

**Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
February 10, 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 8 guests.

President Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Vice President Jacoby, the meeting agenda of February 10, 2010 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Jacoby, the consent agenda of February 10, 2010 was approved.

- a. Approve Board Minutes for December 16, 2009 and January 27, 2010**
- b. Approve the Appointment of Mr. Cory Pike and Mr. Donald Monk as Modified Basketball Coaches for the 2010 season**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jackie Snyder inquired as to whether the coaches named in item b. of the Consent Agenda were coaching three winter sports. Superintendent Keegan directed Ms. Snyder to inquire with Mr. Pike relative to the same.

Ms. Sharon Galusha asked if the Board Meeting Agenda and Board Meeting Minutes could be posted on the school's website. President Bronner advised that she would try to post her requests. Secondly, Ms. Sharon Galusha asked if there was a budget workshop date set and was informed by President Bronner that to date no workshop has been scheduled due to the fact they are waiting for more information from the state so as to organize said workshop.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Herkimer County BOCES Board Trustee, Mr. Bill Miller, provided the board with a Salary Increase Data time line handout to the board members. Additionally, Mr. Miller applauded

the students who gave him a tour of Owen D. Young and was extremely impressed with the students' knowledge and history of the school. Superintendent Keegan advised that Myra Hoke and Andrew Sorensen were the students who presented the tour to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Mark Vivacqua, District Superintendent of Herkimer County BOCES presented an Administrative Budget Presentation and BOCES Update. In connection therewith, Mr. Vivacqua provided the board with a 2010-11 Budget handout depicting the administrative budget over a three year period. Mr. Mark Deierlein of BOCES also provided information relative to the liability account and its contents. Further, the board was informed that there will be a drastic increase to ODY in the amount of \$10,899 due to a 10% decrease in the population over the past few years.

Trustee Mayton-Collins entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m. during Mark Vivacqua's presentation and it was noted by Trustee Mayton-Collins that the ODY School District was noted to be one of 6 school districts in NYS commended for their fiscal oversight. The audit focused on the 2007-2008 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Keegan advised that Business Manager, Jodie Rodriguez, would be giving an overview of the RFP for External Auditing Services. Ms. Jodie Rodriguez showed samples of said reports and what exactly is being mailed out on February 12, 2010.

Concerning the 2010-11 budget Ms. Jodie Rodriguez informed the board that due to cuts in spending, a 1% increase can be expected in upcoming taxes. The board members discussed budget figures at length and was informed that there was a 6 ½% increase in health insurance costs.

Superintendent Keegan asked that a committee be formed to honor community members with cake, punch and an award certificate. Vice President Jacoby offered to head up the committee.

Superintendent Keegan advised that March 22, 2010 is the targeted snow day giveback day. Additionally, Superintendent Keegan provided the board with a Reminder/Days listed on adopted 2009-10 calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

None

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the board entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the purposes of personnel and negotiations discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board exited the Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mary Ann Pratt, R.N.L.M.T. as the Substitute School Nurse.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Kowall informed the board that due to family health issues that he would regretfully be withdrawing from the school Board of Trustees at the end of May, 2010. Trustee Mayton-Collins asked if Trustee Kowall would be willing to serve as Trustee until June 30, 2010 and Trustee Kowall advised that he would be willing to do so.

Trustee Peters asked that if Trustee Kowall needed anything in the future that he should not hesitate to contact the board.

Trustee Mayton-Collins advised that there is continual information concerning the budget arriving from Albany and commends Business Manager, Jodie Rodriguez, on her proposals. Also, Trustee Mayton-Collins asked whether the committee honoring community members would include students. Vice President Jacoby advised that they would consider the same. Further, Trustee Mayton-Collins asked whether the snow day giveback day was actual seat time and Superintendent Keegan asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next upcoming meeting.

Vice President Jacoby discussed a special election and/or whether the board would appoint a candidate to replace Trustee Kowall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Kowall expressed his excitement concerning the girls' upcoming volleyball game on Thursday and the boys' basketball season.

Trustee Mayton-Collins said that the public participation at the sporting events has been fabulous and reminded the board that the Senior ODY Boys' Recognition was this Friday.

Trustee Peters applauds the sports teams at ODY and the parent participation.

Vice President Jacoby thanked Trustee Kowall for his services and all of his hard work on the Board of Education.

President Bronner also thank Trustee Kowall for his dedication.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins the meeting of February 10, 2010 adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bambara, District Clerk