

**Board of Education  
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
October 28, 2009**

**Regular Meeting - Auditorium**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Keara Battisti, Assistant Principal, Linda Bambara, District Clerk and 3 guests.

Vice President Jacoby called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A light fare was presented to the board members for their hard work and dedication which was sponsored by the VHTA.

Mr. Miller of BOCES gave an overview of the Capital Project progress. He advised that the welding lab was almost complete, the phone system was installed, and all personnel have been trained relative thereto. Additionally, Mr. Miller advised that the College Day held at BOCES was a big success. Lastly, Mr. Miller advised that Mark Vivaqua will be appointed on November 12 as the new BOCES District Superintendent and his duties will commence on November 13.

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters the meeting agenda of October 28, 2009 the meeting agenda was amended to include an Executive Session at number II of the meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board entered into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board exited the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The consent agenda approval was acted upon by each individual item as follows:

a. Trustee Mayton-Collins requested that the Board of Education minutes of October 14, 2009 be amended as follows: the last paragraph on page "3" - a new paragraph after the first sentence followed by the language "Specifically, regarding material received by Superintendent Keegan a discussion....".

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the Water Board

minutes for October 14, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the Financial Reports for September, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Trustee Peters asked that the stipend amounts be included in the Consent Agenda for the appointment of school personnel.

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Erica Pike as Cheerleading Advisor for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$2,040.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. After a discussion relative to coach certification requirements, Superintendent Keegan gave an overview of the course requirements. Vice President Jacoby inquired as to whom would pay for the course certifications required and was informed that the individuals applying for said positions would be required to pay their own course fees.

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Donald VanValkenburg as the Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$3,788.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Milton Wheeldon as the J.V. Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$2,742.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Crouse as the Boys' Modified Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$914.

Ayes: 3

Abstained: 1

g. In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Donald Monk as the Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$2,191.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Cory Pike as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$2,040.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved the appointment of Ms. Anna Wilder as the Girls' Modified Volleyball Coach for the 2009-10 season pending Regional Certification Officer's approval. The stipend for said position will be \$960.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

j. In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Ms. Anna Wilder as the Gatekeeper for the 2009-10 season. The stipend for said position will be \$71.86 per night.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

k. In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Jason Doell as a Scorekeeper for the 2009-10 season. The stipend for said position will be \$25 per game.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

l. In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Christopher Hutchinson as a Time Clock Keeper for the 2009-10 season. The stipend for said position will be \$25 per game.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Robert Hage as a Teacher Mentor. The stipend for said position will be \$400.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

n. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board approved the CSE Minutes of September 30, 2009 and October 20, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

o. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved the K-12 Early Dismissal on November 16, 2009 at 11:50 a.m. for parent/teacher conferences.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

p. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Kowall, the board authorized the issuance of a serial bond for the purchase of one school bus in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$81,000; approved by the taxpayers of the district on May 19, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

q. In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the board accepted Change Orders to the Excel Project as follows:

1. Number 001, Titan Roofing \$2,238. (credit)
2. Number 001, Advanced Power & Light \$3,815 (credit); and
3. Number 001, HJ Brandeles Corp. \$5,000 (credit)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jackie Snyder was glad to hear that the taxpayers are not paying for the appointed personnel's certification courses.

Allen Galusha presented the board members with gifts of appreciation on behalf of the Student Counsel.

Superintendent Keegan, Assistant Principal Keara Battisti, and Business Administrator Jodie Rodriquez also presented the board members with gifts for their dedication and hard work.

## **DISTRICT PRESENTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

A. Stoop Repair at Front Entrance - Jodie Rodriquez will talk with Beebe Construction and inquire as to whether they will be able to use their own subcontractor for the necessary repairs and utilize excess Excel monies for said repairs. Additionally, Jodie Rodriquez will contact the architect to discuss this issue. Further discussions ensued and it was agreed that the school go ahead with Option "2" of the Beebe correspondence dated September 8, 2009 in the sum of \$9,400.

B. Stair Treads - A question arose as to whether the treads are under any type of warranty. Jodie Rodriquez advised that she will contact Mr. Donald Monk and discuss the matter of warranty with him and report back to the board.

C. Community Use of Building - After a discussion regarding the usage of the building by the community, it was decided that the board would set a fee for building usage outside of routine building hours.

D. Electronic Communications Between Board Members - Discussions took place concerning this matter and a handout was given to the board members concerning Communication Among Individual Board Members.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Jacoby provided a handout from the School Board Institute relative to the

November 19 General Membership meeting featuring Regent Anthony S. Bottar.

Additionally, Vice President Jacoby informed the members that there will be a *Contract Negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation* seminar to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Stoop and stair tread repair items were discussed previously under the Superintendent's Report.

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Kowall, the board approved a \$1 per event building usage fee for the use of the building by the community outside of regular school hours.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

Trustee Peters asked the administration for child recognition of the completion of their sporting event.

Trustee Mayton-Collins asked if the school had to report weekly concerning attendance during the virus season. Superintendent Keegan informed that there have been no additional rulings whatsoever concerning attendance records, but will keep close tabs on this issue.

Trustee Mayton-Collins also asked if letters had been or will be sent out to students who are being taught by teachers outside of their certification.

Trustee Jacoby asked that a congratulation card be sent to the new District Superintendent of BOCES, Mark Vivaqua, and thank you cards to the Student Council and Teachers Association for their thoughtful gifts.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jackie Snyder asked for confirmation of one case of the H1N1 virus within our school district and was informed by Superintendent Keegan that it was related to the community in the School's Newsletter.

Jackie Snyder further inquired whether Cathy Godlewski had been contacted regarding the teaching certifications relative to the coaching positions. Superintendent Keegan advised that she will contact Ms. Godlewski concerning the same.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Kowall advised that his daughter had positive feedback about the October 27<sup>th</sup> ODY celebration.

Trustee Mayton-Collins congratulated Keara Battisti for all her efforts and hard work

concerning the ODY school-wide celebration. Additionally, Trustee Mayton-Collins advised that the ODY alumni is interested in sharing their ODY stories and the Owen D. Young legacy.

Trustee Peters thanked the Student Council and the Teachers Association for their gifts of gratitude.

Vice President Jacoby thanked Trustee Mayton-Collins for all of her help in the October 27<sup>th</sup> celebration.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the meeting of October 28, 2009 adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda T. Bambara, District Clerk