

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Regular Meeting – 7:00 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, Lawrence Snyder and Linda Tharp.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Picolla, Superintendent; Brennan Fahey, Building Principal; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Administrator; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 16 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. 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.

Superintendent Picolla asked that Mr. Mark Vivaqua be invited into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Vice President Mower, item "a, c and d" of the Consent Agenda were approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, item "b" was approved. Trustee Tharp commented that she attended last year and that it was very worthwhile and feels that one of the new Board members should attend.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2013
- b. Approve Mr. James Picolla to attend the 2013 Rural Schools Association Conference on July 14-16.
- c. Approve CSE Recommendations dated 3/22 (1), 3/25 (10), 3/27 (10), 4/1 (6), 4/15 (1) and 4/19 (1).
- d. Approve the following election day workers: Mildred Merrick, Fran Dorantes, Michelle Hula and Nancy Smith.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Staff Appreciation Day will be taking place on Friday, May 10. The Board will have a breakfast table set up in the main office and the teacher's room. There will not be an assembly as there has been in the past.

- b. Rural Schools Conference will be taking place July 14-16 at the Otesega Hotel in Cooperstown. Superintendent Picolla will be attending and the District Clerk will make one “shared” registration for Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. The Focus Group meeting will be June 27th at 6:30 p.m. Board members gave names of those who they thought would be interested in attending. Still needed are Starkville area residents, elected officials and business people.
- b. Policy Review – The 2000 series were reviewed. Superintendent Picolla announced that the Career Tech Graduation has moved from the 10th to the 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Falls Auditorium.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- a. Updates – Mr. Fahey asked for any questions. Trustee Tharp inquired how the Track team is doing and whether any more records have been broken. Mr. Fahey replied that they have and that the students are doing outstanding. The Golf team is also doing very well.

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Tharp told that one of her neighbors did not receive the “tri-fold” budget information. She asked if there is any way to monitor the situation to find out if others in the district did not receive it. Superintendent Picolla said he will be working on it during the summer. He may have to work with a professional company to figure out how to improve the mailing list. Trustee Tharp asked if the new Pennysaver could include two additional areas of Richfield Springs and Fort Plain.

President Mayton-Collins shared the draft letter thanking Mr. Mark Vivaqua for all the work he has done for us. She asked if the Board was in agreement and passed around the letter to be signed by all.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Barbara Poore asked about the status of further newsletters. Superintendent Picolla said one was sent in February and the budget newsletter will be going out tomorrow. In the future, they should be sent out quarterly.

Mrs. Paula Monk said she did not see the National Honor Society induction ceremony list on the upcoming dates. Mr. Fahey will find out the date and get back to Mrs. Monk.

Mrs. Sue Jordan asked what time the Memorial Day Celebration will take place. Mr. Fahey said he does not have the exact time yet but it will be after lunches.

Mrs. Poore said that pre-K will be doing a presentation at 2:00 p.m. in the park. When she spoke with Mr. MacMillan, he said the school presentation would be 2:15 or 2:30.

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Vice President Mower, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk