

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, March 25, 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 Rodriquez, Business Administrator; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and one guest.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag. The budget workshop ran until 7:47 p.m.

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

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the consent agenda was approved with the addition of “c” endorsing Mr. Bill Miller. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2013
- b. Approve Treasurer’s Report for March
- c. Approve the endorsement of Mr. Bill Miller for a 4th term on the New York State School Board Association as representative for Owen D. Young Central School. The District Clerk will send the resolution to Ms. Mary Metheny at NYSSBA endorsing Mr. Miller.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. President Mayton-Collins is in the process of completing the cover letter for the next newsletter. She will mail it to Board members for any feedback.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. Superintendent Picolla handed out Focus Group information and went over preliminary information previously done by Board members and Mr. Paul Seversky. He has included ranking from the same information from staff volunteers. Superintendent Picolla shared the letter that would go out to prospective Focus Group committee volunteers.
- b. Update on Internet and Broad Band Access – Time Warner received a grant, however, the Jordanville line is not an approved line in the grant. Mr. Rick Bronner has been contacted by Time Warner to get “right of ways” which might suggest that the project may be moving forward without the grant. Superintendent Picolla attended a meeting in Cooperstown, the county is willing to work with the school through the company CompDirect USA. The Otsego County grant was approved for ten tower locations to use existing cell or 911 towers where Wi-Fi wireless would be placed. The Wiltse Hill location is being considered. The company Northland is also willing to work with ODY. Superintendent Picolla is still actively looking at all options.

- c. The applicants for School Nurse have been narrowed down to three applicants from eight. Final round interviews will be Thursday.
- d. Driver update – There are three applicants. There should be a recommendation in place by the April 24 meeting.
- e. Valley Shootings – The Herkimer County Superintendents met with Mr. John James, Safety Officer from Oneida County BOCES. All of the districts responded appropriately. ODY was in “lock out”, however, parents were allowed to come to pick up their children.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- a. Congratulations to Mr. Tom MacMillan on the success of the play. Friday and Saturday night were sold out in advance.
- b. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 16, 17 and 18 State ELA exams will be held for grades 3-8. State math exams will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 24, 25 and 26.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- a. Mrs. Rodriquez discussed the following resolution.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Owen D. Young Central School District in the Counties of Otsego, Herkimer and Montgomery in the State of New York, is authorized and directed to Bond one (1) school bus and One (1) School Van and expend therefore an annual sum not to exceed \$130,000 and levy the necessary tax therefore and to issue obligations in anticipation of the collection of taxes in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Tharp handed out the announcement of the public meetings to be held regarding the New York State National Registry of Historic places.

President Mayton-Collins mentioned that Mr. John Seymour, who was injured in the valley shooting, was to be the DJ for the Junior Prom. She also said that the budget process has been very pleasurable and thanked Mrs. Rodriquez, Mr. Picolla and Mr. Fahey.

Vice President Mower told that the BOCES Open House is Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00-8:00.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk