

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

October 14, 2009

Present: Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. T. Hammond, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, High School Principal S. Poreda, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee

Also Present: Mr. C. Bishop, Mrs. K. Bishop, Mr. J. Hegedus, Mrs. K. Loomis, Mr. M. McGuire, Mr. J. Mikula, Mr. K. Mikula, Mrs. L. Porter, Mr., K. Springer, Mrs. S. Stone, Mr. A. Winn, Mrs. F. Winn, Mr. G. Winn

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mrs. Fox moved the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sympathy cards were sent to Madeline Marshall and Marcia Marshall on behalf of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Cruikshank expressed concerns on behalf of the Board to the Waltz family at this difficult time.
- Mrs. Porter thanked the responsible parties for repairing the sidewalk at the elementary school.
- Mr. James Hegedus was introduced as the new custodial worker at the elementary school.
- Mr. Gregory Winn was introduced as the new sixth grade ELA and social studies teacher.
- A short walk through of the elem school was conducted in order that the Board members could see the improvements made over the summer.

Executive Session Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 8:00 PM for the purpose of a particular personnel matter and a particular student issue. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 8:24 PM, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Discussion Item – Combining with Hamilton Central School for Varsity Hockey Mr. Thomas shared a letter from the varsity hockey coach at Hamilton Central School requesting consideration of combining districts for the purpose of a student participating in the varsity hockey program. The following guidelines were discussed:

- The student should already be actively involved and have a history of involvement in the sport requested to combine.
- The combining sport must not be one that is currently offered by OVCS.

- A formal request must be made and approved by the Board of Education for each sport and each season.
- Both Boards of Education (or their designees) must exchange letters verifying their approval of any merging of teams and subsequent approval of the “outside” district’s student(s) participating on the combined team.
- The district should not be required to incur additional financial obligations with respect to the student’s participation, including but not limited to transportation, equipment, insurance, etc.
- Any OV student participating on a combined team remains accountable to Otselic Valley’s interscholastic athletics training rules, eligibility rules, and/or behavioral expectations.

Motion by Mrs. Hammond to combine with Hamilton Central School for the purpose of allowing Kameron Mikula, a student at Otselic Valley Central School, to participate on the varsity hockey team for the 2009-2010 season, with the understanding that the above guidelines are adhered to. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

REPORTS

Superintendent’s

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

- Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Burpee were introduced and reported on their duties and responsibilities at the junior-senior high school.
- Joshua Lawrence has been appointed network specialist through BT BOCES and began working in the District on October 13, 2009.
- OVEA grievance concerning the bidding process
- OVTA grievance concerning an individual’s work schedule.
- Newly created club guidelines were discussed.

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Motion by Mrs. Fox to create the Viking TV Club on a trial basis for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- NYSERDA Energy Saving Grant
- Official opening of the newly renovated Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES campus. A news article was circulated.
- A draft prioritization document was distributed as a solution for a 2-campus district. Several items on the list were considered in order to make both campuses more community centered. The Board was asked to review the list and prioritize items.
- Tuition payments for non resident students. A parent has inquired if a payment plan could be developed. Dr. Evans suggested a signed agreement by the parent for the payment of the tuition. It was the consensus of the Board to allow a payment plan of two payments, one at the start of the school year with

(FY’09/10 - #23)

the second one due in December.

Business Manager's

(FY'09/10 - #24)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Property tax issues.
- Distribution of the Financial Report and Extra Classroom Activity Fund Corrective Plan.

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the corrective action plan. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- Explanation of the OMNI 403(b) plan.
- Mr. Springer was introduced and he reviewed the following:
 - September/October Operations and Maintenance report
 - Receipt of a quote for the five bus cameras
 - Suggestions for the bus report
- The bus BAN is 2% less than last year.
- The ERS is raised by 58% not 62%. The District's share is 11%.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Open house went well. The PTO and Chenango Health Network had informational booths. The success of an open house is measured by the amount of leftover cookies and there were none.
- District hours were held on Friday, October 9th. There was a book share and a PD360 presentation. Some teachers attended a workshop in Norwich.

High School Principal's

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

- District hours were held on October 9th. The teachers liked having choices. There were technology activities in the afternoon when teachers created their own web pages.
- Review of the athletic guidelines.
- Distribution of the activity/dance schedule.
- Open House had the lowest attendance in the last four years.
- Financial Aid Night all-call was made.
- There was good attendance at the community picnic.

Board Member's

(FY'09/10 - #26)

The following topics were discussed:

- Governor Paterson has proclaimed October 19 – 23, 2009 as School Board Recognition Week. The Board members were thanked for their dedication to the students and communities that make up Otselic Valley.
- Michael McGuire from the Evening Sun was introduced. He has been assigned to cover event at Otselic Valley.
- The District Goals were reviewed.

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the goals as presented. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- The annual Fall Dinner meeting of the Chenango County School Boards' Association will be November 5, 2009.

- The Legislative Breakfast will be January 23, 2010 at the Silo in Greene.
- Dr. Evans reported that he and Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lott, and Mr. Springer spoke to the Money 101 class at the junior-senior high school about careers they chose and how they got there.

Financial Reports
(FY'09/10 - #27)

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

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Item - Tie Breaker Rule

The tie breaker rule of September, 2005 was discussed. It was reaffirmed by the Board that whoever is placed on the agenda first has most seniority.

LINKS 11 Plan

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the LINKS 11 Plan for the 2009-2010 school year. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Recommendations

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

Erskine Smith	Retirement resignation as a custodial worker	Effective October 15, 2009
Matthew Williams	Appointment as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season	At a stipend of \$1,466.00
Adam DiDuro	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher	
Gina Calvello	Appointment as a substitute food service worker, custodial worker, and school aide	
Nancy Pettit	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as substitute custodial worker	
Farin Littler	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State	

	Education Department as a substitute school aide, custodial worker, and licensed teaching assistant
George Granata	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as substitute teacher
Colleen English	Appointment as a substitute school nurse

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the appointments of Ronald Graham and Danielle Graham as co-coaches of the girls Varsity basketball team at this time.

**Non Resident
Attendance Request**

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following non resident attendance request:

Christian McAuley made by Tammy Smith

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Property Tax Items

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the three following property tax items, second by Mrs. Hammond

(FY'07/08 - # 28)

Application for Corrected Tax Roll on the parcel owned by Barbara Grisolini for an error in essential fact. The amount of the reduction in taxes is \$579.00. This will also reduce the STAR application by \$518.41.

(FY'07/08 - # 29)

Application for Corrected Tax Roll to change the STAR exemption from basic residential to senior STAR exemption for the parcel owned by Edward Glinka. This will increase the District's STAR application by \$372.43, and reduce the taxpayer's bill by the same amount.

Refund Late Charges on the parcel owned by Eric and Anne Trachtenburg in the amount of \$32.42.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**OMNI 403b
Agreement**
(FY'07/08 - # 30)

Motion by Mrs. Fox upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMNI 403b Agreement. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**Committee on
Special Education
Recommendations**

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting from the

meeting on September 21, 2009. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**Discussion Item –
Five Hour
Prelicensing Course
Fee**

Following discussion, it was consensus of the Board to set the fee for the five hour prelicensing course as \$25.00 for students and adults.

**Senior Citizen’s
Exemption**

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the senior citizen’s exemption for 2009-2010, using the sliding scale of \$9,200.00 - \$14,900.00. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bishop inquired about the payment plan for tuition paying students. He reported that taxpayers are not allowed to have payment plans and if their payments are late, they are penalized.
- Mr. Springer inquired about what to do with the old cooler. It was the consensus of the Board to trash it.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 10:36 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Ms. Gallaher and Mr. Poreda were asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 11:26 PM, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Evans, second by Mrs. Hammond, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk