

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
September 12, 2016**

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: Linda Tharp, Holly Pullis, George Mower, Paul Kennerknecht. Absent: Quendryth Marshall. Others present: Superintendent Brennan Fahey, Business Official Jodie Rodriguez, and five students from Mr. Hutchinson's grade 12 Government class. President Linda Tharp called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

b. Privilege of the Floor

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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 6:38 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. Routine Business

- a. Approve minutes from August 15, 2016
- b. Approve personnel report dated September 12, 2016
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for July 2016
- d. Approve items for disposal

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

VI. New Business

- a. Approve non-resident student additions dated 9-12-16

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved VI. a. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Building and Grounds Tour A tour of the school grounds included the pool, the house (outside), the pre-school classroom, and the lower parking lot. President Tharp commended the ODY groundskeepers on their good work.

VII. Policies

- a. Approve first reading of policy numbers 5012, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5303, 5304, 5304.1, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5400, 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5500.

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the Board approved VII. a. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued regarding the following policies: Mr. Mower questioned 5307; Mr. Fahey suggested discarding 5307 and Mr. Mower agreed. President Tharp and Mr. Kennerknecht questioned 5012; Mr. Fahey will follow up on 5012. Mr. Mower questioned 5300. Mrs. Pullis questioned 5301. Mr. Kennerknecht questioned 5303. Mrs. Pullis questioned 5304 and would like to see the parent "all call" system improved, as the current system is ineffective. Mrs. Pullis questioned 5404. Mr. Mower questioned 5500 and then discussed issues about the Pledge of Allegiance.

In a motion by President Tharp, seconded by Trustee Pullis, all voted "Aye" in favor to accept.

VIII. Board Forum

- a. President's Report President Tharp commented on a book she is reading called *Most Likely to Succeed* about the history of education. Schools are still using many of the same instructional and evaluative methods, some from the 19th century, that may no longer be effective. For example, test scores alone are not necessarily an indicator of a student's overall ability to function in areas such as communication and collaboration. President Tharp discussed a new program at BOCES for incorrigible students. This program offers a very good support system and is an alternative to residential placement.

President Tharp concluded by reminding the Board about Education Commissioner Elia's upcoming presentation at Twin Ponds on September 22.

b. Round Table Trustee Pullis would like a list of sports teams and members; Mr. Fahey has it and will provide. Trustee Pullis noted that the bus pickup times were not in the newsletter. She also would like the current "all call" system improved. Trustee Pullis discussed how some students have too many study halls and wondered how this could be addressed. Superintendent Fahey noted that if students are not productive in study hall, monitors may access School Tool on their computers and check students' assignments. Trustee Pullis and several local teachers attended the CNY Agricultural Show. Employers there discussed what they look for when hiring, stressing the value of basic skills, the ability to communicate effectively, the desire to work, and the ability to demonstrate respect. Trustee Pullis highlighted information from one presenter, emphasizing how younger children should receive basic instruction and exposure to different the components within the field of agriculture. President Tharp spoke about the work of BOCES administrator Christopher Groves, who oversees a valuable intern program there. Trustee Pullis spoke with Mr. Groves and BOCES instructor MaryBeth Napolitano at the Agricultural Show and offered her services to them. President Tharp commented on the P-Tech program with an agricultural component currently being offered at Montgomery County BOCES. Trustee Pullis noted that Mount Markham CSD is working hard to incorporate a similar program there. Trustee Pullis was approached by an affiliate of Mount Markham CSD about the possibility of that school working with ODY to create a shared agricultural program.

IX. Administrative Reports and Recommendations

a. Superintendent's Report/Building Principal's Report

- i. Responses to Privilege of the Floor 8/15/16
 - a. Superintendent Fahey noted that the Board has approved that a girl will be allowed to play on the boys' soccer team. Also, the transportation concerns presented at last month's meeting by a parent, Chad Hess, have been resolved.
- ii. Opening day summary
 - a. The first day of school was very successful. New teachers Denise Hayes (Science) and Jenna Bragas (English) are doing a good job.
- iii. Enrollment
- iv. Roof update
 - a. Roof will go to bid this week; it is a two-week process. Additionally, the Capital Project is moving along nicely.
- v. VanHornesville Scholarship request

- a. A parent has asked the Board to revisit scholarship amounts, considering that the stock market is up. This topic will be explored again by the Board in the near future.
- vi. 2201 letter
 - a. The 2201 process was discussed.
- vii. Principal Variance 2015-2019
 - a. It is legal for ODY to have a joint Principal/Superintendent.
- b. Business Official's Report
 - i. Approve rental agreement for UPK contract at \$6,500 per year.

In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Pullis, the Board approved
IX. b. i. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion about the VanHornesville Water Board meeting report dated September 6, 2016.

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In a motion by Trustee Kennerknecht, seconded by Trustee Mower, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eva Allegretti
Board Clerk

PERSONNEL REPORT

September 12, 2016

As recommended by Superintendent Brennan 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: Marissa Parkinson
Position: Teacher Assistant
Effective Dates: September 12, 2016-June 30, 2017
Salary: Step 1 per contract
- b. Derick Waters Class of 2017 Advisor
- c. Tutors @ \$20/hr All 2016-17 district teachers and certified substitutes