

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, Ms. J. Guyer, Mr. A. Parker, Mrs. L. Porter, Mrs. S. Stone

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

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

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mrs. Fox moved the minutes of the August 6, 2008 reorganizational meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Thomas shared a letter from Mrs. Tina Cruikshank thanking the District for transporting her son.
- A sympathy card was sent to Toni DeMott,

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Guyer expressed concerns about an incident with her son.

REPORTS

Superintendent's
(FY'08/09 -#15)

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

- The town meetings to date have been going well.
- He has been in consultation with the Bond Counsel regarding the legal notice. A draft notice is being prepared. A meeting needs to be scheduled to approve the legal notice. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the meeting on September 17, 2008 at 7:45 PM at the elementary building.
- The three mandatory public hearings regarding the referendum are September 24, October 9, and November 6, 2008.
- There are notices in the Evening Sun, the Hi, Neighbor, and the Pennysaver regarding the public meetings.
- The October board meeting is scheduled for the same night as the Pharsalia town meeting.

(FY'08/09 -#16)

Mrs. Fox moved to change the meeting night of the October board meeting to October 15, 2008. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Business
Administrator's

Mr. Lott reported the tax warrant went out on time. He distributed an updated warrant which reflected the changes in the town distributions

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following to the Board:

- Opening Day went well. There are 201 students in the elementary building.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following the Board:

- Opening Day went well. He has met with all the grade levels. Things are going a lot smoother than other years.
- The new staff members are doing a wonderful job.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- The Board of Education goals were discussed.

Motion by Mr. Brown to accept the 2008-2009 Board of Education goals. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- A letter from Rural Schools Association was distributed.
- Mr. Brown and Mr. Cruikshank reported on staff opening day. They both presented information on the building project to the staff. They felt it went well and that numerous good questions were asked.
- Dr. Evans reported that an article in a recent "Post Standard", Otselic Valley had the second highest graduation rate in Central New York.

Financial Reports
(FY'08/09 - #17)

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the June, 2008 financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Motion by Mrs. Fox to accept the July, 2008 financial reports as presented. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the August, 2008 financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

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| Judith Smith | Appointment as an elementary school newspaper advisor for the 2008-2009 school year | At a stipend of \$486.00 |
| Susan LeBlanc | Appointment as the high school book club advisor for the 2008-2009 school year | At a stipend of \$195.00 |
| Jody Mashlykin | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as an elementary long term substitute teacher at a salary of \$33,342 (Step 2), pro-rated | Effective September 2, 2008 through January 31, 2009 |
| Michael Sheridan | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education | |

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| Elizabeth Spalluto Lori Wood | Department as a substitute teacher Appointment as a substitute teacher Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a school aide, at an hourly rate of \$8.05. | Effective September 2, 2008 |
| Sarah Brush | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as substitute school aide, substitute cafeteria worker and substitute teacher | |
| Lorraine Scardino | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute licensed teaching assistant, substitute school aide, and substitute teacher | |
| Patricia Graham | Appointment as an AED Instructor for the 2008 – 2009 school year | At a stipend of \$34.00 per hour |
| Patricia Graham | Appointment as a shot clock operator for basketball games for the 2008-2009 season | At a stipend per the Otselic Valley Teachers' Association contract |
| Patricia Graham | Appointment as an activity supervisor for the 2008-2009 school year | At a stipend of \$40.00 per hour |
| Tonya Dibble | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute school aide, substitute food service | |

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| William Pryor | worker and a substitute custodial worker Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher | |
| Justin Barlow | Appointment as the boys junior varsity basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season | At a stipend of \$2,538.00 |
| Patricia Rounds | Resignation as a licensed teaching assistant | Effective August 31, 2008 |

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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

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| Kellie Bishop | Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a school aide, at an hourly rate of \$8.05. | Effective September 2, 2008 |
| Lindsey Eaton | Appointment as a licensed teaching assistant to fill the vacancy created by the one year leave of absence, at a salary of \$16,671.00. | Effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009 |

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0. (Mr. Cruikshank abstained)

Transportation
Requests to Parochial
Schools

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve District transportation of the following students to the parochial school listed on all days that Otselic Valley is in session:

Ayumi Wakebe to New Life Christian School in Randallsville

Justin Graham to Holy Family School in Norwich

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

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| Referendum Legal Notice | Tabled until the September 17, 2008 meeting. |
| Auditor's Report | Tabled until the October meeting. |
| Transportation Request | Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to transport Danielle Monro to Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES as an adult on days that Otselic Valley is transporting students to BOCES. Second by Mrs. Fox. |

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter would like the latest school report card.
- Mrs. Porter asked about the Board minutes on the website.
- Mr. Gale inquired about the capital reserve fund. Mr. Thomas explained what that is.
- Ms. Guyer expressed concerns about her son.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fox, second by Mrs. Hammond, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk