

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, December 17, 2012
Regular Meeting – 5:00 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. George Mower arrived at 5:25 p.m.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Picolla, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Administrator; Brennan Fahey, Building Principal; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 7 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order 5:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the meeting agenda was approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the consent agenda was approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2012

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert Copeland reported on the VanHorne fund and individual accounts. As of November 30, 2012, the account is at \$550,000.

The Board discussed whether to increase the scholarship amounts.

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the Board entered into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations as defined in section 105 (1F) of the public officer's law.

In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the Board exited Executive Session at 5:24 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. VanHorne Scholarship Guidelines. The Board reviewed and discussed the policy revisions. The policy states that the scholarship can be requested by graduates up to six years post graduation. Trustee Snyder suggested offering the scholarship to military personnel and waive the six year deadline. The District Clerk has been instructed to make the necessary changes to the document.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. APPR has been submitted and is expected to be approved.
b. Policy Review – the Board reviewed policies 1110-1339. Policies 1410-1650 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- c. Substitute Pay – the Board reviewed a chart outlining substitute pay among the surrounding districts. The blended model is being considered with certified teacher substitutes receiving \$85.00 and uncertified teacher substitutes receiving \$61.00.
- d. Unfunded mandates – Superintendent Picolla handed out documents on unfunded mandates.
- e. Test Data – The results shown are very low. Detailed data results will be discussed with each teacher beginning in January. During the Superintendent Conference Day in March, the staff developer from BOCES will be attending to start the process of test data as it relates to curriculum.
- f. Class Ranking - Superintendent Picolla spoke to Mr. Ben Ferrara regarding the class ranking policy around the phrase “two consecutive years”. Mr. Ferrara replied that since the policy does not specifically say that it is for two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation, he recommends that it be for any two consecutive years at grade levels where class ranking is calculated; therefore grades 9-12. Mr. Ferrara also suggested establishing “co” valedictorian and salutatorian. Superintendent Picolla asked whether this is something the Board would like to consider adopting to put into the policy for 1st and 2nd reading at later meetings. Trustee Tharp suggested having Mr. Picolla come up with some wording to put into the policy. Superintendent Picolla commented on the tragedy in Connecticut. He wants to assure everyone that safety plans have been looked over and he will be conducting a “lock down” drill in January. All doors at the school are now locked with the front door being the only access. The security system via the main office will be checked to make sure it is functional. Superintendent Picolla told that he is working on having better internet service. He has spoken with Verizon, Time Warner Cable, Time Warner Telecom, Ion, and a number of other organizations. Superintendent Picolla handed out the water project map to be reviewed by the Board. The Board has received the easement resolution.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- a. Recent Events – Mr. Brennan Fahey reported that three fundraisers have been done in the last month for 8th grade, Art Club and 11th grade. The elementary concert was very well attended as well as the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday. He would like to recognize Alec Snyder and Dakota Monk for receiving the New York State Academic Excellence scholarship.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- a. Mrs. Rodriguez provided the Board with a draft Reserve plan. There is currently no liability reserve. The Board held a brief budget discussion. Using \$200,000 in fund balance, budget to budget would be a 1.7 levy increase.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the agenda is amended to include three action items. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- a. In a motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Mower, the following resolution was approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Stark seeks to obtain an easement across School District property in order to complete and improve community water service as depicted in the drawing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Owen D. Young Central School District as follows:

1. In accordance with Education Law §405, the District shall convey an easement in a form to be approved by the District’s counsel to the Town of Stark for the purpose of constructing and installing a new water main and service connection.
2. The officers and employees of the district are authorized to execute the easement and take such steps as may be necessary to complete the transfer.

- b. In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Tharp, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Certified teacher substitute pay is being raised to a rate of \$85.00 per day and Non-certified teacher substitutes to a rate of \$61.00 per day effective January 2, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. In a recommendation by the Superintendent, James Picolla, approve the appointment as listed, noting the salary, certification, and tenure status as appropriate.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Name: Trevor Noonan
Position: Tutor
Term: hourly/daily
Effective Date: 12/18/2012 – 6/30/2013
Certification: Physical Education
Salary: \$20/hour

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Rogers is concerned about the security system. Superintendent Picolla said he will be looking into it.

Vice President Mower has learned about a student who wanted to wrestle for Mohawk but was told by someone at ODY that he couldn't. Mr. Fahey will look into this matter with Coach Pike. President Mayton-Collins thanked Mr. Picolla for the information in the Board packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Janine Pashley referred to the situation in Connecticut. Her concern is that it takes time to lock the classroom doors. She asked about the possibility of using a dead bolt or slide lock since it would be quicker. Superintendent Picolla replied that dead bolts are not allowed in a school because of fire issues.

Mr. Leif Wellenstein is interested in the veterans being allowed to receive the VanHorne scholarship. He would also like to have a policy in place for students to be allowed to wrestle elsewhere. Mr. Wellenstein said that he came to school at 1:30 on Friday, December 14 and found no one was in the main office or superintendent's office and was able to walk through the building to the nurse's office. He is, however, very pleased with this year's administration and Board. He said that while he enjoyed the elementary concert, it was very overcrowded.

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk