

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Monday, August 27, 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. Howard Lanphier arrived at 8:07 p.m.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas Fazio, Interim Superintendent; Brennan Fahey, Building Principal; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 4 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, 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.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approval of the meeting minutes of August 13, 2012
- b. Approve the resignation of Ms. Alicia Soper as Guidance Counselor effective September 12, 2012.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve Ms. Lisa Wilber and Mrs. Marianne Hunt for the After School Program with the same salary as last year.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Mr. Brennan Fahey, Building Principal and Ms. Alicia Soper, Guidance Counselor outlined the Discipline Code as it relates to the Code of Conduct and the changes needing to be made. The school's law firm is reviewing this document and will provide proper verbiage. After revisions are complete, a copy will go to all students and staff members. An informational session will be planned with the community for input.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Michelle Hula asked if there is any training for substitutes regarding the Dignity Policy. Mr. Fahey will check into this.

Mrs. Jackie Snyder asked if there will be a separate document in the student handbook regarding the Code of Conduct or was the entire student handbook sent to the lawyer. Mr. Fazio replied that the handbook was sent to make sure everything was in compliance. Mrs. Snyder also inquired whether there is any proactive pre character education built into the language of the code of conduct.

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss negotiations and particular vacant positions 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 9:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. VanHorne Scholarship Criteria – The document is not authored or dated. There are concerns from the public that there can be no change to this document. President Mayton-Collins asked whether we should get legal guidance as to whether the Board can make revisions. She also asked the Board if they would like a copy of the will and any correspondence connected to it. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- b. Meeting Room – The official Board meeting room will be in room 122.
- c. Board Member Resignation – It is with great regret that Trustee Lanphier is resigning due to his work schedule conflicting with meetings. President Mayton-Collins asked what action the Board would like to take in regard to holding a separate election, keeping the seat open or appointing someone. Trustee Tharp would like to think about the possibilities and whether former Board members that have experience would like to serve. No action will be taken tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. September 4th – There is an agenda for the day. Board members are invited to the continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. On opening day, Mr. Fazio and Mr. Fahey will be visiting each classroom.
- b. Enrollment is presently around 190 students.
- c. Elementary position – the committee will be interviewing five candidates tomorrow the 28th. The Guidance interviews will be on Thursday the 29th.
- d. Secretary position – Interviews have taken place and references are being checked.
- e. Interviews have taken place for the Bus Monitor position and they hope to make recommendations on Tuesday.
- f. Consultant Dates – After speaking with Mr. Vivaqua, it looks like the consultants may attend the September 24th meeting.
- g. House Repairs are in progress.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. Tax Rate discussion – Mrs. Rodriguez wanted to bring to everyone's attention the township rates.
- b. Fire Inspection Report – A fire inspection was done over the summer and there were no non-conformances.
- c. Bus Bond Closing Schedule – Based on the purchase of the bus which should arrive in October. The closing on the bond should be October 17th.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Budgetary Transfer in the amounts of \$58,709, \$14,527 and \$5399 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Trustee Tharp, the Budgetary Transfer in the amount of \$10,474 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Vice President Mower, the Pre-School Lease Agreement was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Trustee Tharp the Tax Rates were approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board Meeting Calendar was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Mower, the resolution to appoint Mr. Brennan Fahey as Dignity for All Students Coordinator was approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

President Mayton-Collins would like to set up a Special Meeting for Tuesday, September 4, at 3:45 p.m. for appointments.

Trustee Tharp inquired about the whereabouts of the curtains in the auditorium. She also asked Trustee Rogers if she had a chance to check whether the "district house" might be listed on the

historic list. Trustee Rogers called the New York Preservation office. They will be in the area in September and would like to do a “walk-thru” and would like input from the community. Trustee Rogers will keep everyone updated. Vice President Mower went over some of the definitions that were in the Dignity Act. President Mayton-Collins is delighted that enrollment figures are going up.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Hula inquired as to whether there is any information on the Shared Superintendent. President Mayton-Collins replied that Mr. Vivaqua has an ad in the paper for Part-time Interim and Part-time Superintendents.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Mayton-Collins thanked Trustee Lanphier for his service to the Board.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Mower, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk