

Minutes

BOARD OF EDUCATION OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL July 5, 2017

The mission of the Owen D. Young Central School is to provide an excellent educational environment in which all students can achieve success and become contributing citizens.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m.

II. Board of Education

Members present: Trustee George Mower, Trustee Quendryth Marshall, Trustee Paul Kennerknecht, and Trustee Holly Pullis. Absent: President Linda Tharp. Others present: Superintendent Brennan Fahey, Business Official Fred Seifried, Clerk Eva Allegretti and Shannon LaBruzzo.

- a. In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the meeting agenda was approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Privilege of the Floor

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The Board of Education and administration will consider all comments and will not comment or answer any questions before examining and evaluating relevant information. Once the Board of Education and administration have examined relevant information, they may so choose to provide comment/response at the subsequent meeting during Routine Business, entitled "*Response to Privilege of the Floor*".

III. Guest Reports

- a. None.

IV. Executive Session (for the purpose of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular employee as defined in section 105 (1F) of the public officer's law.)

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Routine Business

- a. Approval of minutes of June 12, 2017.
- b. Approval of Personnel Report dated July 5, 2017.
- c. Approval of Athletic Rules and Regulations (revised 6/2017).
- d. Approval of revised 2017-2018 meeting schedule.
- e. Approve Multi-Year Administrative Computer Services agreement with Madison Oneida BOCES.
- f. Approve items for disposal.

VI. New Business

- a. None.

VII. Policies

- a. Approve 1st reading of policy numbers 7202, 7300, 7301, 7302, 7400, 7401, 7500, 7501, 7502, 7503, 7600, 7601. Trustee Pullis requested clarification about 7202 and 7501.
- b. Delete policy numbers 7320, 7410, 7420, 7101, 7411, 7430, 7240, 7241, 7250, 7514, 7260, 3430.

VIII. Board Forum

- a. President's Report. None.
- b. Round Table. Trustee Pullis reported that a community member asked her about whether multiple school library books are being discarded during the construction project taking place at school. There are conversations taking place on social media about this, but these rumors are false. Trustee Pullis then asked about the cost to ODY for using the Springfield soccer field; the school only pays for the portable bathrooms and a small usage fee per contest. The PTO has begun planning for the Fall Fest and members are working with Superintendent Fahey on a date. Trustee Kennerknecht expressed interest in discussing Regents scores; this topic will be addressed later in tonight's meeting. Trustees Marshall and Mower had no comments at this time.

IX. Administrative Reports and Recommendations

- a. Superintendent/Building Principal's Report
 - a. Discussion occurred about whether both parents should be contacted when a child is absent from school. At beginning of each school year a form is sent home to parents with contact information and who the family wants contacted when a child is absent or in case of an emergency. Only those listed are contacted. If both parents wish to make changes they must request this in writing.
 - b. Summer Program update: Summer program will start July 11. Since the cafeteria is part of the construction project no lunches will be served. Teachers Mr. Pike, Ms. Stilwell and Ms. Wilber will be in charge of the program.

- c. Pool update. Pool hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. A change in schedule will depend on usage. Because there is so much construction taking place, adding extra pool hours would be difficult.
 - d. Regents results. Overall, results were similar to last year's. ELA and Global Studies results were strong; Math and Science results were weaker. Algebra scores were stronger than Geometry scores. Concerns were noted regarding some of the questions on the Geometry Regents. Not all schools require a Geometry credit for graduation, but ODY does. Trustee Kennerknecht emphasized that Geometry concepts must be applied to real-life situations in order to be meaningful. Trustee Kennerknecht requested that a scatter graph be constructed indicating the number of students who earned specific grades on all Math and Science Regents. Trustee Kennerknecht would like this information from other schools. Mr. Fahey expressed obtaining this data may be difficult. Mr. Kennerknecht would like to see a graph to compare ODY students' scores on all Math and Science Regents to students' scores from other districts. Superintendent Fahey said we would not obtain regional data regarding Regents until September or October, at which point he will provide this information. A number of factors contribute to lower Regents scores. Students experience stress when taking multiple exams within a short period of time, this was the third exam in two days for these particular students. Also, it was felt students seemed to have rushed through the exams and do not carefully read directions. Trustee Pullis noted that this is a serious concern that she sees taking place at the elementary level. Carefully reading directions must be reinforced at all grade levels. Trustee Kennerknecht strongly emphasized the need for ODY to strengthen its STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) programs.
 - e. A brief discussion followed regarding the Progress Report from Schoolhouse Construction. Superintendent Fahey then shared that a BOE Special Meeting will take place in the school's former library at 6:30 p.m. on July 17, 2017, when a representative from School House will be present to answer questions and do a brief walk through.
- b. Business Official's Report
- a. Lunch balance summary 2017-2018 is at \$144.23, which is very good compared to previous years. Discussion arose regarding if ODY cafeteria staff can monitor siblings who share accounts, and children who purchase too much of one item (ice cream, fruit snacks, etc.). When BOCES took control of the lunch program, ODY lost its ability to closely monitor these aspects of individual accounts. Trustees Marshall and Pullis would like to see the BOCES food program policies in order to determine to what extent ODY cafeteria staff could monitor individual student accounts.

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XI. Adjournment In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eva Allegretti
Board Clerk