

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

March 14, 2007

Present: Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Administrator N. Henner, District Clerk G. Burpee

Also Present: Mr. J. Andrews, Mrs. A. Brown, Mr. D. Brown, Mrs. M. Chase, Mrs. D. Fox, Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. S. Phillips, Ms. J. Pierce, Mrs. S. Stone, Mrs. C. Wentworth, Ms. A. Widger

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting be approved, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Thomas shared the following:

- A letter from Senator Seward in response to the Board's letter regarding the Governor's proposed state budget and underperforming schools.
- A letter was sent after Lobby Day to the area representatives regarding the Governor's state aid proposal.
- A letter from Stacie Morse regarding two workshops she attended.
- The Spring Dinner meeting announcement from the Chenango County School Boards' Association.
- The 2007-2008 BOCES Budget booklets and notice of their annual meeting.

(FY'06/07 - #59)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Gale inquired about the Facilities Planning Committee outcome. Mr. Thomas explained the process and the different options that are being investigated. Mr. Gale inquired about current enrollment and if there are any advantages of reverting to two separate districts.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- There were pictures of the boys basketball team and the cheerleaders in the Evening Sun that he shared.
- Julie Hammer was quoted in the Arts in Education newsletter that was shared.
- Sherry Grello received two mini grants for her classroom.
- An advertisement was circulated to be included in the program for the induction ceremony of the New York State High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Harold Bradley, who taught physical education at Georgetown Central School in the 1930's, will be inducted.
- A modified softball coach is still needed.
- The fire alarm equipment needs upgrading.
- The phone system at the junior-senior high school needs to be fixed. It shuts off from time to time.
- An update of the Shared Decision Making Team was

given. One of their goals is to increase student and family togetherness. They have sponsored family movie nights and Winter Fest. They are in the process of modifying the District calendar to include family health information and possibly combining pertinent information from the student handbook. They also want to sponsor a community dinner in the fall to start off the new school year in a positive way. Members have asked to be a part of the facilities planning committee.

(FY'06/07 - #60)

- An update on the Facilities Planning Committee. The most recent conceptual drawings were distributed as well as a review of potential savings.

Business
Administrator's

(FY'06/07 - #61)

Ms. Henner reported on the following:

- Distribution of health insurance rates since 2000.
- Distributed calculation of Foundation Aid as a part of state aid. This was called Flex Aid in previous administrations. She also explained the governor's proposal for state aid.
- Distributed the second draft of the proposed 2007-2008 school budget.
- Reviewed the Governor's School Aid Proposal
- Distributed the Medicaid in Education Alert memorandum.
- Reviewed factors influencing the draft 2007-2008 budget.
- Distributed a worksheet of the cost of migrating Purchasing to CBO at BOCES
- It was the consensus of the Board to further investigate a retirement incentive package for the instructional staff.

(FY'06/07 - #62)

(FY'06/07 - #63)

(FY'06/07 - #64)
Dr. Evans left, 9:00 PM

Elementary Principal's

- None at this time.

High School
Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following items:

- The Booster Club has submitted figures for a wireless scoreboard and shot clock.
- Congratulations were given to the varsity boys basketball team for winning the D2 championship.
- Congratulations to the Cheerleaders for placing third in the state cheerleading championships.

Board Member's

- A report was given on the Legislative Lobby Day. Mr. Thomas and Mr. D. Brown were able to see everyone. There was concern from Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Superintendents about school aid and the impact of the flooding last year. They spoke to Assemblyman Magee at length.
- The March meeting of the Chenango County School Boards' Association will be at Bainbridge Guilford. Each district is asked to submit ideas for a mission statement of the Chenango County School Boards' Association.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(FY'06/07 - #65)

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

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS
Discussion Item -
First Draft of Otselic
Valley Central
School Policy
Manual

Discussion was held on the revised draft of the policy manual.

NEW BUSINESSPersonnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mr. G. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Alan Ingerto Appointment as a
 substitute teacher

Garrison Lewis Appointment as a
 substitute teacher
 for chemistry

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings of February 12, February 26, March 1, and March 5, 2007. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

2007 Annual Budget
Hearing, Budget Vote
and Board Member
Election Notice
(FY'06/07 - #66)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007 Annual Budget Hearing, Budget Vote and Board Member Election Notice. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

2007-2008 Holiday
Schedule for 12
Month and 10 and 11
Month Employees
(FY'06/07 - #67)

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007-2008 Holiday Schedule for 12 Month and 10 and 11 Month Employees. Second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Neal commended the girls varsity basketball for going to sectionals and also having achieved the second highest academic average in the state.
- Mr. Cruikshank reported that Tricia Straight, a graduate in the class of 2006, is a pitcher for the SUNY at Oswego softball travel team.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. G. Brown to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel issues at 10:16 PM, second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to resume open session at 11:23 PM. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, second by Mr. G. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 PM.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk

