

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. Barlow, C. Bishop, Jr., Mrs. K. Bishop, Mrs. L. Eaton, Mr. W. Gorman, Mrs. L. Hyer, Ms. J. Mashlykin, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. L. Porter, Mrs. S. Stone, Mrs. T. Straight, Mrs. J. Sutton, Mrs. K. Thorp, Mr. R. Thorp, Mrs. L. Wood,

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mrs. Fox moved the minutes of the September 10, September 17, and September 24, 2008 be approved, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mr. Thomas circulated a letter from the Cornell Outreach Education Program complementing Mrs. Robinson for her work with the New York State FFA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Thorp addressed the Board with his concerns about transportation costs and the number of buses in the fleet. He offered several solutions that would save thousands of miles per year on the bus fleet.
  - Ms. Gallaher introduced the following new staff members at the elementary school:
    - Kellie Bishop – Kindergarten Aide
    - Lori Wood – Kindergarten Aide
    - Jody Mashlykin – Fifth grade long term substitute
    - Justin Barlow – Physical Education teacher
  - Mr. Poreda introduced the following new staff members at the junior senior high school:
    - Jean Sutton – Family & Consumer Science
    - Lindsey Eaton – Licensed Teaching Assistant
    - William Gorman – Science
- A brief reception was held to meet the new employees.

**REPORTS**

## Superintendent's

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

- Substitute pay scale for Otselic Valley retirees serving as substitute teachers was discussed. Mr. Thomas recommends that retirees from Otselic Valley start at the top of the pay scale.
- The Fiscal Oversight training will be November 10 and December 11, 2008 at the Chenango campus of BOCES.
- Update on the building project. There will be 16 meetings before the vote. Everyone seems truly interested and there have been several good questions and valid concerns. Mr. Cruikshank is disappointed more people have not come to the school presentations.
- There was a good turnout at the Community Picnic on September 24, 2008. Several staff members were in attendance.
- There is a video on the internet pertaining to the tax cap initiative that the Board members are encouraged to watch.
- As a result of two separate incidents with adults having heated conversations with athletic officials, a letter was sent home regarding sportsmanship.
- The policy manual updating is on hold at this time. It will continue following the building project vote.

Business Manager's  
(FY'08/09 - #19)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Ms. Mimi Theusen presented the Auditor's Report. In summary, all the financial statements are presented in a fair manner.

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the Auditor's Report. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- Mrs. Neal gave her quarterly internal auditor's report.

(FY'08/09 - # 23)

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- Open House was well attended. There are 197 students in the elementary building with the first and third grades being the largest classes with 32 each and the Kindergarten class being the next largest with 31.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- Spring schedules are 95% completed. Mr. Cruikshank would like to see parents involved in the scheduling process.
- Academic Study Halls began on October 14<sup>th</sup>. There has a good response so far.
- The Student Council will be attending a leadership conference in Cortland.
- The dual credit course in Math has been approved through Morrisville State College.
- Mr. Thomas attended the Bon Fire. It was well attended but cold. Mr. Cruikshank would like to see it expanded.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Brown asked for the latest bus mileage and fuel consumption report. Mr. Thomas distributed it.
- Mr. Brown would like the Board to send Christmas cards to the staff again this year.
- Mr. Thomas distributed a thank you letter that was sent to Senator Seward detailing how the \$20,000.00 will be spent.
- Mr. Thomas distributed the BOCES cooperative Purchasing pricing guidelines.

(FY'08/09 - # 20)

(FY'08/09 - # 21)

(FY'08/09 - # 22)

**Financial Reports**

(FY'08/09 - #24)

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

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Personnel  
Recommendations

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

Cristel Moon	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute bus driver	Effective September 26, 2008
Diana Mason	Three year probationary conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a licensed teaching assistant at a salary of	Effective September 2, 2008 through September 1, 2011.

	\$18,976.00 (Step 8)	
Mary Helen Blake	Appointment as a student council co-advisor for the 2008-2009 school year	At a stipend of \$218.00 plus experience of \$141.70
Odessa McKissick	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher	
George Lott	Permanent appointment as a school business manager	Effective October 9, 2008
Jill Sawyer	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute school aide	
Kevin Springer	Resignation as girls varsity basketball coach	

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Non Resident  
Attendance Requests

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve non resident attendance for the following students for the 2008-2009 school year:

Brian and Sheleen ManWarren by Helen ManWarren  
Genevieve English and Victoria Smith by Colleen English

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Appointment of  
Board of Registration

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following residents to the Board of Registration to serve the 2008-2009 school year at a stipend of the minimum wage (\$7.15):

Election District #1

Phyllis Evans  
Nancy Hodge  
Lorraine Kupiec

Election District #2

Mary Comfort  
Arietta Myers  
Beverly Smith

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 1. (Mrs. Hammond)

Appointment of Head  
Election Inspectors

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Gail Burpee as head election inspector in voting district #1 and to appoint Kai Loomis as head election inspector in voting district #2 at an hourly rate of \$7.15 past her normal working hours. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Creation of Two  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Extracurricular  
Positions  
(FY'08/09 - #25)

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the creation of two Odyssey of the Mind advisors positions. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

District LINKS-10  
Plan

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the District LINKS-10 Plan. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Committee on Special  
Education  
Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings on September 9, September 16, September 19, September 23, October 1, October 6, and October 7, 2008. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mrs. Porter inquired about the sportsmanship letter.
- Mr. Bishop asked why some classes don't have textbooks.
- Mr. Thorp asked how many days per week do the students get physical education.
- Mrs. Hammond asked for the official starting times of both buildings.
- Mr. Thomas distributed new school law books to the Board.
- Mr. Cruikshank inquired what the ballots will look like. A sample will be sent to each member.
- A question was raised about a meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> to accept the results of the balloting.

Mr. Brown moved to have a short meeting on November 19, 2008 to accept the results of the voting at the junior senior high school at 7:30 PM. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Dr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee  
District Clerk