

**Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
March 24, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debra Bronner, Cathy Mayton-Collins, Thomas Kowall,
Matthew Jacoby and Mark Peters
OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager,
Linda Bambara District Clerk and 10 guests.

President Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After adding an Executive Session after Public Participation concerning updates on personnel, in a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the meeting agenda of March 24, 2010 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the consent agenda of March 24, 2010 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the board consented to

a. Approval of Board Minutes for March 10, 2010 with the revision under Discussion Time to include: Trustee Mayton-Collins was made aware that there had previously been a water meeting held and inquired as to why the board had not been informed of such meeting and was advised by Superintendent Keegan who attended the meeting that it merely was to review an engineer's report which did not necessarily pertain to the board. Trustee Mayton-Collins informed the board that she was identified as one of the Board's representatives for the Water project and continues to be willing to attend any meetings pertaining to the water project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the board consented to

b. Approval of February 2010 Financial Reports

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the board consented to

- c. Approve the Addition of Fort Plain True Value Hardware, 12 Willett St., For Plain, NY to the approved list of vendors**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vice President Jacoby requested that each CSE/CPSE Minutes report be enumerated and to include omitted reports as follows: March 5, 2010 (2 pgs.); March 10, 2010 (1 pg.); March 12, 2010 (2 pgs.); March 15, 2010 (1 pg.); March 16, 2010 (5 pgs.); and March 17, 2010 (1 pg.).

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters the board consented to

- d. Approval of CSE/CPSE Minutes with the above referenced changes and modifications.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Mrs. Celia Rathbun presented the board with an extraordinary overview of Video Streaming and Angel Online Classroom. Two former ODY graduates commented on their gratefulness that these technologies have been brought to the district inasmuch as they are currently utilizing the same in their college studies and believe that they will be a great asset to ODY graduates.

B. Mr. Cory Pike presented the board with a Fall Sports Presentation and informed the board that Richfield Springs would becoming a Section 4 within the sports program. Mr. Pike discussed the number of students he believed who would be returning from Richfield Springs and ODY relative to soccer team. He indicated that Richfield Springs would like to utilize their soccer field and requested that if the two school should once again combine their sports teams, that the Richfield field be used. Mr. Pike advised that the actual number of students participating in soccer would not be available until early May from Richfield Springs relative to the fall season. Coach Jerry Manning commented that he would support the combination of the two schools playing together. After a lengthy discussion by the board members it was brought to Mr. Pike's attention that changing from a Section 3 to 4 is a concern for ODY and he will discuss this matter with Richfield Springs and give the board an update report in the near future.

C. Mr. David Mayton of the Transportation Department gave an overview of all the school's busses, including but not limited to, current age of the buses, their mileage and their approximate bus routes. Mr. Mayton inquired as to whether the board would be willing to purchase a new bus inasmuch as the school would received 90% state aid over a 5 year period for the said purchase. Mr. Mayton further advised that the approximate trade

in value of the oldest bus (No. 84) with 98,000 miles would be \$18,500.00 and the purchase price of a new bus would be approximately \$99,000.00. A discussion ensued relative to the bus routes maintained by the drivers and Trustee Kowall ask if a late bus sign up sheet was in place thereby possibly being better able to plan the late bus usage and routes. Vice President Jacoby inquired as to the life expectancy of the buses and Mr. Mayton advised that he would do some research and get back to the board relative thereto.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Keegan advised that the Herkimer County Youth Bureau introduced the Treaty Program (Teaching Reconciliation in Education to Administrators, Teachers and Youth) and gave an overview which will be eligible to grades 5th through 8th.

Superintendent Keegan reported that the Teacher's Conference Day of March 19, 2010 went very well and the faculty was very enthusiastic. Superintendent Keegan also advised that the Curriculum Mapping in grades 7-12 seems to be going extremely well.

Superintendent Keegan discussed the Snow Day Give-Back with April 5, 2010 being a give-back date and the board decided that this matter would be placed under Action Items. In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the Snow Day Give-Back is to be placed under Action Items.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Bronner advised that the Herkimer BOCES Annual Meeting is to be held on April 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and that there are three vacancies.

President Bronner discussed the Teacher's Appreciation Day celebration and Trustee Mayton-Collins will be working with the Student Counsel and Keara Battisti concerning the same. Trustee Kowall also volunteered to assist the committee in their efforts to make this event successful.

President Bronner discussed the Town Water Board's recent meeting and review of the engineer's report. President Bronner advised that she will keep the board posted with any upcoming meetings or developments which she becomes aware of. Vice President Jacoby inquired as to the engineer's map and asked if there was a public area for the display of the same for the community's review. President Bronner will look into possibly obtaining a copy of the map for public display. Trustee Mayton-Collins would like the School Water Board to be kept apprized of all upcoming meetings regarding the water project. Vice President Jacoby asked that the meeting dates be placed into the school's newsletter.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Snow Day Give-Back of April 5, 2010

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters the board consented to April 5, 2010 as a Snow Day Give-Back day.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1

DISCUSSION TIME:

Trustee Mayton-Collins inquired as to whether the Drama Club advisors' stipend was shared and was advised that it was in fact shared between the two advisors. She also commented on how much time and effort the two advisors put forth relative to this club. Trustee Mayton-Collins advised that neighboring school districts attended the Utica National Award Ceremony and she would like the invitation extended to ODY board members for any upcoming award ceremonies as they are offered. Trustee Mayton-Collins inquired as to the status of the audit services contract and was advised that Business Manager, Jodie Rodriquez, would be discussing this matter at the April 14, 2010 meeting. Additionally, Trustee Mayton-Collins thanked President Bronner on the great job she did concerning the draft regionalization letter. Lastly, Trustee Mayton-Collins thanked Superintendent Keegan for her response to Trustee Peters' coaching stipend figures.

President Bronner advised that it was her understanding that any emails to legal consultants need to go through the Superintendent of School and the President of the Board of Education only. After a board discussion, Vice President Jacoby advised that the board would need to look into the policy concerning the circulation of email communications with legal counsel.

Vice President Jacoby reminded the board of their Fiscal Oversight workshop requirements and courses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the board entered into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for the purposes of updates of personnel.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall the board exited the Executive Session at 9:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Peters hopes that the soccer program with Richfield Springs happens.

Trustee Kowall thanked Superintendent Keegan for the presentations tonight.

Trustee Mayton-Collins asked if the board were going to hold a Special Meeting on March 31, 2010 at 7 p.m. as discussed at the budget meeting held earlier this evening.

Vice President Jacoby advised that he has some ideas regarding soccer fields at ODY. He will write them down. He would also like to use the Community Corporation land for the use of the soccer fields and he will make phone calls regarding this possibility and put together a power point.

President Bronner asks how far we are from other high school teachers using Angel online and Video Streaming. She notes that there would be many uses including research opportunities, etc.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall the meeting of March 24, 2010 adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bambara, District Clerk