

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, March 11, 2013
Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 4 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order 7:00 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 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation as defined in section 105 (1F) of the public officer's law. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Snyder, the meeting minutes of February 25, 2013 were approved. 4 Ayes 1 Abstain

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, consent agenda items "b", "c" and "d" were approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013
- b. Approve extension of unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Carol Sue Luke from March 15, 2013 until March 31, 2013.
- c. Approve the resignation of Mr. Patrick Doody, Bus Monitor, effective March 15, 2013.
- d. Approve two CSE recommendations dated 3/4/13.

Information Item: Mrs. Theresa Costello's position as Office Assistant 1 is now permanent vs. probationary.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Mrs. Renee Weaver, Senior Class Advisor and senior students Will Crisman and Andrew Starring presented plans for their senior trip to Massachusetts on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, 2013. The approximate cost (using school bus transportation) is \$451.00 per person. Out of pocket will be around \$200.00.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Discussion of open Board seats – There will be two open seats coming up at the next election on May 21, 2013. President Mayton-Collins announced that she will not be running again. The seats being vacated are by President Mayton-Collins and Trustee Snyder (fulfilling the term for Howard Lanphier who previously resigned).
- b. April 4, 2013 will be the BOCES Annual Meeting at 6:15 p.m. Vice President Mower will be attending.
- c. Nominations for the BOCES Board are due by March 25.
- d. There is a concentration of sulfates in the water source which is not within the limit of the Department of Health. Wells in the region have also tested high in sulfates. This issue is being looked into.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. The ConnectNY Grant which was for the Time Warner internet does not include the Jordanville line. Wireless for Otsego County did get funded and Superintendent Picolla has contacted Otsego County and will be meeting with them to see if wireless could be brought to the school. He has also been working with Northland Communications to see if they are willing to work with the school to work something out.
- b. Superintendent Picolla attended NYSCUSS in Albany and discussed the workshops he attended. He also handed out and went over the timeline of the New York State Assessment Transition Plan in ELA and math.
- c. Superintendent Picolla discussed sequestration. For Owen D. Young it is about \$9700 that we will be losing in State aid this year. It should not affect us significantly due to restructuring in the benefit packages.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Updates - BOCES representative will be here on March 15, Superintendent Conference day helping teachers prepare common core. Ipad training has also taken place.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the second reading of the Class Rank Policy #7223 is waived and adopted.

3 Ayes

2 Opposed

Trustee Snyder asked when this policy would take effect and was told by Superintendent Picolla it is effective immediately. Trustee Snyder further asked why it is effective immediately since it was discussed at the December meeting that any changes would be phased in and effective for the freshmen class. Superintendent Picolla said this is not a complete overhaul of the policy, it is just for clarification should the ranking come to a tie. Trustee Snyder said that Superintendent Picolla suggested exploring the policy at the last meeting instead of adopting it. Vice President Mower said that things change and are not always phased in. Trustee Tharp asked if there would be any impact on this year's seniors. Superintendent Picolla stated that he doesn't think it is that close and would be surprised if it ever affects any student.

DISCUSSION TIME

Superintendent Picolla handed out Gap Elimination Adjustment Explanation and the estimated tax comparison between a 2% and 2.89% tax levy increase.

President Mayton-Collins discussed the Board retreat and mentioned how Mr. Ferrera shared Board self assessment tools. She asked how the Board would like to proceed. Vice President Mower and Trustee Tharp suggested holding off and proceed with the new Board year in July. The tools can be reviewed in July and new Board members would have six months to do their evaluation.

President Mayton-Collins said she enjoyed the newsletter. At this time, numerous people told that they had not received it in the mail and Mr. Fahey will check with Mrs. Armstrong to see if something changed.

President Mayton-Collins mentioned that yearbook ad space is still available and asked if the Board would like to participate. This would be a personal contribution. The Board is in agreement.

President Mayton-Collins also reminded everyone that the play "The Wizard of Oz" will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 21, 22 and 23. There will be a free dress rehearsal offered to senior citizens on Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Vice President Mower, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk