

Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
August 31, 2009

Special Meeting - Auditorium

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Keara Battisti, Assistant Principal, Linda Bambara, District Clerk and 5 guest.

President Bronner called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

In a motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins the meeting agenda was amended to add an executive session prior to the action items pertaining to the review of the Business Administrator's contract. Relative to the action items, it was requested that item "C", acceptance of Non-Resident Student Policy be moved to the September 9, 2009 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An area resident attended the board meeting to voice his opinion on the increase in his school property tax bill and President Bronner advised him that this was not a Board of Education matter, but rather he should contact the Assessment Board for answers to any and all questions relative to the same. Secondly, an area resident complained that he did not receive his school tax bill and again, was directed to contact the Assessment Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Keegan announced that Mr. Pike would be speaking relative to the ODY and Richfield Springs modified soccer program. Mr. Pike said that there were approximately 5 Richfield Springs students interested in playing modified soccer on the ODY team and thought it was a good idea. Because of the increase in numbers, however, there may be two teams, "A" and "B". Further Mr. Pike discussed the possibility of ODY and Richfield Springs combining the girls' soccer teams. Superintendent Keegan noted that transportation logistics have not been worked out yet, but are in the process of doing so. Mr. Pike added that there would be no additional costs for the combination of the two teams. Trustee Peters would like to see an open communication with Richfield Springs regarding to all sporting events including, but not limited to, softball and baseball. Superintendent Keegan suggested that the late bus be changed from 4:40 p.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate all academic and sporting events. A map depicting all bus routes was provided by David Mayton and a review of said map will be discussed at the September 9, 2009 meeting. Trustee Mayton-Collins suggested that the route departing from school upon school's dismissal should be reversed and allow the children to be dropped off at Cherry Valley-Springfield first in order to allow them more practice time. Superintendent

Keegan was happy to say that the school has received 100% funding for the water project. Assistant Principal Keara Battisti gave an update relative to the dance program and advised that Alma Curtis was the contact person for said program. The dance program will be open to all children in the community. Vice President Jacoby would like ideas on an efficient manner in which to advertise the dance program. Superintendent Keegan gave an update on the College Now Program and would like to treat this program in the same manner in which the HCCC program is treated. Superintendent Keegan advised that the Power School training session will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Superintendent Keegan also noted that there was a remarkable turnout organized by the Historical Society's relative to the school's walk-through on Sunday. Additionally, Superintendent Keegan notified the board of the resignation of Arleen M. Cullen the Library Media Specialist with regret but informed that Ms. Cullen agreed to work until September 30, 2009 as per her contract.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bronner discussed the school's possible enrollment as a member of the National School Board Association and provided the board with media relative to upcoming workshops. Relative to the Proposal - Letter Form of Agreement dated June 19, 2009 concerning the water project, Vice President Jacoby will email Mr. Woodruff concerning any "additional costs" referred to in said Proposal, and if necessary, a Water Board meeting via telephone conference may be held prior to the September 9, 2009 meeting.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the board exited the Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins; BE IT RESOLVED the board approved the Business Administrator's Contract provided that the correction in "3(b)" is made prior to President Bronner's signature.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters; BE IT RESOLVED that the board approved accept the Resignation of Ms. Arleen Cullen, Library Media Specialist, effective September 30, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters; BE IT RESOLVED that the board accept Agreement for Engineering Services Evaluation by Lamont Engineering for the Existing Water System.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall; BE IT RESOLVED that the board approve the Combination of ODY and Richfield Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer for the fall 2009 season.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Jacoby; BE IT RESOLVED that the board approve the Combination of ODY and Richfield Springs Boys' Modified Soccer for the fall 2009 season.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Mayton-Collins thanked Mr. Hage in facilitating the MOREC and Power School training.

Relative to the 80th Anniversary of ODY Trustee Mayon-Collins would like to extend an invitation to area organizations including, among others, the Historical Society and the Van Horn Community Corp. Finally, Trustee Mayon-Collins would like to see a space for a contact email address on the child's contact information form as a means of getting information as quick as possible to parents and students.

Vice President Jacoby would like to initiate a "great job" recognition program to area personnel for their hard work in the community. A suggestion would be Town Supervisors for snow removal, etc. Additionally, Vice President Jacoby would like the 80th Anniversary of ODY to be put on the calendar and a committee be appointed to get started on the festivities.

Trustee Peters would like confirmation that there are no duplicate coaches between ODY and Richfield Springs relative to the combination of sporting events.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jackie Snyder inquired as to the salary attached to the Business Administrator's contract. President Bronner informed the salary to be \$76,000.00 per year.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Kowall would like to thank Mr. McMillan for a job well done relative to the 7th grade orientation held this evening and commented on how clean the school looks for the first day back to school.

Trustee Mayton-Collins would like a master calendar to be put into place by the board for each meeting to track upcoming deadlines and events.

Vice President Jacoby commented on the wonderful Sunday brunch that was give on behalf of

Ms. Tiffany Nesbitt in Cooperstown.

In a motion by Trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Trustee Peters, the meeting of August 31, 2009 adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda T. Bambara, District Clerk