

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, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Elementary Principal N. Gallaher
Also Present:	Mrs. A. Dunagan, Ms. J. George, Mr. J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Knickerbocker, Mrs. S. LaBlanc, Mrs. S. Morse, Mrs. L. Porter, Ms. P. Ross

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Two responses have been received from Assemblyman Magee and Senator Seward regarding the School Resource Officer. The letters were circulated.
- A letter was received from the Hudson Valley Regional School Support Center praising Mrs. Phillips for her work with the Reading First program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Stacie Morse and Mrs. Eileen Knickerbocker presented information on the upcoming Health and Wellness Fair to be coordinated with the Autism Awareness Walk on May 3, 2008. Several agencies will be involved with informational booths.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- A tentative schedule for the facilities planning committee meetings on March 18, April 8, and May 6, 2008.
- Update on the capital project. The soil borings will begin the week of March 17, 2008.
- The Statewide School Finance Consortium new formula
- Long Island financial concerns regarding school attorney's on the payroll doesn't affect Otselic Valley because we are billed hourly.
- Alan Pole, District Superintendent of the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES is retiring in August. The selection process was explained.
- The proposed BOCES administrative budget was reviewed. The vote is on April 21, 2008. A question and answer document was reviewed.
- The Legislative Lobby day was cancelled due to the weather.
- Circulation of various pictures and articles from newspapers.
- Mrs. Fox inquired about the cash disbursements report as well as the appropriation status report.

(FY'07/08 - #49)

(FY'07/08 - #50)

Business
Administrator's

Elementary Principal's

- None at this time.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- Introduction of Mrs. Susan LaBlanc as the new library media specialist at the junior-senior high school.
- Introduction of Ms. Jennifer George as the new guidance counselor at the junior-senior high school.
- Ms. Pamela Ross did a presentation on celebrations in the middle school such as the middle school team, Pride Time, and advanced math for the 7th graders.
- Announced that Mr. David Loomis was voted Section III, Class D Coach of the Year.
- Reviewed the January 2008 Regents results.
- Mr. Mike Minter presented a program to all the students on February 15, 2008. He is a former pro-football player for the Carolina Panthers.
- He and Ms. George have been working on the Honor Society preliminary planning.
- He attended a workshop on how schools and police can work together better with the school resource officers.
- Mr. Cruikshank inquired about the status of the state budget with the recent tragedy and change on Governor.

Board Member's

Financial Reports
(FY'07/08 - #51)

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Manual – Third Reading and Adoption – Section 3000 and Section 4000

This meeting constitutes the third reading and adoption of Section 3000 and Section 4000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt section 3000 and section 4000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual - Second Reading Section 5000

This meeting constitutes the second reading of sections 5000 of the Otselic Valley Central School policy Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Recommendations

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

Kay Tracey	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department substitute clerical worker and substitute school aide	
Jeremiah Haslun	Appointment as boys modified baseball coach for the 2008 season	At a stipend of \$1,349.00
Timothy Moon	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a regular bus driver	At a an hourly salary of \$11.80 plus benefits

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

2008 Annual Budget
Hearing, Budget Vote
and Board Member
Election Notice
(FY'07/08 - #52)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2008 Annual Budget Hearing, Budget Vote and Board Member Election Notice. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2008 – 2009 School
Year Calendar
(FY'07/08 - #53)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2008-2009 school year calendar including the holiday schedule for the 12 month employees as well as for the 10 and 11 month employees. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual – First
Reading – Section 6000
(FY'07/08 - #54)

This meeting constitutes the first reading of section 6000 of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Committee on
Special Education
Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings of February 8, 2008. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Discussion Item First
Draft 2008 – 2009
School Budget

Mr. Thomas reviewed the first draft of the 2008-2009 budget. He explained the different codes. The draft budget represents an 8- 8 1\2% increase in the tax levy over the current year's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter mentioned that she likes the team approach to the middle school.
- Mrs. Porter had concerns about the parent conference process.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 9:45 PM for the purpose of negotiations, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to resume open session at 10:55 PM, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, second by Mrs. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk