

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, February 25, 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: George Mower, Natalia Rogers, Lawrence Snyder and Linda Tharp.

ABSENT: Cathy Mayton-Collins

OTHERS PRESENT: James Picolla, Superintendent; Brennan Fahey, Building Principal; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Administrator; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 2 guests.

Vice President George Mower called the meeting to order 6:44 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the meeting agenda was amended to add Executive Session at the start of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:45 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 and proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities as defined in section 105 (1F) of the public officer's law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Snyder, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the consent agenda was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the consent agenda is amended to add items "j, k, l and m."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2013
- b. Approve January and February Treasurer's report
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Mr. Christopher Hutchinson as per diem tutor for the 2012-13 school year at an hourly rate of \$20.00. Mr. Hutchinson is a New York State certified teacher in Secondary Social Studies and English and meets all qualifications for this position according to New York State guidelines.
- d. Approve budgetary transfers to accommodate for unexpected bus repairs in the amount of \$15,000, attorney billing in the amount of \$15,000, aidable computer equipment purchases through MORIC in the amount of \$10,000 and BOCES inter-municipal agreement for Superintendent in the amount of \$45,000.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve six CSE recommendations dated 1/14/13, (2) 1/23/13, and (2) 2/6/13, 2/15/13.
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve 2013-14 school calendar.

- g. Be it Resolved, Mr. James Picolla is hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluator of building principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9(b).
- h. Be it Resolved, Mr. Brennan Fahey is hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluator of teachers, having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9(b).
- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and approval by district counsel as to form and content as well as the approval of the VHTA, the Board hereby approves the final agreement between the BOE and the VHTA covering the period 2010-15, and authorizes the Superintendent and President of the BOE to execute same on behalf of the ODY CSD.
- j. Be it RESOLVED, Mr. Andy LaLonde is hereby appointed as Hearing Official for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Ms. Mary Ann Pratt, School Nurse, effective March 8, 2013.
- l. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Ms. Anna Wilder as Varsity Track Coach, step 6 with a stipend of \$2251.88.
- m. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Mr. Jason Doell as Varsity Golf Coach, step 4 with a stipend of \$2149.21.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Mr. Bill Miller, representative for Owen D. Young through Herkimer County BOCES and the New York State School Board Association, gave an update on what is happening at Herkimer BOCES. He announced that Open House will be on May 13th at 6:00 p.m. and the BOCES project is nearly completed. Mr. Vivaqua and Mr. Miller will be at ODY in the near future to discuss the administrative budget which is 2% or less. Because of the Oppenheim/St. Johnsville merger, Herkimer BOCES will be losing Oppenheim to the Fulton-Montgomery BOCES which means that the existing districts in Herkimer County will have to pay a larger portion. Mr. Miller will be doing an article in the NYSSBA "On Board" magazine regarding ODY sharing a Superintendent since it is the only school in New York State to do so.

Superintendent Picolla discussed the BOCES Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 4th and urged everyone to consider attending. In addition to the Annual Meeting, there will be the introduction of BOCES Board candidates and the budget presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Trustee Tharp discussed the Historical Society developments. She handed out the summary of the meeting that was held on January 25th with Mr. Ron Smith, Mrs. Natalia Rogers, Mr. Brennan Fahey and Mrs. Linda Tharp. The committee will be having another meeting on March 22nd at which point they will be developing flyers to be handed out to everyone in VanHornesville that could be placed on the registry. The Town meeting will be April 25th at the Community Center where Mr. Bowman will be the primary presenter. He is the State Representative for the Historical Registry. The goal is to have the grant completed by September.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Class Rank policy – 1st read of policy #7223. This creates the opportunity for co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian based on rounding averages to the nearest tenth. If there are two co-valedictorians, there will be no salutatorian. This will be effective with this year's senior class.
- b. There will be a community focus group created based on the findings of the consultants.
- c. Board Retreat with Mr. Ben Ferrara on Thursday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m. at BOCES in Herkimer.
- d. Text book evaluation – Superintendent Picolla has been working with regional leaders. The two textbooks being considered are "Invision" by Pierson and "My Math" by McGraw-Hill. They both have on-line computer components and utilize Singapore Math as one of their philosophies. Superintendent Picolla will be meeting with staff tomorrow (Tuesday, February 26) to talk about the math program. Final decisions will be brought to the Board for approval.

- e. On next year's school calendar, June 2nd and 3rd will be regent's days. This is the calendar that BOCES is following. ODY will be taking September 3rd and October 25th as Superintendent Conference Days.
- f. Superintendent Picolla is trying to find a way to improve internet access for students. There is a Connect New York grant with a proposal to run along Jordanville Road but has not heard from them yet. There is another grant called the "New-New York Works for the Mohawk Valley worth \$8 Million. He has been in contact with Northland Communications and they are willing to work with ODY to bring fiber optics to the community, however, the school is not eligible to apply, it has to be done through a municipality. Superintendent Picolla will be contacting the Town of Stark to see if they would be willing to work with ODY. He is also waiting to hear from Time Warner regarding the "Connect New York grant."

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Updates - Mr. Fahey reported on recent events and offered congratulations to the boys' basketball team on their successful season.
- b. The play "Wizard of Oz" will be held on Thursday, March 21, Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23.
- c. State Assessments will be the week we return from spring break.
- d. ELA and Ipad training has taken place with K-3 and math department. ELA training was K-12.
Trustee Snyder asked for feedback from the January regents' scores.
Mr. Fahey replied that twenty three students who had previously failed or wanted to improve their grade retook the exam. Six passed it in January.

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Tharp asked about the hiring of bus drivers and when the process will be completed. Mrs. Rodriquez said that interviews will be set up soon and she will check with Mr. Mayton to see if he has complete preliminary work. There are only three applicants.

Trustee Tharp asked whether a resolution needs to be done on "Congressional Call to Action, Rescinding Cuts to Education." Superintendent Picolla stated that he doesn't think we need a resolution.

Vice President Mower inquired about the New York State's standard requirements and if there is an opportunity for the public to give their input. Superintendent Picolla told that the State has public comment days which are mentioned on-line.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk