

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
February 17, 2016

Present:	Mrs. R. Peabody, Mrs. D. Liuzzo, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mr. B. Wood, Superintendent of Schools D. Henner, Principal R. Berson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs L. Eaves, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Mr. J. Foster (arr. 9:45 PM)
Guests:	Ms. L. LaFever, Mr. J. Zbock
Also Present:	Mrs. S. Bucalo, Mrs. J. Doroshenko, Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. G. Gonzalez, Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. C. O'Connor, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mrs. B. Robinson, Mrs. T. Straight

CALL TO ORDER Vice-President Peabody called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Marshall, and seconded by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mr. Wood moved the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting be approved, second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sympathy cards were sent to the Comfort family and the Foster family.
- Thank you notes were sent to the presenters at the January meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Superintendent's

In addition to the report previously submitted to the Board, Mr. Henner reported on the following:

- Explanation of the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System. Otselic Valley is at 6% stress which is very low. The District will keep on doing what it has been doing and to continue to look ahead.
- Update on the international program. The District is looking to work with Exchange Program International.
- He attended the Georgetown Town meeting on February 16th. They expressed interest in another walk through of the

- (FY'15/16 - #58)
- Georgetown building.
 - Mr. Jason Zbock and Mrs. Lindsey LaFever were introduced from the Norwich branch of Morrisville State College. Mr. Zbock told about some of the programs that campus offers to high school students. Mrs. LaFever talked about the outreach program that is a scholarship for the top ten percent of the graduating class is eligible for. They both answered questions from the audience.
- (FY'15/16 - #59)
- Principal's
- In addition to the report previously submitted to the Board, Mr. Berson reported on the following:
- The Volunteer program is off the ground for grades Pre-K through 3. There is a google doc volunteer application on line. Confidentiality is the upmost importance.
 - There was a great 4th grade skiing trip.
 - The staff was involved in an active shooter training
 - The School Resource Officer program is in place.
 - There was an Asian Elephant virtual field trip lately for the second graders. It was enjoyed by all.
- Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs
- In addition to the report previously submitted to the Board, Mrs. Eaves reported:
- Focus District training she will be attending in March. There is a lot of scrutiny about testing. It takes two successful years to get off the list of Focus Schools. It would be nice to have all the students test this Spring.
 - Friday morning professional development is going well.
 - Birth to Pre-K iPad deployment is about to begin.
 - It has been suggested to have an OT box for the summer months that families could sign out.
- Business Manager's
- In addition to the report previously submitted to the Board, Mrs. Gonzalez reported on the following:
- Nothing further.
- Committee Reports
- The Shared Decision Making Team met prior to the Board meeting. Dr. Michael McDonald spoke about his experiences with shared services.
 - The finance committee reviewed a five year financial projection as well what is needed to develop a capital reserve fund.
- Board Member's
- The future of the Georgetown building was discussed. Mrs. Marshall would like to keep some heat on in the building. This topic was tabled until the March meeting.
 - Mrs. Marshall inquired if the dumpster has been moved from Georgetown yet.

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- Mrs. Marshall inquired if the holes in the lawn where the playground was have been repaired.
- Information on the Chenango County School Boards' Association Meet and Greet was distributed.

Financial Reports
(FY'15/16 - #160)

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo, to accept the January financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following:

Deborah Marshall	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the state education department as a substitute school aide and substitute custodial worker
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Tabitha Kampe	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the state education department as a substitute school nurse
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Georgia Gonzalez	Volunteer assistant softball coach
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Second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Tenure Appointment -
Carolina O'Connor –
Science Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Carolina O'Connor, 402 Pidgeon Hill Road, South Plymouth, NY 13844, having successfully completed her probationary period (4/8/2013 through 4/7/2016) and having initial certification as an earth science teacher, certification number 925368151, be granted a tenure appointment in the tenure area of earth science, grades 7-12, effective April 9, 2016. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Tenure Appointment -
Robert Berson –
School District
Administrator

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Robert Berson, 2931 Pompey Hollow Rd., Cazenovia NY 13035, having successfully completed his probationary period 3/4/2013 through 3/3/2016, and having

permanent certification as a school district administrator, certification number 1739581, be granted a tenure appointment in the school district administrator area, effective March 5, 2016. Second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings on January 22, February 1, and February 8, 2016. Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Discussion Item –
Voting Procedures

Discussion was held on voting procedures for the upcoming voting in May. It was the consensus the Board to use paper ballots. Mrs. Marshall would like to see continuing voting at both locations. The final decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion Item –
Proposal of a Capital
Reserve Fund

Mr. Henner explained what a capital reserve fund is. The public approves the creation of one and expenditures from one. The Board can vote to add funds to the account. More details will be given at the next meeting.

First Reading of
Revised Safety Plan

Tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendent's
Contract

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo to approve the contract between the Otselic Valley Central School District and Daniel G. Henner, effective February 17, 2016 through February 16, 2021. Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gale spoke about the following:

- suggested having a microphone for the head table to use.
- inquired if the price for fuel for next year has been locked in.
- how much money was raised at the sale of the excess items
- inquired about the kindergarten teacher's salary
- opt-outs probably didn't help with the testing scores
- questioned no heat in the Georgetown building
- commented on only having one voting location.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Marshall to enter executive session at 8:18 PM for the purpose of personnel issues, second by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

(Mr. Foster arr. 9:45 PM)

Mr. Berson and Mrs. Eaves were asked to join the Board.

Open Session Motion by Mrs. Marshall to resume open session at 10:00 PM,
second by Mr. Wood.

 Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 PM, second
by Mrs. Marshall.

 Motion carried, 5 - 0.

 Submitted by,

 Gail Evans Burpee
 District Clerk