

**Board of Education  
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
January 27, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debra Bronner, Cathy Mayton-Collins, Thomas Kowall,  
Matthew Jacoby and Mark Peters  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Virginia Keegan, Assistant Principal Keara Battisti,  
Linda Bambara District Clerk and 5 guests.

**In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Vice President Jacoby, the board entered into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the board exited the Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**President Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the meeting agenda of January 27, 2010 was approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the consent agenda of January 27, 2010 was approved.**

- a. Approve the Financial Reports for December 2009**
- b. Approve Board Minutes for January 13, 2010**
- c. Approve CSE Amendment dated 1/22/10**
- d. Accept the Leave of Absence Request by Ms. Marrick McDonald through February 18, 2010**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Phillips thanked Superintendent Keegan for all of her efforts and help with the Owen D. Young School District.**

**Sharon Galusha inquired as to whether 7-10 grade students were required to participate in an extracurricular school activity. Superintendent Keegan informed Ms. Galusha that an extracurricular activity is not a requirement. Secondly, Sharon Galusha asked about last period club and class meetings held each Friday and she was informed by Superintendent Keegan that some clubs did hold their meetings and class meetings during the last period of the day on Fridays, however, it was not every Friday. Lastly, Sharon Galusha asked if**

there would be community input concerning Action Item VII of the agenda and President Bronner informed Ms. Galusha that the next round of discussions would include community input.

#### **DISTRICT PRESENTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Crystal Sweet, ODY Librarian gave a detailed overview via a Power Point presentation on the status of each and every grade level interaction between the library, teachers and students. Ms. Sweet also informed the board that she had applied for and received a Sylvan Dell Resource Grant towards ebooks.

Mr. Patrick Shepard also presented the board with a Power Point presentation relative to the Outward Bound and Odyssey Programs offered by the Clark Foundation. Mr. Shepard informed the board that the Outward Bound program was free to students who applied and were accepted into the program and further advised that the Odyssey program was at an approximate cost of \$1,200 to \$1,500 for those students who also applied and were accepted.

President Keegan thanked Ms. Sweet for her presentation and her excitement about the programs she has been involved in within the school's library. President Keegan also thanked Mr. Shepard for his wonderful presentation.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Superintendent Keegan reminded the board about the Herkimer County BOCES Administrative Budget Presentation to be held on February 10, 2010 at 8 p.m. at ODY.

Superintendent Keegan also gave a summary concerning the regionalization meeting of January 14, 2010 and informed the board that the next meeting is to be held on March 11, 2010.

Superintendent Keegan read an email which she received relative to the hard work and dedication that the ODY Boys' Basketball team has possessed throughout the years and their recent win.

A discussion ensued amongst the trustees relative to the regionalization meeting and their experiences. President Bronner asked that the board members provide Superintendent Keegan with their ideas and concerns regarding regionalization before the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the One-Year Extension of the Contract between the Board of Education and the Superintendent, Ms. Virginia A. Keegan.**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 1 - Trustee Mayton-Collins**

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mrs. Jackie Snyder inquired as to whether there were any physics regents course updates. Superintendent Keegan referred Mrs. Snyder to inquire with the school's guidance office. Mrs. Snyder also asked if there was an estimated graduation rate for this year and again, was informed to inquire with the school's guidance office relative thereto. Ms. Snyder asked if the school paid for any coach certifications and Superintendent Keegan advised her that the school did not pay for their certifications, but rather the coaches paid for their own.**

**Ms. Sharon Galusha inquired as to whether the board has begun budget figures yet and she was advised by President Bronner that no figures have been commenced to date. Ms. Galusha also asked if the school considered changing job descriptions in order to procure pay cuts and she was informed of no known changes to date. Further, Ms. Galusha asked if surrounding schools could share services in order to cut costs. President Bronner advised that there have been discussions relative to the same, but nothing has come to fruition. Ms. Galusha advised the board that the technical program offered at BOCES was an extremely difficult program and was not sure that the high school students were able to pass such program. Lastly, Ms. Galusha advised that she would like an HCCC Excel Program pamphlet.**

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

**Trustee Peters thanked Mr. Shepard and Ms. Sweet for their presentations.**

**Trustee Kowall thanked the school for the "Bullying in School" information that has been given to the students. Trustee Kowall also congratulated the boys' basketball team for their recent win. In addition, Trustee Kowall also thanked Ms. Sweet and Mr. Shepard for their time and presentment of their programs.**

**Trustee Mayton-Collins also thanked Ms. Sweet and Mr. Shepard for their staff dedication.**

**Trustee Mayton-Collins expressed the great coverage the Observer Dispatch did in covering the integrity of the ODY boys' basketball team.**

**Vice President Jacoby thanked Ms. Sweet and Mr. Shepard for this evenings presentations. Additionally, Vice President Jacoby commented that public participants are to direct their questions and concerns to the board and not the superintendent. Vice President Jacoby also thanked Superintendent Keegan for her leadership that she has provided the district for the past year.**

**President Bronner also thanked Ms. Sweet and Mr. Shepard for the exciting presentations. President Bronner congratulated the ODY teams on their recent wins.**

**In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters the meeting of January 27, 2010 adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Bambara, District Clerk**