

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Wednesday, April 24, 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 2 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

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

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:03 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. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the agenda is amended to table item "c" under Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, item "f" is added under Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the meeting minutes of March 25, 2013 and April 2, 2013 were approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Snyder, Consent Agenda items "b, d and e" were approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Snyder, Consent Agenda item "f" was approved. 4 Ayes 1 Opposed

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013 and April 2, 2013
- b. Approve April Treasurer's Report
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Mr. Kenneth Edick as Bus Driver at \$13.55 per hour effective April 25, 2013.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the BOCES Service Requests for the 2013-2014 school year.

- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve discarding the Excess Equipment as identified by Mr. Bill Reynolds.
- f. Approve authorization for the Superintendent to appoint employees on a temporary basis with the understanding that the Board of Education will make the final determination at the next subsequent Board of Education meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jordan Clements introduced himself as a candidate running for a Board seat and wanted to familiarize himself with Board proceedings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Mayton-Collins confirmed upcoming events on the calendar.

- The Annual Meeting to present the budget will be on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 7:00.
- May 8 will be bulk mailing/postcard regarding the budget
- Budget and Board seat vote – Tuesday, May 21 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
- June 10 – Regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 24 - Last regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 23 - Commencement
- June 26 or 27 - Community Focus Group

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. The dates for the Community Focus Group are Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27. President Mayton-Collins suggested that Board members bring five names of people who might be interested in being on the committee including every demographic.
- b. Memorial Day – This year's celebration will be scaled back this year due to testing on that Friday morning. The festivities will be held in the afternoon.
- c. Tuesday, June 4 – Career Tech. Junior Awards will be held at BOCES at 12:10 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Friday, May 10 will be Teacher Appreciation Day celebrated during 10th period. Details will be worked out with Mrs. Frank.
- b. Congratulations to the track team, school records have been set.
- c. Prom is May 11 with 6:30-7:00 walk in and crowning.
- d. From the Guidance Department – Juniors will be attending a College Fair and Visitation Day at Hudson Valley Community College on Wednesday, May 1st.
- e. CFES is paying for interested sophomores and juniors to spend three days on a college campus this summer.
Trustee Tharp inquired about Mr. John Seymour, one of the valley shooting victims who was scheduled to DJ the prom. Mr. Fahey said he has not heard, but arrangements have been lined up.
Trustee Tharp asked whether any parents have “opted out” of having their child not take the State tests. She also mentioned that NYSED has said that some of the questions were not part of the curriculum.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the BOCES 2013-2014 Administrative Budget in the amount of \$2,595,678 was approved. 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- b. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the vote for Daniel LaLonde from Iliion CSD, Daniel Voce from Herkimer CSD and Robert Maxwell from Dolgeville CSD for the BOCES Board was approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, be it RESOLVED that the budget for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$5,517,271 and to place said proposition before the voters on May 21, 2013 to be adopted was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, RESOLVED to approve the Property Tax Report Card and its submission to the State Education Department by school staff.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Vice President Mower attended the BOCES Open House and was impressed by the programs they offer. He feels it is a great opportunity for students.

Trustee Rogers spoke that as a parent, it would be helpful if students did not have homework on the nights before the state tests.

Trustee Snyder noted that the report card on the State web site showed four students who were classified as having disabilities that graduated and two of our students who were classified were able to achieve an advanced regent's diploma. He questioned how that happens and what types of services are being provided to those students with an AIS or 504 that would allow them to achieve at that level, which seems excessive. As a Board member, are we wisely spending our money to provide that type of service to students who clearly don't need it.

Superintendent Picolla will prepare the criteria that it is based on.

Trustee Tharp mentioned that she looked at the State Budget Update Analysis in which they gave the average 2013-2014 state aid increase by region. She inquired what the difference between the Mohawk Valley and Central New York? Superintendent Picolla replied that central New York is typically Syracuse schools and the Mohawk Valley is more Utica and the East.

Trustee Tharp announced that there will be an Historical Society meeting tomorrow night (Thursday) at 7:00 at the Millpond.

President Mayton-Collins polled Board members on the dates for the Focus Group of Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27. Board members were in agreement that they attend either night.

Trustee Tharp thought that the Focus Group would be run by the people who volunteered. She questioned what the Board members role in this is. Superintendent Picolla said that the role would be to listen to the conversation so that there would be a better understanding of what the Focus Group discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jackie Snyder discussed that there was a discussion at the last meeting about short-term goals at the high school level as it relates to getting them prepared for the regents. She was hoping to hear some information at this meeting.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk