

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
October 23, 2017

Present:	Mr. J. Foster, Mr. B. Wood, Mrs. R. Peabody, Mrs. D. Smith, Mr. M. Swayze, Superintendent of Schools D. Henner, Principal R. Berson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs L. Eaves, District Clerk G. Burpee
Also Present:	Mr. R. Barkman, Mr. A. Collins, Mr. R. Collins, Mrs. G. Gonzalez, Mrs. P. Graham, Mrs. L. Hyer, Mr. C. Learned, Miss A. Meigs, Mrs. C. Morse, Mrs. C. O'Connor, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mr. C. O'Hara, Mrs. M. Pearson, Miss J. Ponce, Mrs. E. Robinson, Mr. O. Robinson, Mrs. K. Rutz, Ms. D. Slocum, Miss B. Smith, Mr. B. Smith, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. T. Straight, Mrs. J. Warren
Guests:	Mr. D. Fay, Mr. A. LaLonde, Mr. J. Mickelson

- CALL TO ORDER** President Foster called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.
- AGENDA** The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Wood, and seconded by Mr. Swayze.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** Mrs. Peabody moved the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Wood.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Executive Session** Motion by Mr. Foster to enter executive session at 7:03 PM for the purpose of the audit committee and personnel recommendations. Second by Mr. Wood.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Mr. Mickelson was asked to join the Board.
- Open Session** Motion by Mr. Swayze to resume open session at 8:21 PM. Second by Mr. Wood.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- CORRESPONDENCE** Sympathy cards were sent to:
- The family of Teddi Arnell
 - Chris Doroshenko, AD at Morrisville Eaton
 - The family of Carter Rood
- (FY'17/18 - #14) The Board received a letter from Auburn Enlarged City School District about equitable funding
- The Board received a thank you card from the family of Carter Rood.
- PUBLIC COMMENT**
- Mr. Jerry Mickelson reported on the results of the external audit that was completed in August. The District is in great financial shape. The audit findings show a slight improvement over last year, the District is in compliance with the voter approved budget and there are no material inconsistencies. The extraclassroom audit is in a good financial position.
 - Mrs. Hyer inquired about the following:
 - why the North Pitcher students have to ride to North Pharsalia in the afternoon before being taken home.
 - She also inquired about the pick up truck set to be declared surplus. There is no fix to it and the tires are like new.
 - She asked for an explanation of capital outlay project
 - She asked what a child is supposed to do if they don't like what is being served if there is no alternative.

- Mr. O’Connor distributed information to the Board members about the Veteran’s Tax Exemption. He asked that they read through the document to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mr. Collins inquired about the following:
 - status of the Georgetown building
 - when the driver education class will begin and since it hasn’t started yet, how can the students get a grade of 95.
 - Transportation for sports, especially football.
- Mrs. Robinson asked when the Ag Mechanics course will be back in the ag curriculum. The conversation needs to begin with the teacher(s), and then Mr. Berson and Mrs. Eaves.

REPORTS

Superintendent’s

Mr. Henner reported on the following topics:

- The fueling pilot project has been completed. Mr. Thompson will be at the next meeting to report about it.
- An appraisal has been done for the Georgetown building. There should be a report for the next meeting. The District can have an auction, hire a real estate agent, or ask for sealed bids to sell the building. Mr. Swayze suggested investigating “Auction International” to sell the building. With that service, the reserve price can be the appraisal price for the seller.
- Seating in the MPR: Mr. Marshall showed him issues with the MPR seats. They have met with Campus Construction Management Group and TKF, the architects. Both groups recommended having an emergency project to replace the current seats which are 23 years old.
- The transportation report was previously distributed.

(FY’17/18- #15)

(FY’17/18 - #146, #17)

Principal’s

Mr. Berson reported on the following:

- For safety reasons, the main doors to the bathrooms remained opened prior to Mr. Berson becoming principal. The main purpose is for student safety. Jolanda Ponce, Student Government President spoke on behalf of the students for this issue.
- He and Mr. LaRose will work on course weighting for the next Board meeting. Most schools have some sort of system in place. They will examine a process if there is to be a change, starting with the 9th grade class.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Programs

Mrs. Eaves’ reported that representatives from the LINKS team will report in November.

Business Manager’s

Mrs. Gonzalez’ report was previously distributed.

Committee Reports

The Shared Decision Making Team met prior to this meeting. They looked at data and broke up into four groups and brainstormed ideas for improvement. The results will be shared at the next meeting.

The Finance Committee met briefly during homecoming. Mr. Marshall recommended replacing the John Deere lawn mower with a larger garden tractor with different implements such as a snow blower, plow blade, and such as well as to mow the lawns. He met with Mrs. Gonzalez, Mr. Foster, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Henner.

Board Member’s

Mrs. Peabody has heard positive reports that the students are polite and don’t have their phones out at events.

Mrs. Smith would like to address the valedictorian and salutatorian selection. She recommends that college credit not be required to be the valedictorian or salutatorian.

At this time, the Board was honored for School Board Recognition

Week. They were given battery packs engraved with the OV logo and a statement thanking them for their service.

Financial Reports
(FY'17/18 - #17, #18)

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, to accept the August and September financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Smith .

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS
Personnel
Recommendations

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

Roger Barkman	Conditional 4-year probationary appointment as an Agriculture teacher at a salary of Step 11M (\$51,887.00) of the OVTA bargaining agreement.	Effective September 5, 2017 through September 4, 2021
Abigail Bishop	Conditional appointment as a substitute teacher	
Abigail Bishop	Conditional appointment as a substitute school aide	
Ronald Graham	Appointment as a substitute teacher	

Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 4-1 (Mrs. Smith)

Extracurricular
Appointments

Motion by Mr. Swayze, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the following extracurricular appointments as follows:

Eric Wentworth	Appointment as the boys modified basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season	At a stipend per the OVTA contract
David Loomis	Appointment as the boys junior varsity basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season	At a stipend per the OVTA contract
Pamela Adams	Appointment as the 7-12 RTI Facilitator for the 2017-2018 school year	At a stipend per the OVTA contract
Rachel Caterisano	Appointment as a boys modified basketball coach	At a stipend per the OVTA contract

Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Transportation
Request to
Parochial Schools

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transportation requests to the following parochial schools for the 2017-2018 school year on all days that Otselic Valley is in session.

New Life Christian School in Randallsville: Cassidy Kelly

Lebanon Road Amish School: Clara Mullet
 Raymond Mullet
 Elma Mullet
 Nancy Mullet

Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2017-2018
Professional
Development Plan
(FY'17/18 - # 19)

Motion by Mr. Swayze, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the 2017-2018 Professional Development Plan, which includes the mentoring plan, the AIS/RTI Plan and professional development. Second by Mrs. Smith .

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2017-2018 LINKS
19 Plan
(FY'17/18 - # 20)

Tabled at this time.

2017-2018 School
Year Calendar
Update
(FY'17/18 - #21)

Motion by Mr. Swayze, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to change the 2017-2018 school year calendar to reflect a full day of student attendance on April 27, 2018 and a school recess day on June 1, 2018. Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Board of Education
Meeting Calendar
Update

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to change the date of the April 2018 Board Meeting to April 17, 2018 to incorporate the BOCES Administrative Budget voting. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Sale of Surplus
Pickup Truck
(FY'17/18 - # 22)

Motion by Mr. Wood, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to declare the 2006 F350 Super Duty Ford Pickup Truck with a Fisher V snow plow blade as surplus and to advertise for closed bid/reserve scrap price. Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Declaration of
Surplus Items

Motion by Mr. Foster, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to declare 65 iPad cases with the Otselic Valley logo on them as surplus and to dispose of them as appropriate. Second by Mr. Swayze.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Auditor's Report
(FY'17/18 - # 23)

Motion by Mr. Swayze, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the 2017 Auditor's Report.
Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

District Safety Plan
(FY'17/18 - # 24)

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the updated District Safety Plan.
Second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

CSE
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Smith, to accept the CSE recommendations resulting from the meetings on October 5, October 10, and October 17, 2017.
Second by Mr. Swayze.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2017 Capital Outlay
Project SEQRA
Determination
(FY'17/18 - # 25)

Motion by Mr. Wood, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the voters of the Otselic Valley Central School voted to approve the 2016-2016 school budget which included funds to finance a capital construction project (Capital Outlay Project) consisting of reconstruction of the K-12 school building to include reconstruction of

windows, mechanical/electrical system improvements in the original building and related construction activities

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School District at Georgetown-South Otselic hereby declares itself, and is hereby designated as, Lead Agency for the proposed action and therefore responsible for determining whether an environmental impact statement is required in connection therewith and otherwise complying with the procedural and substantive requirements of SEQRA.
2. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed project, and using the information available, the Board hereby finds the proposed action constitutes a Type 2 action” as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA.
3. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the EAF and other necessary criteria, the Board hereby finds and determines that a type 2 action requires no action according to Section 617.5(c)(2) “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part:’
4. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours posted in such places and published in such manner as shall be necessary to conform to the requirements of SEQRA.

Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

2017 Emergency
Capital Outlay
Project SEQRA
Determination
(FY'17/18 - # 26)

Motion by Mr. Wood, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Board of Education has determined that the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room has become non-operable, creating a health and safety emergency, and requires prompt replacement, and

Whereas replacement of the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room is a project that requires the issuance of a permit by the New York State Education Department and is therefore subject to the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

Whereas SEQRA requires the designation of a lead agency and the classification of an action as a Type I, Type II, or Unlisted action, and

Whereas Section 617.5(c)(2) of the regulations adopted pursuant to SEQRA classify as a Type II action the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site unless the action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of the regulations,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School District designates itself as the lead agency for the purpose of completing the SEQRA requirements related to the action of replacing the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education determines that the replacement of the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room is an action involving the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site that does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of the regulations and is therefore properly classified as a Type II action for purposes of SEQRA.

Second by Mr. Foster.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Emergency MPR
Seating Project
(FY'17/18 - # 27)

Motion by Mr. Foster, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Multi-Purpose Room is a space used for physical education instruction, school assemblies, extracurricular activities, and community gatherings, many of which can only be safely conducted when the seating structure is retracted and open space is available for instruction, play, and other school activities, and

Whereas the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room recently has become non-operable to an extent that the seating structure no longer can be retracted and therefore interferes with the safe circulation of students, staff and visitors, and

Whereas the inability to safely use the Multi-Purpose Room for school activities is detrimental to the educational program of the District and necessitates the prompt and expeditious replacement of the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room to return the Room to full use for educational purposes,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Otselic Valley Central School District determines that obstruction of the Multi-Purpose Room by the inoperable seating structure creates a health and safety emergency that requires the prompt replacement or refurbishment of the seating structure and the expenditure of the necessary funds to accomplish that purpose, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to initiate and complete all necessary applications to the New York State Education Department, to obtain all necessary approvals, and to take all actions within the authority of the District to complete the replacement or refurbishment of the seating structure in the Multi-Purpose Room and to return that space to full safe use by the school community.

Second by Mrs. Peabody.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Public Comment

- Mrs. Graham asked if the reports will be on the website.
- Ms. Slocum wished the Board a Happy Board Appreciation Week
- Mrs. Straight reported that there was a great group of students coming from Morrisville Eaton for Soccer practice.
- Mrs. Pearson thanked the Board for their service as well as reporting from a co-worker how well behaved OV students are on the Morrisville Eaton buses to games, etc.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Foster to enter executive session at 10:02 PM for the purpose of a teacher discipline, personnel matters, and OVTA and OVEA negotiating, second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. LaLonde and Mrs. Burpee were invited to executive session.

Mrs. Burpee left, 10:29 PM
Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Peabody, to resume open session at 10:58 PM, second by Mr. Wood.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 PM, second by Mr. Swayze.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk