

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
March 16, 2011

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mr. G. Brown, Mrs. T. Hammond Superintendent of Schools R. Hughes, , Business Manager, G. Lott, High School Principal S. Poreda, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans
Also Present:	Miss K. Bassett, Mr. S. Beesmer, Miss J. Bencke, Mrs. J. Davis, Mr. D. Day, Miss K. DeVinne, Mr. J. Gale, Miss B. Lewis, Miss A. Marshall, Mrs. C. Morse, Mr. P. Morse, Mr. E. Petersen, Miss B. Seager, Mr. K. Springer, Mrs. S. Stone, Mrs. S. Swayze, Mrs. F. Winn, Miss J. Wood

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag. Mr. Cruikshank stated that our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Japan at this time.

**AGENDA**

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

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF  
PREVIOUS  
MEETINGS**

Mr. Brown moved the minutes of the February 15 and February 16, 2011 meetings be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Several surveys have been returned regarding the budget.
- An e-mail from Senator Seward has been received regarding the official name change of the District.
- Notification that Deedrick Bertholf is officially retiring from the New York Association of School Board Officials.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gale has concerns about the proposed move of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. He stated that the elementary building is not designed to close off the third floor. Heat is needed to melt the snow and ice from roof.

Mr. Gale inquired where any cuts will come from. He recommends starting at the top and reduce every employee's salary by 5%.

**REPORTS**

Superintendent's/  
Elementary Principal's

(FY'10/11 - #46)

(FY'10/11 - #47)

Mr. Hughes reported on the following:

- He has received notice from the Senate and the Assembly that they are proposing to restore \$265 million to school aid in the proposed budget. It will target upstate, low income, rural districts.
- Board Advisory Team meetings for facilities have been held. An Energy Conservation Report was distributed.
- The School Report Cards were reviewed. Otselic Valley is considered a school in good standing.
- Reviewed the proposal to move the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to the junior senior high school. It is hoped the move will help align the buildings, ease the transition into high school, and spread the mandates out over four years as opposed to one or two.

Business Manager's

(FY'10/11 - #48)

(FY'10/11 - #49)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Deferred to Mr. Springer who gave his operations and maintenance report.
- Distributed a revised cafeteria report
- Explained energy procurement. He recommended we go with the OCM broker.

High School Principal's

(FY'10/11 - #50)

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- Distribution of additional faculty meeting minutes
- Distribution of an article on 145 FIRST Robotics Team. One junior, Logan Carsten, is a part of that group.
- Highlights of the events that have been happening at the junior senior high school.

Board Member's

None at this time.

Financial Reports  
(FY'10/11 - #51)

Motion by Mr. Brown to accept the February financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Personnel  
Recommendations

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

Patrick Witmer    Three year  
conditional

Effective March 7,  
2011 through

March 6, 2014

	appointment as a 7-12 science teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$37,324.00 (Step 2M+36)
Tammy Brown Saladino	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute school aide
Barbara Harrison	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher
Laura Evans	Appointment as a substitute teacher
Kellie Bishop	Appointment as the deputy treasurer for the 2010 – 2011 school year
George Lott	Appointment as the deputy payroll officer for the 2010-2011 school year

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Committee on Special Education Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, to accept the Committee on Special Education recommendations resulting from the meetings on February 17, February 18, February 24, February 28, March 1, March 2, and March 10, 2011. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Bread Bid

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Otselic Valley Central School participate in cooperative bidding for bread and bread products for the school year 2011-2012 with other school districts in the Southern Tier of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Doretta Hughson, Clerk of the Board of Education, GST BOCES, be designate to advertise, receive, and open said bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Otselec Valley Central School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

External Auditor  
Requests for Proposal  
(FY'10/11 - #52)

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the request for proposal of Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson and Co., LLP for the audits of 2011, 2012, and 2013. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

2011 Notice of  
Annual Budget  
Hearing, Budget Vote,  
and Board Member  
Election  
(FY'10/11 - #53)

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2011 Notice of Annual Budget Hearing, Budget Vote, and Board Member Election. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Property Tax  
Correction

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the application for refund and credit of real property taxes of Richard and Janet Coye, 783 Route 26, Georgetown NY 13072 in the amount of \$663.23. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to enter executive session at 8:47 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank to resume open session at 10:31 PM, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

*Gail Evans Burpee*

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District Clerk