

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
February 25, 2015

Present:	Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. R. Peabody, Mr. G. Brown, Mr. J. Foster, Mrs. D. Liuzzo, Superintendent of Schools D. Henner, Business Administrator R. Berson, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs L. Eaves
Also Present:	Mr. C. Bishop, Mrs. K. Bishop, Mrs. K. Rutz, Ms. D. Slocum,

CALL TO ORDER	President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. All pledged of allegiance to the flag.
AGENDA	The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Peabody and seconded by Mrs. Liuzzo. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Mrs. Liuzzo moved the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meetings be approved, second by Mrs. Marshall. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
BOCES Presentation (FY'14/15 #37)	At this time, Mr. Deedrick Bertholf was introduced who presented information on the shared transportation service through the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES. Currently eight districts in the BOCES are interested in this service. He shared the history of how this service had evolved. There are three components of this service – supervision, cooperative bus maintenance, and transportation of students. A Co-Ser has been approved to go ahead with the State Education department. The Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES would be divided into three regions, north, central, and southern. Districts would purchase their own buses.
NBT Presentation	Mr. John Deierlein from the NBT Bank Government Banking Department was introduced. He explained what reciprocal deposits are. These are deposits with other banking institutions for diversification of funds. It is legal to do so, the funds are liquid as they are deposited in money market accounts, they are FDIC insured and the yield would be about 1.5%.
Executive Session	Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 7:54 PM for the purpose of particular personnel issue, second by Mr. Foster. Motion carried, 5 - 0. Mr. Berson was invited to join the Board.
Open Session	Motion by Mrs. Peabody to resume open session at 8:25 PM, Second by Mr. Foster. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
CORRESPONDENCE	None at this time.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mr. Bishop inquired where the savings would be with the BOCES transportation service if the buses are leased.

REPORTS

Superintendent's	<p>Mr. Henner reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Schools Conference in Cooperstown July 12 through July 14th. • The GAP Elimination Adjustment and its effect on APPR. • Gift from the Booster Club – the group has donated \$10,000.00 to go towards the purchase of lights for the soccer field. • International Program – he explained what the international program would entail and how it would benefit Otselic Valley. There is a trip planned to Newcomb Central School in northern New York to observe their program. That school is comparative in size to Otselic Valley. The international program has been very successful there. • Tractor Vs. Truck discussion – The older truck needs major repairs that would cost more than the value of the truck. A tractor of significant size with a bucket could more than a truck for athletic field work. That work could be done in-house as opposed to hiring it out. He recommends purchasing a tractor. • Budget Update – He showed an historical tax levy chart. Otselic Valley is in good shape. The fiscal stress is 13%. Several years of one percent tax levy increases aren't good for any district as it leads them down a dark road. He intends to have a question and answer night when the Governor gives better state aid runs.
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time.
Interim Principal's	<p>Mr. Berson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of transition to interim principal • January Regents exams • Chenango County Drug Survey • Distance Learning and TC3 courses • Caitlin Connelly is using GoogleDocs for corresponding with the 7th and 8th grade parents.
Business Administrator's	<p>Mr. Berson reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O & M Update • TRS rate for 2015-16 dropped to 13.26% • Gym Floor – Mr. Forth has examined the floor and will be doing more testing in the near future.
Athletic Director's	<p>Mr. Henner reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winter sports banquet will be March 16th at 6:00 PM. • The boys' varsity sectional game was February 20th in Auburn against Tyburn Academy. • The wrestling sectional meets were held at Onondaga Community College. Otselic Valley received the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for Section III. It was suggested to invite the captains to the next meeting.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safety Committee will meet March 9, 2015 to review evacuation and lockdown drills.
Board Member's	<p>The following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Marshall presented Mrs. Peabody with a Board Achievement Award from the New York State School Boards' Association. • Mrs. Marshall inquired about holding meetings in Georgetown. It was suggested having the July, August, September, and October meetings in Georgetown,

November, December, January, February, and March meetings in South Otselic and the remaining three be alternated between the two sites.

- Mrs. Peabody reported that the Chenango County School Boards' Association Spring Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Silo Restaurant in Greene. They would like to showcase highlights from the schools and would like to have items from Otselic Valley.
- Mrs. Peabody attended the meeting dealing with the GEA in Sherburne recently. The theme of the evening was "Promote limitless learning without endless testing." She found it very informative.

Financial Reports
(FY'14/15 - #38)

Motion by Mr. Brown, to accept the January financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following:

Robert Berson	Resignation as District Treasurer	Effective January 31, 2015
Kellie Bishop	Appointment as District Treasurer, at a pro-rated stipend of \$5,000.00	Effective February 1, 2015
Douglas Day	Resignation as a custodial worker	Effective March 12, 2015

Second by Mrs. Liuzzo.

Motion carried, 5 - 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 16, 2015. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

MPR Reconstruction
Bid Award

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the bid for the MPR reconstruction project bid to Syracuse Scenery and Stage Lighting Con. Inc., 101 Monarch Street, Liverpool, NY 13088 in the amount of \$72,600.00. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Acceptance Of Gift to
the School

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept to gift from the Otselic Valley Booster Club in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of portable lights. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Delaware-Chenango-
Madison-Otsego

Motion by Mr. Foster, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to join the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-

BOCES Central
Business Office
Service

Otsego BOCES Central Business Office Service effective May 1,
2015. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bishop expressed his concerns with the upcoming budget development.
- Mrs. Bishop inquired about the use of the bus garage in Georgetown.
- Ms. Slocum reported that all the seniors are on track for graduating based on testing requirements.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 10:51 PM for the purpose of particular student issue, second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. Brown left the meeting at 11:09 PM.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Liuzzo to resume open session at 11:28 PM, Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, second by Mr. Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk