

**Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
November 18, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debra Bronner, Cathy Mayton-Collins, Thomas Kowall,
Matthew Jacoby and Mark Peters

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Keara Batisti, Assistant
Principal, Jodie Rodriquez, Business Manager,
Linda Bambara, District Clerk and 4 guests.

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Kowall, the board entered into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the board exited the Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the meeting agenda of November 18, 2009 was amended to include an Executive Session prior to Action Items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the meeting agenda of November 18, 2009 was amended to take out letter “f” of the consent agenda and move letter “g” to Action Items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the meeting agenda of November 18, 2009 was approved with the above referenced changes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters, the consent agenda of November 18, 2009 was approved.

- a. Approved the Board of Education Minutes for October 14, 2009; October 28, 2009; and Special Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2009.**
- b. Approved the Financial Reports for October 2009.**
- c. Approved the CSE Minutes.**
- d. Approved the Tax Collector’s Report.**
- e. Approved the Budget Calendar for 2009.**

- h. Approved Updated Substitute List.**
- i. Rescinded the Appointment of Ms. Marrick McDonald as a Teacher Mentor for Ms. Crystal Sweet.**
- j. Accepted the Resignation of Mr. Milton Wheeldon, J.V. Basketball Coach.**
- k. Approved the Appointment of Mrs. Kathy Staruck, as a Scorekeeper.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Pashley inquired as to the addition of an English teacher and was informed that this position was simply a substitute teaching position and not the addition of new personnel.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Robert Copeland of the Capital Management Company advised that the Van Horne Scholarship Fund has shown an 18% increase in funds and was very excited about the fund's growth. Mr. Copeland would like some feedback from the board concerning the amount of monies needed in order to fund any upcoming scholarships to be disbursed.

Mr. Robert Hage, Guidance Counselor, provided the board with a handout relative to the following areas:

- * Board Communications;**
- * Power School;**
- * 7th Grade Invitation to the Close-Up/Healthy Heart Program sponsored by Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital;**
- * First Quarter Marking Period - Update; and**
- * HCCC Excel Program - Update.**

Mr. Hage informed the board that it is critical that the teachers and staff need to take responsibility for the ODY students' "social maturity" inasmuch as he feels our students are falling short in this area.

Trustee Mayton-Collins congratulated Mr. Hage on the number of senior college acceptances to date.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Keegan advised that the Veterans Day Recognition Program was a success and was proud of the students who recognized the veterans during this program.

Superintendent Keegan requested that a Budget Committee be formed with a couple of board members and members of the community as a matter of checks and balances. After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that such a committee be formed and the same be

advertised in the school's paper, The Herkimer Evening Telegram for any community members so willing to participate on the Budget Committee. The duties of the committee will commence on January 13th, 2010 and the committee is invited to attend all scheduled board meetings.

Superintendent Keegan requested the development of an Audit Committee. Mrs. Rodriquez advised that the RFP needs to be completed by December. Mrs. Rodriquez further advised the board to refer to her email concerning the same. Additionally, Mrs. Rodriquez will provide the board members with the 2005 RFP that was actually used for reference.

Superintendent Keegan advised of the Public Information Meeting on the Water System which is to be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Van Hornesville Community Center.

President Bronner advised that she will respond to a letter addressed to the Water Board from Mr. Swider of the NYS Department of Health.

Superintendent Keegan provided the board with a copy of the Attendance Policy outlined in our Student/Parent Handbook together with a copy of the District's Policy.

Trustee Mayton-Collins asked that §104.1(i) and 2.v of the Attendance Policy be reconciled with our Student/Parent Handbook.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Bronner provided the board with a BOCES handout concerning Utilizing Web 2.0 Tools to Increase Writing Literacy.

Additionally, President Bronner asked if any individual board members would like to participate in the Gram Lorraine Project which provides Christmas gifts to those in need.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Jacoby, the board entered into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the board exited the Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

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

change in appointment for Mr. David Mayton from full-time Head Bus Driver to Head Bus Driver/Custodian 50/50.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Mayton-Collins agreed on the reconciliation of the Attendance Policy with the Student/Parent Handbook.

Additionally, Trustee Mayton-Collins commented on the wonderful news about the ability to provide Van Horne Scholarships to ODY students and asked that the district make all eligible students aware of the same and any and all guidelines relative thereto.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Kowall asked that the board move forward on trust issues with the community.

Trustee Mayton-Collins commented that she has additional handouts concerning Policy - Board Meetings.

Vice President Jacoby thanked Mr. Hage relative to his phenomenal guidance and hopes that the public and staff at ODY recognize his efforts. Additionally, Vice President Jacoby thanked the board for their thought provoking comments at this meeting.

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall the meeting of November 18, 2009 adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bambara, District Clerk