

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
February 14, 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

II. Board of Education

Members present: President Linda Tharp, Trustee George Mower, Trustee Paul Kennerknecht, and Trustee Holly Pullis. Trustee Quendryth Marshall arrived at 7:16 p.m. Others present: Superintendent Brennan Fahey, Business Official Jodie Rodriquez.

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

b. Privilege of the Floor

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III. Guest Reports

- a. None

IV. Routine Business

- a. Approval of minutes for January 9, 2017
b. Approval of Personnel Report dated February 13, 2017
c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for December 2016
d. Approval of CSE recommendations
e. Approval of Ms. Eva Allegretti to attend the March District Clerk Workshop at Oneida BOCES
f. Approval of old wire lift machine to be discarded

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, a. through f. were approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. New Business

a. Approve the admittance of the West Canada Valley Central School District as a member to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement, effective February 1, 2017.

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, a. was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Approve the amended and reinstated Municipal Cooperative Agreement, effective November 1, 2016.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Owen D. Young CSD hereby approves the amended and restated Municipal Cooperative Agreement to Provide Health Benefits, effective November 1, 2016, among the Member Districts of the Herkimer County BOCES Health Insurance Plan, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the Owen D. Young CSD.

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Mower, b. was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Policies

None.

VII. Board Forum

a. President's Report

i. Superintendent's evaluation was distributed.

b. Round Table President Tharp reported that at a recent BOCES meeting it was determined that NYSED will provide direction regarding a replacement for former BOCES Superintendent Dr. Mark Vivacqua. Regarding a different matter, Central Valley Academy is currently waiting for its Capital Project, while ODY bids are due March 1st at 1:05 P.M. The Agriculture Committee will meet on February 15; schools and participants have been re-canvassed in preparation for the May event at the Frankfort Fairgrounds. Trustee Kennerknecht asked if the names of Honor Roll members could be published in the local newspaper. Superintendent Fahey will look into it and will consult Andy LaLonde. Trustee Mower asked if the Board would be able to contact Education Commissioner Mary Ellen Elias to let her know how outrageous her recent actions are regarding Carl Palladino. President Tharp suggested that Superintendent Fahey bring the issue to the BOCES Cabinet. Trustee Pullis complimented Superintendent Fahey on his quick response during the recent incident involving the police who were dealing with a domestic dispute during the morning bus run. She reported that she and Superintendent Fahey attended a public hearing at Mount Markham CSD regarding opening its agriculture program to other districts. Trustee Pullis discussed the hydroponics program at SUNY Oneonta. Trustee Mower asked if ODY could build a greenhouse and develop a program in hydroponics, and

possibly offer a course in operating farm equipment, creating an interdisciplinary approach. Superintendent Fahey responded, saying that scheduling would be a concern. In March Trustee Pullis will be in Mrs. Beam's grade 2 class as part of the Agri-Literacy initiative. Trustee Pullis asked to what extent students are able to learn employment skills, and Superintendent Fahey answered that this is addressed in the Career and Financial Management class. Trustee Pullis concluded by discussing whether or not the PTO would be able to continue due to the lack of active members. Trustee Mower addressed the letter written to Board members by an anonymous writer expressing concern that ODY is employing an uncertified Science teacher while not actively seeking a certified teacher at this time. Superintendent Fahey replied that the current Science teacher is taking appropriate coursework and is scheduled for permanent certification in both Living Environment and Earth Science. The ODY Science position may be reopened in the future if these criteria are not going to be met for the 2017-18 school year. The letter writer appears to have accessed incorrect information that was not updated and current on the NYSED website regarding the Science teacher's certification NYSED is aware of the shortage of Science and Math teachers. Trustee Mower expressed that it is unfortunate that uninformed people assume that they are aware of the facts when they are not.

VIII. 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 Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Marshall, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board exited Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. Administrative Reports and Recommendations

a. Superintendent/Building Principal's Report

- a. Budget Transfers – January 2017
- b. Discipline report – January 2017
- c. January Regents update
- d. Capital Project update
- e. BOCES BOE nomination. Members unanimously nominated President Linda Tharp. Superintendent Fahey will contact BOCES.
- f. Award of diploma – G. Shenkel
- g. BOCES National Honor Society inductions
 - i. February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. ODY Grade 12 student Brady Streid in the Heavy Equipment program will be inducted. The Board will send a congratulatory letter to Brady Streid.

b. Business Official's Report

- a. Review preliminary budget
- b. Review tax cap
- c. Fund Balance Review
- d. BOCES 2017-18 budget update

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XI. Adjournment In a motion by Trustee Pullis, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eva Allegretti
Board Clerk

PERSONNEL REPORT

February 13, 2017

As recommended by Superintendent Brennan M. Fahey, the Board approve the appointments and accept the resignations, as listed in the Personnel Report, noting the salary, certification, and tenure status of all appointees, as appropriate.

1. Appointments:

- a. Name: Bruce Andrews
Position: Varsity Track Coach
Effective Dates: March 1, 2017 - June 16, 2017
Salary: \$2,400 as per contract

- b. Name: Charley Fricke
Position: Long-term 7-12 mathematics
Effective Dates: February 27, 2017 - June 23, 2017
Salary: \$185/day (76 school days)

- c. Name: Jenna Bragas
Position: Class of 2019 Co-Advisor
Effective Dates: March 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017
Salary: Pro-rated per contract

- d. Name: Nicole Sietsma
Position: Class of 2019 Co-Advisor
Effective Dates: March 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017
Salary: Pro-rated per contract

2. Resignations:

- a. Name: Amy Simons
Position: Mathematics 7-12 Teacher
Effective Date: February 17, 2017

- b. Name: Amy Simons
Position: Class of 2019 Advisor
Effective Dates: February 17, 2017

3. Approve the following as substitutes effective January 13, 2017:

- a. James Allen
- b. Cameron Burke
- c. Christine Case-Ceeley
- d. Kaitlyn Collins
- e. Janet Coulter
- f. Nicolas Luppino
- g. Danielle Kryshchuk
- h. Vicki Ruffule
- i. Rachel Waseleski
- j. Jennifer Wood