

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

November 12, 2008

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. T. Hammond, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mr. J. Gale, Mr. K. Springer, Mrs. S. Stone, Mrs. K. Thorp, Mr. R. Thorp, Mr. W. Waltz, Mrs. F. Winn

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mr. Brown moved the minutes of the October 9, 2008 and October 15, 2008 meetings be approved, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE (FY'08/09 - #28)

- Mr. Thomas shared a letter from the South Otselic Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Cruikshank explained the procedures for public comment.

- Mr. Thorp asked for an update on busing.
- Mr. Waltz inquired about various signs around the outside of the junior-senior high school building.
- Mr. Waltz also inquired if the Board is prepared to make drastic cuts if the proposition fails in order to save taxpayers money.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Various news articles
- Policy change for pay scale for retirees
- Alan Pole brought Mr. Tammaro, the new BOCES District Superintendent, to Otselic Valley to meet Mr. Thomas
- Suggestion to offer a season's pass for winter athletics. There was discussion and the consensus was to leave it as it is.
- Discussed State of the District. He distributed copies of the slides that were shared with staff members on the first day of school. Highlights were discussed.
- A common BOCES calendar has been developed for the 2009-2010 school year at a recent superintendent's meeting. It will be shared when finalized.
- There is a hearing on November 18th in Syracuse for a fuel tank violation
- Discussion on state budget cuts that Governor Patterson is proposing. The building aid or EXCEL aid will not be affected in his proposal.
- Reminder of the special meeting on November 19, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the junior-senior high school to discuss the results of the vote.
- Building project update. Fifteen residents have registered to vote to date with the last day to register on November 13th. Mr. Cruikshank thanked the public who have come to the meetings, the organizations who allowed the presentations at their meetings, the facilities planning committee members and anyone else who helped promote the project. He went on to say how proud he is of the

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Business
Administrator's
(FY'08/09 - #32)

Board for their efforts and the way meetings were conducted.

- Mr. Lott introduced Kevin Springer who addressed the Board on transportation issues. Mr. Springer distributed the fuel readings to date. He then distributed the layout of the 2008-2009 bus routes. He reviewed the maps for each route. He also explained why the buses stay in Norwich after the delivery of the BOCES students. He explained different scenarios as to why some people see multiple buses drive by their residence. The average time a student is on a bus is 35 minutes. Dr. Evans asked for a report on the special runs as to their destination and how many students are transported.
- Mr. Lott distributed copies of the adjusted tax warrant and explained the need for adjusting it. He gave an overview of the collection. 83% of parcels were paid during the tax warrant timeframe.

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Dr. Evans moved to accept the adjusted tax warrant, second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Dr. Evans moved to accept the unpaid tax warrant, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

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- Mr. Lott reported that the 403B Omni will be discussed at the next meeting. Effective January 1, 2009, districts will be required to administer their own employees' tax shelter plan.
- A draft report of the internal audit from Management Advisory Group was distributed.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- Update on the reading program.
- Reviewed "What We Know About Reading"
- The math 8 results were the third highest in the county.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- The Social Worker position. Interviews have been held and there should be a person on board by December 1, 2008.
- That he and the executive branch, grade level representatives, and the two advisors of Student Council will be attending a leadership conference in Cortland.
- A guest speaker addressed the student body on the education, culture and economy of Haiti.
- Update on the academic study hall program. Mr. Cruikshank inquired why a reading teacher was assigned to help a student with math questions.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Cruikshank requested a retreat after the vote and he will provide breakfast. It was the consensus to meet December 13, 2008 at 8:00 AM in the library of the junior-senior high school.
- Dr. Evans complimented Ms. Gallaher, teachers and staff for a job well done. Mrs. Fox added that generally people are happy with the programs at both campuses.
- Mr. Cruikshank reported the Fall play was wonderful.
- Mrs. Hammond enjoyed the circus.
- The culinary essentials class was thanked for the snacks.

Financial Reports
(FY'08/09 - #35)

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the financial reports as presented.
Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESSPersonnel
Recommendations

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

Roy Marshall	Appointment as the boys modified basketball coach for the 2008 season	At a stipend of \$1,406.00 plus experience of \$70.30
Ronald Graham	Appointment as girls Varsity basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season	At a stipend of \$2,992.00 plus experience of
Emily Hite	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher	
Theresa Day	Appointment as a substitute teacher and substitute licensed teaching assistant	

Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Senior Citizen's
Exemption

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Thorp inquired if it is a state law to transport students to a parochial school.
- Mr. Waltz inquired about chaperones at games, test results on the web site, and some staffing concerns.
- Mr. Cruikshank reminded people to refrain from using specific names when asking questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Dr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk