

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, September 10, 2012
Regular Meeting

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 and Linda Tharp.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas Fazio, Interim Superintendent; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 5 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the meeting agenda was approved with the addition of an Executive Session after Public Participation.

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 August 27, 2012
- b. Approval of meeting minutes of September 4, 2012

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Mr. Brennan Fahey and Mr. Jeffrey Busch presented the Code of Conduct draft that was reviewed by the attorney. The Board reviewed and made grammatical changes. Mr. Fahey and Mr. Busch will be sending out information to parents regarding the public hearing to be held on Monday, September 24th. Parents will also be informed about the hearing at open house on Wednesday, September 19th and Mr. Busch will have a short survey available to parents. The hearing will be advertised in the Richfield Pennysaver, the Evening Telegram, on the website, the board in front of the school and through the phone system. Mr. Fazio and Mr. Brennan visited each classroom on opening day outlining expectations regarding the Code of Conduct/ Dignity for All Students Act.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jackie Snyder asked for clarification regarding “constructive direction” from teachers in the Code of Conduct. After a discussion, Vice President Mower suggested taking “constructive” out since it is interpretive. This will be a discussion point for the hearing on the 24th.

Mrs. Snyder also questioned the section on “students’ legal rights” and whether students would understand what they are.

In a motion by Vice President Mower , seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss negotiations 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 8:47 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. VanHorne Scholarship Update - President Mayton-Collins suggested forming a committee to revise the guidelines and procedures since the existing document is outdated. Trustee Tharp

suggested the Board work on the initial ideas and updating. Upon agreement of the Board, President Mayton-Collins and Trustee Tharp will perform preliminary work on the document.

- b. Open Board Seat – The people contacted by Trustee Tharp have a conflict of interest since they already serve in various capacities in the township. President Mayton-Collins stated that Larry Snyder is willing to serve. Mr. Snyder had the second highest write-in votes at the election in May. Mr. Snyder would fulfill the vacancy through June 30, 2013.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, a roll call vote to appoint Lawrence Snyder was as follows: 3 Ayes 1 Abstain

Instead of having the “new employee welcome” on a separate night, they will be honored at Open House on September 19th. The District Clerk will order carnation boutonnieres in blue and white.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. Opening day of school went very smoothly. The faculty meeting also went very well. They covered the Dignity for All Students Act and APPR.
- b. Current enrollment stands at 198 students – (100) K-6 with 2 out of the building, (91) 7-12 with 5 out of the building. Total of 191 on site with 7 out of the building.
- c. Consultants – Mr. Fazio is still waiting to hear from Mr. Vivaqua.
- d. The work on the “district house” is still in progress.
- e. The alumni banquet will be on Saturday, September 15, 2012.
- f. The “Back to the Future” originally scheduled for Friday, September 14 has been moved to Friday, September 21st.
- g. The Sports Booster Club will hold a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, September 19th prior to open house.

Mr. Fazio told that Richfield Springs Central School has approached ODY for their boys to join our modified soccer program. Richfield Springs will transport their students to and from practices. Trustee Tharp asked about insurance. Mr. Fazio and Mr. Brennan will check into it. This would be of no cost to ODY.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the agenda is amended to include item “c”. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the following was approved. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Nicholas Fazio, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Patrick Doody as Bus Monitor effective September 11, 2012, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour. This is a part-time position with no benefits.
- b. Accept the donation of \$1750.00 from the Van Hornesville Community Corporation designated for use in the summer program.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, appoint Mr. Jeffrey Busch, Guidance Counselor, as Co-coordinator for the Dignity for All Students Act.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Tharp thanked the District Clerk Marilyn Kennerknecht for compiling the list of past Board members back to the year 2000. Trustee Tharp asked Mr. Fahey if he found out about the training for substitutes in regards to the Dignity Act. Mr. Fahey will contact Laurie Hedges to find out if BOCES will be doing any kind of training. If they do not, he will bring in the same speaker who spoke to the faculty.

President Mayton-Collins received a text from Mr. Bill Miller asking when the Board would like him to come in. She will invite Mr. Miller to the October meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice President Mower told of an article concerning the failure rate of the internet colleges and hopes the Guidance Counselor is aware of this.

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Vice President Mower, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk