

**Board of Education  
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
May 4, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debra Bronner, Cathy Mayton-Collins,  
Matthew Jacoby and Mark Peters  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Keara Battisti,  
Assistant Principal, Jodie Rodriquez, Business Manager,  
Linda Bambara, District Clerk, and 10 guests.

President Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Vice President Jacoby, the meeting agenda of May 4, 2010 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

After adding corrections and modifications to the board minutes of March 24, 2010, March 31, 2010 and April 5, 201, in a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the consent agenda of May 4, 2010 was approved.

- a. Approval of Board Minutes for March 24 (revised), March 31, April 5, April 6, April 14, 2010
- b. Approval of March 2010 Financial Reports
- c. Authorize the School Business Administrator, Mrs. Rodriquez, to obtain a RAN not to exceed \$500,000 if needed
- d. Approve the following list of volunteers for the May 18, 2010 budget and board seat vote:  
Mrs. Linda Bambara - District Clerk to record proceedings  
Mr. Joseph Young - Voting machine operator  
Mrs. Marilyn Kennerknecht, Mrs. Margaret Jordan, Mrs. Mildred Merrick,  
Mrs. Linda Bambara, Mrs. Jodie Rodriquez, election registrars, and Mrs. Fran Dorantes, chairperson/election inspector to open and close the vote and act as a registrar

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mr. William Miller of Herkimer BOCES advised of the recent retreat and the implementation of three goals, which include 14 items, which will be established and provided to the board in the near future. Mr. William Miller also informed the board that BOCES did a self-assessment and that the results and their courses of action relative thereto will also be provided to the board. Mr. William Miller advised that the final bids were in and that the board meets on May 6<sup>th</sup> to accept the bids and that everything came in under projection. Mr. Miller asked that he be placed on the June calendar to once again, report any additional items to the board. Also, Mr. Miller discussed the recent ceremonies which took place, and will take place, at BOCES and extended an invitation to anyone wishing to attend upcoming ceremonies. Finally, Mr. Miller handed out a survey to be completed the board members at tonight's meeting. Noted that Board Clerk received all surveys from Board members.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

**Superintendent Keegan discussed her findings concerning any possible HCCC funding. Trustee Mayton-Collins asked for update specific to Linda Steven's grant efforts in restoring the HCCC funding. Superintendent Keegan stated that those efforts had not been successful. Superintendent Keegan advised the board of the September, 2010 Freshmen Orientation to be held at the Clark's Gym and advised that the monies to hold said orientation were obtained through grant money. Superintendent Keegan advised the board that the after hours prom party is not going to be held at the Clark Gym this year. Superintendent Keegan reported on the status of this year's graduation guest speaker(s). Assistant Principal, Keara Battisti, reported on the ELA and math testing administration dates.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

**President Debra Bronner and the board ensued in a lengthy discussion concerning the exit survey to be administered at the May 18, 2010 election.**

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

**None**

## **DISCUSSION TIME:**

**Trustee Mayton-Collins inquired as to whether the State School Report Cards were available for view by the public. Superintendent Keegan advised the board that the post cards with a synopsis of the STAR and contingency budget information is being mailed out separately from the budget newsletter.**

**Trustee Peters advised the board that certain community members are still not receiving the school's newsletter.**

**Vice President Jacoby asked whether the Van Horne Scholarship criteria has been updated.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**None**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

**Trustee Mayton-Collins advised that everything is in order for the Teacher Appreciation Day celebration to be held this Friday at 1:00 p.m. Additionally, Trustee Mayton-Collins thanked everyone who came together for the successful organization of the spaghetti dinner.**

**In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters the meeting of May 4, 2010 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Bambara, District Clerk**

