

Pending Board Approval

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, June 24, 2013
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Mayton-Collins, George Mower, Natalia Rogers and Lawrence Snyder.

ABSENT: Linda Tharp

OTHERS PRESENT: James Picolla, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Official, Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 10 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the meeting agenda was approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Vice President Mower, the consent agenda was approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approve Special Meeting minutes of May 7, 2013
- b. Approve Meeting minutes of June 10, 2013
- c. Approve June Treasurer's Report
- d. Approve Personnel Report
- e. Establish the pay rate of elections poll workers at \$40.00 per day for the 2013-2014 school year.
- f. Approve the purchase of Digits Math Series for grades 6-8.
- g. Approve the budget transfers
- h. Approve holding the Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jackie Snyder said that the graduation ceremony was very nice and congratulations to everyone. Superintendent Picolla was pleased with the attendance of Faculty and Staff.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. VanHorne Scholarship – The Scholarship Committee met and went through the normal information gathering. There are nineteen students who have all of their paperwork in and three who were still in the process of finishing their paperwork. Those not having their paperwork near completion would be considered in January. At the most, there will be twenty two students who will be receiving the scholarship. The Committee has decided to raise the amount to \$1200 from \$1000 due to the growth in the fund. The Board has agreed on this amount.
- b. Rochester Convention – Trustee Tharp and Superintendent Picolla plan on attending.
- c. Focus Group – The community focus group will be meeting this Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Rogers will be speaking on behalf of the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Open Gym for basketball – Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Board has accepted the open gymnasium under the supervision of Mr. Bruce Andrews as a school sponsored activity. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. Calendar submissions – Superintendent Picolla has provided a calendar for Board members to fill in their availability in order to schedule meetings. He would like to move to one meeting a month and call special meetings if necessary.
- c. Sports Consolidation – Superintendent Picolla provided the projected ODY Sports participation, comparison chart of travel time and expenses. Mr. Cory Pike addressed the concern of ODY facing a penalty if we wanted to re-enter the Center State Conference. If we leave and then wish to return it would need to be voted on.
Trustee Snyder said that the last time we left and tried to come we had to wait one year as independent because we weren't able to get schedules.
Superintendent Picolla said another question was about size of school and level of competition. Our combined enrollment would be approximately 130 student's grades 9-11. Mr. Pike said the level of competition would be about the same. He then explained the difference between section 3 and 4. Richfield has asked that if we consolidate, they would like to have Mr. Pike as the Athletic Director for all organizations.
Mr. Picolla has asked whether we should move forward with the discussion. The Board has agreed to move forward.
Trustee Snyder said he feels the process is moving too fast and that ultimately transportation will be an issue. He feels that if even one child is excluded from participating due to transportation issues then it is not worth it. He also said that originally we were looking at doing something in the spring and slowly phase it in and it seems to be accelerated. Trustee Snyder said that big schools being competitive is not the goal of New York high schools sports, it is not to raise competitive high school teams, it is to build character, ethics and physical activity. He feels students should be brought into this to have their input whether they are willing to play or not.
President Mayton-Collins commented that she thought potentially we would begin in the spring and having our students have access to sports that are not offered here. She feels we should continue the discussion and the meetings and have input from the community.
Superintendent Picolla and Mr. Pike said that Richfield is very committed to having this become a long-term relationship. There will be a joint meeting on Monday, July 8th with the Richfield Board and on Wednesday, July 10th will be a meeting for community input and July 18th would be to approve the plan or continue discussions.

BUSINESS OFFICIAL'S REPORT

- a. Mrs. Rodriguez provided the Board with the Reserve Plan and gave an update on the Fund Balance estimate. She has asked the Board to consider putting up to \$60,000 in the EBLAR account since it is underfunded. The reserve fund would be adopted at the next meeting. Also included is the voter approved capital reserve fund for the purchase of vehicles. The reserve for liability was originally created due to a lawsuit which could now be put into the fund balance

ACTION ITEMS

- a. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of up to \$60,000 to the EBLAR Reserve (Employee Benefit Liability Accrued Liability Reserve Fund) was approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Vice President Mower, the seconded reading and adoption of policies 5110, 5120, 5130, 5150, 5410, 5510, 5640, 5672, 6130, 6551, 7210, 7222, 7242, 3420, 7550 (7550 has additional updates) was approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, “c, d and e” were approved.

- c. First Reading of policies 3410, 8242.
 - d. Vote to waive second reading of policies 3410, 8242
 - e. Adopt policies 3410, 8242
 - f. In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Vice President Mower, policy 1511 (Board Agenda format) is rescinded.
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DISCUSSION

Vice President Mower reminded everyone that there is still time for students to register at the University of Quebec for the French program.

Trustee Rogers thanked Cathy and Larry for their time serving on the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Chad Hess handed out an information sheet to the Board. He is concerned with his daughters currently playing softball with Richfield and whether they would be able to continue that. He would also like to have Board packets posted online so it is available to the public.

Mrs. Jackie Snyder asked if Mr. Pike is a certified administrator to be an Athletic Director or a teacher who serves in that role. He is a teacher who serves in that position. She also asked whether Richfield has academic eligibility for participation in sports. We do not have that in effect at ODY. Mrs. Snyder asked what the estimated fund balance is. Mrs. Rodriguez answered that the estimate is \$375,123.85 and the actual percentage is 4% which is \$218,235.

Mrs. Emily Mayton has a strong concern as a parent about the sports merger and feels that we are going way too fast and that students who play sports need to decide if they want to merge sports and that it should also be up to the public to decide. She said that as a parent who attends all the games her children are involved in, she will have to leave work early to drive to the different locations Richfield goes to. Mrs. Mayton said that the numbers of students playing will be very large and not every child will be able to play.

Mrs. Paula Monk is concerned that the community meeting is happening after the two Boards meet whereas Richfield has already involved their community.

Mr. Donald Monk said Richfield has approached us, and if looking at this from an academic standpoint, we would not want to merge with a school “in need.” We need to think the same about merging sports. He feels our school is gaining pride in itself and is becoming very competitive and this isn’t the time for us to do this.

The public in attendance were in favor of merging modified soccer. Mrs. Monk said that last year we accepted Richfield boys modified soccer and when we asked whether we could send our girls over there to play, they were told that they already had too many.

Mrs. Snyder said logistics is a factor but she hopes that they are also going to get the qualitative analysis of stories from the families and students.

Mrs. Monk asked what happens if they pull out like they did in the past. They can’t guarantee they won’t experience financial difficulty and what happens if we had to start over. They can say they would like to commit to a five year plan but there are varying factors that could cause them to pull out.

Mr. Hess has attended a Richfield Board meeting and said that the community recognizes the problems that have happened in the past and they don’t want to repeat them.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk