

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
September 16, 2009

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, 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
Absent:	Mrs. D. Fox
Also Present:	Mr. J. Mikula, Mrs. K. Mikula, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. L. Porter, Mr., K. Springer
Guests:	Mr. J. Mickelson

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 Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Dr. Evans moved the minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you card was received from the Georgetown Central School Class of 1959 for the use of the elementary building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Mikula asked that Otselic Valley be affiliated with Hamilton Central School so his son can play hockey. The parents will take care of all the necessary expenses. Mr. Thomas will research this request and will present his findings at the October meeting.
- A short walk through of the junior-senior high school was conducted in order that the Board members could see the improvements made over the summer.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- Sports physical have been done by Chenango Memorial Hospital. He is still working on a contract for grade level physicals.
- Explanation of the OVEA bus driver bid list process.

The process is in place and was conducted smoothly.

- Update on the BCK walk through of the buildings.
- Update on the formation of clubs. There will be a presentation next month with proposals for some new clubs.
- An invitation to the Grand Opening of the new facilities at BOCES on October 3, 2009. Mr. Thomas will speak on behalf of the component district superintendents.
- School Boards Academy offerings.
- Annual report of BOCES.
- Distribution of the list of years of service recognition pins presented on the first day of school.

(FY'09/10 - #12)

Business Manager's
(FY'09/10 - #13)

Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Introduction of Kevin Springer who discussed the following:
 1. distribution of the operation and maintenance report and what was accomplished over the summer.
 2. distribution of transportation report including summer runs.
 3. Revised bus routes
 4. Bus run bid process. The drivers are pleased with the outcome.
 5. Bus cameras. There will be five cameras installed on the five buses with the most students.
 6. Fueling report includes cost associated per vehicle.
- Introduction of Jerry Mickelson who presented the External Audit Report. He explained the process and that the District is fiscally sound. Mr. Lott explained the club advisors' training that was held on the first day of school.

(FY'09/10 - #14)

Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the auditor's report.
Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Mr. Winn will attend the meeting next month to be introduced.
- There was a great opening week at the elementary school. They had a theme of "Celebrate New Beginnings" and had a parade on Friday of the

first week. Each grade level made a banner and the Junior Student Council bought ice cream for an ice cream social.

- Staff Development was held the week before school started. They had DIBELS training as well as grades 5 and 6 team training.
- Ms. Gallaher along with Mr. Poreda and Mr. Springer met with the bus drivers regarding discipline reporting.
- The elementary staff continues to receive and monitor supplies.

High School Principal's

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

- Opening Day went well. He met with all the grade levels.
- The meeting with the bus drivers went well.
- There were Professional Development activities all summer.
- He has heard many positive comments on the fresh painting at the junior-senior high school.
- Distribution of the first semester master schedule.

(FY'09/10-#15)

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Goals will be discussed when Mrs. Fox is in attendance.
- Mr. Thomas distributed the LINKS plan and reviewed it. He will ask for approval at the October meeting.
- Mr. Thomas reported on the conversation he had with the Hamilton Central School hockey coach.

(FY'09/10 - #16)

(FY'09/10 - #17)

Financial Reports

(FY'09/10 - #18)

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

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

UNFINISHED 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:

Mary Helen Blake	Appointment as a mentor for the 2009-2010 school	At a stipend of \$750.00
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Jenny Osowski	Appointment as a mentor for the 2009-2010 school year	At a stipend of \$750.00
Diane Slocum	Appointment as an LTA Supervisor for the 2009-2010 school year.	At an hourly rate of \$41.00
Pamela Ross	Appointment as an LTA Supervisor for the 2009-2010 school year.	At an hourly rate of \$41.00
Susan Phillips	Appointment as an LTA Supervisor for the 2009-2010 school year.	At an hourly rate of \$41.00
Patricia Stewart	Appointment as an LTA Supervisor for the 2009-2010 school year	At an hourly rate of \$41.00
Nicole Kemp	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher	

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the appointment of Cristel Moon as a substitute bus driver at this time.

Bus Bond Resolution

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2009, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$145,177.36. 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 19, 2009, 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 \$145,177.36 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 school bus, and one 64-passenger school bus for use by the District (the “Project”) at a total estimated maximum cost of \$145,177.36 of which \$145,177.36 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 \$145,177.36 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 Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**Non Resident
Attendance Request**

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

Cora ManWarren made by James and Helen ManWarren

Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**2009-2010
Transportation
Routes**

(FY'09/10 - # 19)

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-2010 transportation routes. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 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 August 13, 2009. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**Application to
Refund Taxes**

(FY'09/10 - # 20)

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the application to refund the taxes in the amount of \$237.06 for 2006 and \$232.00 for 2007 for a total of \$496.06 to Daniel D. Skramko, tax map #195.-1-1. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**Acceptance of Gifts
and Donations**

(FY'09/10 - #21)

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the gift of \$41.22 from Target stores' Take Charge of Education Program. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

This money will be deposited into the general fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter commended those involved for reviewing the bus runs and making the necessary changes.
- Mrs. Porter asked for a copy of the BCK report.
- Mrs. Hammond asked for clarification on the times students can eat breakfast at the elementary school.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 9:42 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Mr. Springer was asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 10:47 PM, second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Appointment of
Cristel Moon as a
Substitute Bus Driver

Motion by Mrs. Hammond, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Cristel Moon, 5285 Lebanon Road, Earlville, NY 13332, as a substitute bus driver. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Extension of
Superintendent's
Contract

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, to extend the contract of Lawrence Thomas as Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2012. Second by Mrs. Hammond.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Dr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk