

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, Business Administrator N. Henner, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. T. O'Neill, Mrs. J. Osowski, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. E. Robinson, Mr. W. Waltz

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Marshall and seconded Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Dr. Evans moved the minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

A sympathy card was sent to Loretta Hyer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Waltz commented that the condition of the elementary school has improved considerably. He questioned the storage of cleaning supplies and school supplies in the basement. He feels that should be addressed soon.
- Mr. Waltz inquired what the purpose of the student council is at the high school. He stated that the administration should be involved in the meetings.

REPORTS

Superintendent's

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

- The facilities planning meeting. The notion of a building project and other possibilities for the future were discussed.
- Superintendent's conference day that was held on October 6, 2006.
- Shared Decision Making team met recently. There is more of a community presence currently.
- Update from BCK Architects. The fee would include a renovation package as well as a consolidation of the campuses package. There is a short schedule to be considered for the Excel State Aid. The focus of an anticipated project would be what is best for the students and what would save the District money over time.
- The Bon Fire sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club was a wonderful event.
- Update on the Home and Career Skills teacher. The class is scheduled for second semester. BOCES will continue to advertise for the position.
- Update on the ballot box given to the District from BOCES. A new ballot box was given to the District that was used for the BOCES referendum last year. Since schools are no longer permitted to use lever voting machines, we may ask BOCES to build two more to use for the District voting. The county manages the voting machines and there may not be enough to go around.
- Contrary to what was reported is the OnBoard publication, the internal audit function in not BOCES

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- aidable.
- Governor Pataki has proclaimed October 18, 2006 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.
 - The Legislative Lobby Day is February 27, 2007.
- Business
Administrator's
- Ms. Henner reported on the following:
- The District is making improvements as reflected in the Auditor's Report.
- Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the auditor's report, second by Mr. D. Brown.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Update on the collection of taxes. About one half of the taxes were collected in September. To date, about 75% have been collected including the STAR monies.
- Elementary Principal's
- Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:
- Review of the 2005-2006 testing scores. Everyone is working together to make gains with the scores over the years.
- High School
Principal's
- Mr. Poreda reported on the following items:
- Review of the assessment scores for the 7th and 8th grade students of the 2005-2006 school year.
 - The Yellow Ribbon Campaign will be presented at the junior-senior high school on October 19, 2006. This is a suicide prevention program aimed at high school students. Parents and other community members have been invited to the program.
 - Introduction of Jenny Osowski who presented the Community Service program. Each school is encouraged by the state to have this type of program implemented.
- Board Member's
- (FY'06/07 - #23)
- The Board members were recognized for their service to the District in honor of School Board Member Recognition week. Each member was given a certificate and a hand-embellished token of appreciation.
 - Information on the demographic study was shared.
 - It was reported that Dr. Evans was the official judge at the Central National Ayrshire show held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. This is quite an honor and Dr. Evans was congratulated to represent the District at such an event.
 - The Chenango County School Boards' Association Fall Dinner meeting is November 3, 2006 at the Jericho Inn in Bainbridge.
 - Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES and the Chenango County School Boards' Association will be holding the school boards' academies on November 9, 2006 and February 8 and May 10, 2007.
 - Information on the fiscal training classes was reported.
 - A letter will be sent to JoAnn Cerasani and the Booster Club for their efforts with the activities they have sponsored.
 - A letter will be sent to Mrs. Heintz responding to her public comment issue.
 - Mr. Cruikshank suggested that due to the recent school shootings around the country, that the District should implement safety measures and to enforce the closed campus initiative.
- (FY'06/07 - #24, #25)
- Information on the November newsletter articles was discussed.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. G. Brown, to enter executive session at

9:28 PM for the purpose of personnel, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mr. G. Brown to resume open session at 10:28 PM., second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(FY'06/07 - #26)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Manual -
Third Reading and
Adoption of the
following Policies

This meeting constitutes the third reading of the following policies of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual:

- Board Member Training on Financial Oversight, Accountability and Fiduciary Responsibilities, #2130
- Use of the District Cell Phone, #5322
- Reimbursement for Meals/Refreshments, #5323
- Purchasing, #5410
- Financial Accountability, 5570
- Allegations of Fraud, #5571
- Audit Committee, #5572
- Internal Audit Function, #5573
- Inventories, #5620
- Accounting of Fixed Assets, #5621
- Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement, #6161

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the policies listed of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Policy Manual –
Second Reading –
Non Sufficient Funds
Policy

This meeting constitutes the second reading of the non sufficient funds policy of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual

Policy Manual –
Second Reading –
School Food Service
Program Policy,
#5560

This meeting constitutes the second reading of the School Food Service Program Policy, #5560, of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

Policy Manual –
Second Reading –
Use of District Credit
Card Policy, #5327

This meeting constitutes the second reading of the School Use of District Credit Card Policy, #5327, of the Otselic Valley Central School Policy Manual.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

Sadie Allen	Resignation, with regret, as cheerleader advisor for the 2006-2007	
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Anna Cruikshank	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute school nurse	
Kathleen Loomis	Appointment as a substitute teacher	
Marjorie Davis	Appointment as scorekeeper for the boys junior varsity and varsity basketball games for the 2006-2007 season	At a stipend of \$28.00 per game
Jenny Osowski	Appointment as book club advisor for the 2006-2007 school year	At a stipend of \$180.00
Natalie Beckwith	Appointment as SADD co-advisor for the 2006-2007 school year	At a stipend of \$90.00
Sarah Yafchak	Appointment as SADD co-advisor for the 2006-2007 school year	At a stipend of \$90.00 plus experience (\$18.00)
Jeremiah Haslan	Three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a physical education teacher at a salary of \$32,258.00 (Step 2B)	Effective November 1, 2006 through November 1, 2009
Irene Veney	Three year probationary appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a Library media specialist at a salary of \$35,241.00 (Step 3M)	Effective October 16, 2006 through October 15, 2009
Jeremiah Haslan	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education	At a stipend of \$1,300.00

	Department as the boys modified basketball coach	
Diane Smith	Appointment as the cheerleader advisor for the 2006-2007 season	At a stipend of \$1,616.00

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Ford 120 Series Lawn Tractor Bid

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the bid for the Ford 120 series lawn tractor of \$150.00 made by Grover Simpson, 428 Cty Rd 10A, Norwich NY 13815. Second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Resolution for Health Consortium Alternate

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of Otselic Valley Central School District hereby authorizes Nancy Henner, Business Administrator, to act in the place and stead of the Superintendent, in the event of his/her absence from meetings of the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES School Health Consortium. It is understood and agreed that the designee shall have full authority to act in the place and stead of the Superintendent of Schools and shall be vested with the authority which the Superintendent vests in him, subject to approval by the Board of Education. Nothing contained herein shall divest the Board of Education of its authority to approve and/or ratify actions by the Superintendent and/or his/her Designee.

Second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Transportation Request to a Parochial School

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve district transportation to Holy Family School in Norwich for Justin Graham made by Steven and Erin Graham. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Committee on Special Education Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings of September 11, September 12, September 18, September 22, September 25 and October 2, 2006. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Committee on Special Education Substitute Committee

Motion by Mr. D. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following to the Committee on Special Education Sub-Committee:

Lacey Eaves-Chairperson, Counselor
 Nancy Gallaher-Principal, Co-Chairperson
 Scott Poreda-Principal
 Elizabeth McLean-Speech Pathologist

Theresa Yantz-Psychologist
 Ellen Fairbank-Special Education teacher
 Regular Education teachers
 Pam Adams-Special Education teacher
 Trevor Rohlin-Special Education teacher
 Diane Slocum-Special Education teacher
 Shannon Gracey-Guidance Counselor
 Justin Fitzgerald-Social Worker

Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Facilities Planning

Motion by Dr. Evans to proceed with the BCK proposals.
 Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4-1 (Mr. D. Brown)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. D. Brown, second by Mrs. Marshall, to
 adjourn the meeting at 11:10 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
 District Clerk