

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
January 9, 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 Quendryth Marshall, Trustee Paul Kennerknecht, and Trustee Holly Pullis. Absent: none. Others present: Superintendent Brennan Fahey, Business Official Jodie Rodriguez, grade 12 students David Schuler, Will Palmatier, Jon Steenburg, Emma Peters, Alyssa Patterson, Anthony Chiacchia, Dino Alicajic, grade 11 student Calla Fahey, and 2018 Class Advisor Mrs. Crystal Keck.

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

b. Privilege of the Floor

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III. Guest Reports

- a. Class of 2017 – Senior trip presentation. Grade 12 Class President Dino Alicajic presented information about the senior trip. There are currently two male teacher chaperones planning to attend, and one female teacher is still needed. A coach bus will be scheduled through Four Winds Travel. Fundraisers include a Heidelberg bread sale, a semiformal dance, and, possibly, a Pizza Hut night and bottle drive. Seniors will be visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Cedar Point Theme Park, and the trip will last one night and two days.

b. King/queen update from Student Council representatives. Student Council President Alyssa Patterson reported that after surveying the student body, all students agreed to continue the tradition of choosing a Homecoming King and Queen for seniors. It has not yet been determined on what merit the King and Queen will be chosen. The titles of Prom King and Queen will be determined by the Junior class. The practice of choosing a prince and princess to represent lower grades will be discontinued. President Tharp emphasized that in order to be chosen as King or Queen students must be in good academic standing.

Calla Fahey, Junior class member, briefly presented an overview of the Prom which will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at The Miner's Table Restaurant.

c. Smart Bond update – proposed 2016-17 project items. Superintendent Fahey led a PowerPoint presentation, covering various aspects of the Smart Bond, including surveillance, security, equipment purchases, and other components.

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.)

There was no Executive Session.

V. Routine Business

- a. Approval of minutes of December 12, 2016.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for November 2016.
- c. Approval of personnel report dated January 9, 2017.
- d. Approval of CSE recommendations.
- e. Accept donation from Mele Family Fund through the Community Foundation of Herkimer. Science Teacher Mr. Jeff Rupp wrote the grant that resulted in \$4,665 being awarded to ODY for the purchase of Chromebooks. President Tharp requested that a thank-you card be written to Mr. Rupp.

In a motion by Trustee Marshall, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved a. through e. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Policies

- a. Approve 2nd reading and adopt policy numbers, with revisions
 - a. 4300, 4301, 4302, 4303, 4400, 4401, 4402, 4403, 4500, 4501, 4502, 4502.1, 4503, 4504, 4505, 4506, 1339, 5573, 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6005, 6005.1, 6100, 6101, 6102, 6103, 6104, 6105, 6106.

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

- b. Remove 2nd reading policy number 7302.

In a motion by Trustee Pullis, seconded by Trustee Marshall, b. was approved.

VII. Board Forum

- a. **President's Report** President Tharp has the minutes from the Agricultural Committee available for those who would like to see them. In May 2017 a major agricultural event involving three area BOCES will be held for students in grades 6-10 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort. Students will first be surveyed regarding their interests. Many vendors are planning to attend, representing honey processing, livestock, drones, large farm machinery, and more. This event will be one of the largest cooperative ventures of its kind in this area. Superintendent Fahey noted that a similar event is taking place in the Binghamton area, and that Vernon-Vernon Sherril's FFA is involved in maple syrup production.

- b. **Round Table** Trustee Marshall requested an update on the gym speakers. Superintendent Fahey said that the problem is in the wiring. Trustee Mower shared information about an article in the Observer Dispatch Newspaper that focused on the fact that the accomplishments of women scientists have, historically, been dismissed. At the same time, coverage of the accomplishments of women in the movie industry has remained steady. Specifically, he contrasted the differences in media coverage of the death of Vera Rubin, an astronomer who proved the existence of dark matter, with that of the recent deaths of two Hollywood actresses. He concluded by recommending the recently released film *Hidden Figures*. Trustee Pullis read the book *Hillbilly Elegy*, recommended by Trustee Mower, and asked how it might be incorporated into the school's curriculum. Trustee Pullis reported that Mount Markham is actively developing an agricultural program. In March, Trustee Pullis will again lead an Agri-Literacy program at ODY. President Tharp would like Trustee Pullis to summarize her many contributions to the ODY community for publication in the next newsletter. Trustee Kennerknecht asked if the technology coordinator is working on a password to allow public access to the Internet; Superintendent Fahey replied that this is being addressed.

VIII. Administrative Reports and Recommendations

- a. **Superintendent/Building Principal's Report**
 - a. Budget Transfers – December 2016
 - b. Discipline Report – December 2016. Discussion revolved around the need for teachers to be consistent when disciplining students; it is imperative that teachers follow protocol. Board members review discipline reports monthly.
 - c. Shared sports with Richfield Springs – update. Superintendent Fahey will move ahead in an effort to work with Richfield Springs CSD to share soccer and field hockey. A community meeting will be held in the future to discuss this as it develops.

- b. **Business Official's Report**
 - a. Review Fund Balance Report
 - b. Review reserve planSuperintendent Fahey met with the architect from King and King; a preliminary bid will take place in late January. Trustee Kennerknecht suggested putting the

architect's diagrams on the school website for review by members of the public.

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X. Adjournment In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Marshall, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eva Allegretti
Board Clerk

PERSONNEL REPORT

January 9, 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: John Case
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Dates: January 17, 2017
Salary: \$10/hr
*Pending fingerprint clearance

- b. Name: Brienna Crouch
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Dates: January 17, 2017
Salary: \$10/hr
*Pending fingerprint clearance

- c. Name: Chandler Herringshaw
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Dates: January 17, 2017
Salary: \$10/hr
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