Math Scores. The scores are improving to the level the State is requiring. Dr. Evans offered congratulations to the elementary staff for the assessment results.
- Two teams have been established for summer work. One is a 5/6 summer writing curriculum and the other is a K-6 assessment schedule.
- Six teachers are interested in a BOCES writing traits workshop.

	pending clearance from the state education department as a substitute teacher	
Jody Mashlykin	Three-year probationary appointment as an elementary teacher, at a salary of \$36,637.00 (Step 2M+51)	Retroactive to September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011
Michael Foor-Pessin	Appointment as a student council co-advisor for the 2008-2009 school year	At a stipend of \$436.00 plus experience of \$174.40
Jennifer George	Appointment as National Honor Society co-advisor for the 2008-2009 school year	At a stipend of \$97.50 plus experience of \$4.88
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Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Tenure Appointments

Kristina Clark –
English 7-12

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Kristina Clark, 612 Cummings Rd., Greene NY 13778, having successfully completed her probationary period (9/5/2006 – 9/4/2009) and having initial certification as an English 7-12 teacher, certification number 1757431, be granted a tenure appointment in the English 7-12 area, effective September 6, 2009. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Scott Poreda –
Principal

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Scott Poreda, PO Box 83, South Otselic NY 13155, having successfully completed his probationary period (7/1/2006 – 6/30/2009) and having permanent certification as a principal, certification number 050602289, be granted a tenure appointment in the principal area, effective July 2, 2009. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Matthew Williams –
Grades 1-6 Teacher

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Matthew Williams, 11 S. William Street, Homer NY 13077, having successfully completed his probationary period (9/5/2006 – 9/4/2009) and having initial certification as a grades 1-6 teacher, certification number 062724567, be granted a tenure appointment in the grades 1-6 area, effective September 6,

2009. Second by Mr. Brown.

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 May 11, May 15, May 18, May 19, and May 21, 2009. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Dissolution of Varsity
Club

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to dissolve the varsity club at the junior senior high school and donate the remaining funds to the Booster Club. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Transportation
Request to a Non-
Public School

Motion by Dr. Evans, to approve the transportation request made by Melvin Hershberger to transport Erwin, Emma, and Rudy Hershberger to the Amish School in Georgetown. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Graham reported that the Biology Club wants to go to the Toronto Zoo and Science Center for a trip. They want to know if they would be allowed to go out of the country for such a trip.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Hammond, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk