

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
November 7, 2007

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans
Also Present:	Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. G. Calvello, Mr. P. Davis, Mrs. C. Heintz, Mrs. C. Hubbard, Mrs. L. Hyer, Mr. C. Marquard, Mrs. R. Neal, Mr. G. Olin, Mrs. P. Plummer, Mrs. L. Porter, Miss R. Porter, Mr. J. Roalef, Mrs. J. Skramko, Mr. K. Springer, Mrs. T. Straight, Mr. T. Thorp, Mrs. C. Tibbens, Mrs. C. Wentworth

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| CALL TO ORDER | President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag. |
| AGENDA | The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Fox and seconded by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0. |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS | Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the October 10, 2007 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0. |
| CORRESPONDENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time. |
| PUBLIC COMMENT
(FY'07/08 - # 26) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Tibbens, on behalf of the bus drivers, read a statement regarding their self worth and the need to increase the substitute pay rate. • Mrs. Plummer, on behalf of the Georgetown and South Otselic youth basketball teams, questioned the fee for use of the buildings. Mr. Olin questioned if there is a difference in the fee for not-for-profit groups and for-profit groups. Mrs. Wentworth suggested charging admittance. • Mrs. Porter inquired why the minutes of board meetings are not in the newsletter and not everyone has access to the internet. She also suggested the building use fee should be in the newsletter. She also inquired about the status of hiring a librarian at the high school and why there has been no book fair at the high school. She also inquired about the difference between a business administrator and a business manager as Mr. Lott has been appointed. • Mrs. Hyer asked if there was a misunderstanding about the substitute bus driver rate. |

- Mrs. Skramko reported at the first Rumor Mill it was brought up about subcontracting out the bus routes. Mr. Thomas replied immediately that that would never happen.
- Mrs. Brown inquired about District goals to maintain programs.

REPORTS
Superintendent's

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

- An update on MRSA. There are no cases at Otselic Valley and he has been in contact with the Chenango County Health Department.
- Approximately 60-80 people attended the community picnic and had a great time.
- Information on the BOCES budget timeline regarding tentative requests and final requests for services.
- Update on the demographic survey. He has not received information from New York School Boards' Association.
- Update on Facilities planning. There will be no meeting until the information is received from New York School Boards' Association.
- There will be a School Boards' Academy on November 8, 2007 at BOCES. The topic is "Personnel".
- Mrs. Grello has received training on the new Part D of the Earth Science Regents exam. She will train other teachers in our BOCES.
- Mrs. Youngs and Ms. Hammer have received a grant for a poet at the elementary school.
- Several newspaper articles were circulated.

(FY'07/08 - # 27)

Business
Administrator's

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. George Lott, who is the new business manager. Mr. Lott reported preliminary tax collection to date is about 60% of the levy without all of the STAR reimbursements.

Elementary Principal's

- None at this time.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- Congratulations to the Drama Club for an outstanding fall play.
- Honor roll certificates were distributed. More students are receiving awards.
- An update on senior privileges. The third Tuesday of every month, the seniors are allowed to order and pay for lunch from a nearby restaurant and Mr. Poreda delivers the items.
- He and other staff members attended a threat assessment training recently.
- There are two new electives currently being offered and they are creative writing and textile science.
- More input is needed from staff and various committees have been formed to help with scheduling as well as other areas pertaining to the school.
- November 26th is parent conference day.

Board Member's

- Mr. Brown reiterated what Mr. Poreda said about the fall play.
- Mr. Thomas reported that the Fall Dinner Meeting of the Chenango County School Boards' Association was at BOCES. The topic was school violence and drop out effects. Mr. Thomas participated on the panel.
- As discussed at a Chenango County School Boards' Association meeting, Mrs. Marshall reported on the Press & Sun Bulletin newspaper survey on area salaries of school personnel. The Afton school board wrote a letter that they are not in favor of publishing the information they are requesting.
- Mrs. Marshall reported that Mr. Brown was selected as the DeRuyter Rotarian Volunteer of the Year.

Financial Reports
(FY'07-08 - #29)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, to accept the financial reports as presented, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's
Contract Addendum

Motion by Mr. Brown, to approve the addendum to the superintendent's contract. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

SED Document for
Transportation of a
Special Education
Student

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the document for transportation of a special education student. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Substitute Bus Driver
Rates

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the substitute bus driver rate of \$16.00 per hour and at \$20.00 per hour for retired drivers. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

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| Brian DeLee | Appointment as a substitute bus driver |
| Theresa Day | Appointment as a substitute school aide |
| William Doonan | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department, as a substitute teacher |

Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

b. Motion by Mrs. Fox upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following coaching appointment recommendation:

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| Roy Marshall | Appointment as the boys modified basketball coach for the 2007-2008 season | At a stipend of \$1,349.00 |
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Second by Mrs. Fox.

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

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting for the meetings on October 15, October 22, October 23, and November 5, 2007.
Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Bus Bond Anticipation
Notice

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

**BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2007,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$140,000.00.
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 Otselic Central School District, Chenango and Madison Counties, New York (the "District") at an annual meeting of such voters held on May 15, 2007, 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 \$140,000.00 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 and one 60 passenger school buses for use by the District (the "Project") at a total estimated maximum cost of \$140,000.00 of which \$140,000.00 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 \$140,000.00 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 Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Additional Salary

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

RESOLVED, that the salary of Kevin Springer be modified such that he be paid ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for substitute bus driver duties over and above his regular duties as Building and Grounds/Transportation Supervisor, retroactive to July 1, 2007.

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0. .

Contract with BCK Architects (FY'07/08 - # 30)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with BCK Architects for the pre-referendum services in the amount of \$19,500.00. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Senior Citizen's Exemption

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the senior citizen's exemption for 2008-2009, using the sliding scale of \$9,200.00 – \$14,900.00. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Marshall thanked Mr. Thomas and staff for saving paper by printing the agenda two-sided.
- A question was asked about a possible date for a referendum. It will most likely be the end of March or early April.
- Mrs. Plummer thanked Mr. Foor-Pessin for his part in the Fall play.
- Mr. Cruikshank congratulated the boys varsity soccer team for their post-season wins.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 9:12 PM for the purpose of a student issue, second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Mr. Poreda was asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 10:15 PM, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk