

The Board proceeded to the Regular Meeting

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Mayton-Collins, George Mower, Natalia Rogers and Lawrence Snyder.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Lanphier

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas Fazio, Interim Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and three guests.

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Meeting Agenda was approved with an addition of item “b” under President’s Report and Executive Session is being moved before Action Items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There are no Consent Items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Michelle Hula inquired about the addition of a Teaching Assistant being changed to a Teacher. Interim Superintendent Fazio explained that it will be more cost effective in hiring a part-time certified English/History Teacher rather than hiring a full-time Teaching Assistant with benefits.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- a. Interim Superintendent Fazio handed out the timeline for interviews for the K-12 Principal position. Currently there are about fifty applicants. Mr. Fazio has not yet heard who will be filling the Music/PE positions since they are through BOCES.
- b. Mr. Fazio suggested the Board look at additional clerical help to support the Principal/Guidance. The Board agrees to look into the need for this position. This will be a civil service position. More information will be available at the next meeting.
- c. Mr. Fazio addressed the question regarding the Dignity Policy whether it needed parent input and found that it does not need parent input. Parental input is welcomed for the Code of Conduct.
- d. Policy Service update. Mr. Fazio has checked into “School Law” and found that school policies need to be added online. Since the Policy Manual has not been updated since 2005, Erie I will be updating the administrative and policy manuals. The Board will be kept apprised of this.
- e. Concussion Management Policy – This is a new policy. The 1st read is waived and the policy will be approved at the next meeting. All coaches will have to be certified. Mr. Cory Pike has gone online and is now certified in this area. Before a student can begin a sport, the parents will have to sign the form and all of the coaches will have to be certified.
- f. Otsego Land Trust - Mr. Fazio and Vice President Mower met with the geologist on the nature trail. Mr. Fazio is waiting to hear from Ms. Marcie Foster to see what is planned next.
- g. Mr. Fazio reported on the Special Education numbers. Sixteen are in the Resource Room, two that are indirect services, one language other than English. Seven students are housed outside the district.

- h. Staff Certification – One teacher has completed the courses and is waiting for the paperwork and one is completing their last course.
- i. Mr. Fazio reported on School Board Institute offerings.
- j. Mr. Fazio handed out regents results from the last five years. Trustee Tharp asked to receive the elementary ELA and math scores.
- k. Mr. Fazio asked what dates the Board would agree on to meet with the consultants. August 13 at 7:00 p.m. is being considered.
- l. The summer program began this week and is running smoothly.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. President Mayton-Collins spoke on the summer Substitute Cleaner that was tabled at the last meeting. She has questioned the need for this position. Mrs. Rodriguez reported that there are no scheduled vacations at this time. However, Mr. David Mayton who is half time transportation and half time custodian is busier in the summer with bus runs. Mrs. Rodriguez will bring a “punch” list to the next meeting.
- b. Meeting Room Discussion – Room 122 is being used for the summer program. Board meetings will be held in the auditorium until the summer program ends in August.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- a. Mrs. Rodriguez went over the draft Board meeting calendar. The budget and annual Budget hearing dates were also discussed. The date for the budget to be adopted is April 15, 2013.
- b. Mrs. Rodriguez outlined what duties would be shifted to someone else.

In a motion by Trustee Tharp, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and personnel.

In a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:46 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, in a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the 2nd read of the Dignity Act Policy (#7550) is waived and adopted.
- b. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, in a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the 2nd read of the Code of Conduct Policy (#2310) is waived and adopted.
- c. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, in a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the 2nd read of the Civility Policy (#8242) is waived and adopted.
- d. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, in a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, appoint Ms. Alicia Soper as Dignity Coordinator.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Rogers would like to see all K-6 students utilize the nature trail for learning purposes, such as during science classes.

Trustee Linda Tharp attended the Rural Schools Conference in Cooperstown and discussed highlights. She has asked Mrs. Rodriguez to download the information to share. Vice President Mower would like to see more of an emphasis in the math/science courses enabling

students to grasp math concepts such as Algebra, in order to ready themselves for othmath/science classes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Hula asked about the possibility of bringing back the morning program. She also questioned why the school does not participate in the DARE program. Mrs. Hula told about the Farm Show in September and how it could be used as an education tool for students .She asked whether there were any students attending summer school. Mrs. Hula also asked if there is any consideration in increasing substitute pay.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Rogers commented that she would like to see the morning program brought back. President Mayton-Collins asked if July 31st would be convenient for the Board and Mr. Fazio to meet as a farewell to Larry Snyder and welcome to Linda Tharp, tentatively at the Lake House in Richfield Springs. Interim Superintendent Fazio asked if the Board would like to wait until the Principal is hired to include him/her.

In a motion by Vice President Mower, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk