

OTSELIC VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

December 13, 2006

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Brown, 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
Absent:	Mr. D. Cruikshank (arr. 7:40 PM)
Also Present:	Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. B. Coye, Mr. D. Coye, Mr. F. Crapo, Mrs. S. Grello, Ms. E. Knickerbocker, Mr. D. Larkin, Mrs. L. Larkin, Mr. M. Larkin, Mr. T. Larkin, Miss T. Monroe, Mr. B. Mowers, Mr. B. Rounds, Mr. M. Sawyer, Mr. W. Schloth, Mr. A. Wood, Mrs. L. Wood

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Marshall and seconded Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Dr. Evans moved the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting be approved, second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 4- 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

A certificate was shared from the Rural Schools' Association in acknowledgement of the District's dues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(FY'06/07 - #33)

- Mrs. Eileen Knickerbocker and Mrs. Lori Wood, senior class advisors reported that a majority of the senior class voted on Cleveland as the site of their three day, four night senior trip. Mr. Thomas will review the itinerary and will make his recommendation if satisfactory.
- There was discussion regarding the letter sent from the Booster Club about the 50/50 raffles sponsored by the Biology Club at the home basketball games. The Booster Club feels that organization should hold the raffles at athletic events. There was further discussion about the legality of schools conducting raffles.
- Mrs. Grello and eight students presented an Earth Science lab experiment. The Board members were given a packet which outlined the experiment. The students who presented were: Jacob Arnold, Brandon Coye, Daniel Larkin, Taylor Monroe, Benjamin Mowers, Brock Rounds, Michael Sawyer, and Weylin Schloth.

(FY'06/07 - #34)

(Mr. Cruikshank arr. 7:40 AM)

REPORTS

Superintendent's

(FY'06/07 - #35)

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

- the budget development timeline.

Motion by Dr. Evans, to approve the 2007-2008 budget timeline, second by Mr. D. Brown.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. D. Brown and Mr. G. Brown will serve on the budget subcommittee.

- A video from the Veteran's Day activity at the

elementary school was shown.

- update on facilities planning with BCK. Representatives from BCK will meet with Mr. Thomas to begin the first step of the research for the facilities planning study.
- service learning requirement for graduation. There was discussion on a community service component as a graduation requirement. Mr. Poreda will develop an outline to be shared at a future meeting. Mr. D. Brown suggested putting an article in the newsletter to get feedback from parents. Mr. Thomas will also discuss this topic at a Shared Decision Making meeting and asking parents for their input.
- possibility of a girls varsity and junior varsity basketball scorekeeper. Since there is a scorekeeper for the boys Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball games, it was the consensus that there be a paid scorekeeper for the girls games. Two people have expressed an interest.

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marjorie Davis and Teri Wood as possible scorekeepers for the boys and girls Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball games. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- NYSSBA demographic study. Mr. Thomas determined that the NYSSBA study was too expensive. He will inquire with BCK for their recommendation about an enrollment study in regards to facilities planning.
- Recognition of past and present Board of Education members. The district clerk gathered information regarding past Board members and their years of service. He is hopeful these persons will assist with future budgets. Mr. Thomas will investigate purchasing a plaque with their names and years of service to be displayed.
- The BOCES Services Guide was distributed.
- A letter was sent home regarding the increase in seasonal illness experienced at the elementary school and what parents can do to prevent the spreading of the flu.
- Alan Pole received a letter regarding our Physical Education scheduling from the State Education Department. This is a result of an article in the Syracuse newspaper a few weeks ago. The District has to respond by January 5, 2007 with a plan to resolve the physical education classes that have less time than the state requirements.

Business
Administrator's

Ms. Henner reported on the following:

- State Aid is coming in as expected.
- MicroChek is working well for the cafeteria system
- clarified the amount of funds in the checking account

Elementary Principal's
(FY'06/07 - #36)

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- A summary of test scores was distributed and she explained how they are interpreted.
- The parent conference day was well attended.
- The elementary winter concerts were well attended.

High School
Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following items:

- A summary of tests scores will be used to focus on to

meet the needs of the students in regards to Academic Intervention Services enrollment.

- a sweep was made in November with the State Police dogs for drugs. None were found.
- The state police did an internet safety presentation. He would like to have a parent session on the same topic.
- Mrs. Marshall attended the county school boards' meeting with Mr. D. Brown.
- Consensus of the Board to continue with the "News from the Board" articles in the newsletter.
- Mr. D. Brown reported on the county school boards' meeting. Mr. Thomas was the guest speaker and encouraged enthusiasm for the legislative breakfast on January 27th.
- The next newsletter article was discussed.

Board Member's

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(FY'06/07 - #37)

Motion by Dr. Evans, to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

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

Loren Larkin	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher
--------------	---

Sarah Seager	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher
--------------	---

Jay McIntosh	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher
--------------	---

Jeremiah Haslun	Appointment as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2007 season	At a stipend of \$1,300.00
-----------------	--	----------------------------

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

- Transportation
Request to a Parochial
School
- Motion by Mr. D. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following transportation request to New Life Christian School in Randallsville:
- Martin Michelson - made by Philip and Lucy Michelson
- Second by Mr. G. Brown.
- Motion carried, 4 - 0. (Dr. Evans abstain)
- Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations
- Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings of November 7 and November 28, 2006. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Creation of Three
Elementary Drama
Production Directors
- Motion by Mrs. Marshall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the creation of three elementary drama production directors, at a starting stipend of \$500.00 each. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Annual Visual
Inspection Report
(FY'06/07 - #38)
- Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the annual visual inspection report. Second by Mr. D. Brown.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Internal Audit
Function Service
(FY'06/07 - #39)
- Motion by Mr. D. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Management Advisory Group to perform the internal audit function for the District at a cost of \$4,000.00 for the first year and \$3,000.00 for each subsequent year in addition to a \$760.00 per diem for 2-3 days. Second by Mr. Cruikshank.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- PUBLIC COMMENT**
- None at this time.
- Executive Session
- Motion by Mr. G. Brown to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel and a student issue at 9:50 PM, second by Dr. Evans.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Open Session
- Motion by Mr. G. Brown to resume open session at 11:02 PM. Second by Dr. Evans.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion by Dr. Evans, second by Mr. Cruikshank, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 PM.
- Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk