

**Board of Education  
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
August 20, 2009**

**Regular Meeting - Auditorium**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Keara Battisti, Assistant Principal, Tiffany Nesbitt, Business Administrator, Jodie Rodriquez, new Business Administrator, Linda Bambara, District Clerk and 1 guest.

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

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters the meeting agenda was amended to add an executive session regarding the personnel art position and additionally to add an executive session after board comments for personnel superintendent's evaluation. Relative to the action items, it was requested that the tax warrant be corrected from 2008-09 to 2009-10. Also, under President's Report it was suggested that an item "B" included involving a workshop goal setting discussion. Lastly, item "e" to be removed from the consent agenda and this matter be discussed singularly and voted on.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to the vote on the consent agenda, Trustee Mayton-Collins began a discussion regarding substitute service by BOCES.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Katie Perue.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Kowall, the consent of "e", approval of the appointment of Mr. Leland Collins, as the modified girls' soccer coach for the 2009-10 season was approved. Vice-President Jacoby asked if coaching stipends were a set amount. Response by Superintendent Keegan was that they follow the teachers' contract.

Ayes: 4      Abstained: 1

In a motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowll, the consent agenda of August 20, 2009 was approved.

- a. Approve Board of Education Minutes for July 29, 2009 and August 1, 2009
- b. Approve the Financial Reports for July, 2009
- c. Accept letter of resignation from Ms. Katie Perue, art teacher, effective July 31, 2009 (tabled from August 1, 2009, Special Board Meeting)
- d. Approve the appointment of Mr. Cory Pike as the modified boys' soccer coach for the 2009-10 season

- f. Approve the hiring of substitutes validated by the Herkimer BOCES substitute service for the 2009-10 school year; with final approval by the superintendent

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - none

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Superintendent Keegan invited new employees to come to the first Board of Education meeting in September and the board asked that teacher presentations also begin in September. Ms. Nesbitt reviewed the fund balance. Further discussion ensued regarding fund balance. Ms. Nesbitt thereafter reviewed the tax warrants. Superintendent Keegan initiated the *First reading* of Non-Resident Tuition Policy. The board conducted a discussion relative to long term substitutes. There was a review of the Herkimer County Community College Contract/Handbook by the Board of Education, minor revisions were noted. The Non-Resident form is available online at the Herkimer County Community College website. Clarification on only paying for high school credit was discussed. Vice-President Jacoby asked that the new HCCC document to include a revised date. There was a discussion by the board regarding the growth of the Excel program and the future of the program. Superintendent Keegan gave an update on the Excel Construction project. Trustee Peters began a discussion pertaining to the afterschool activities program regarding the late bus. Superintendent Keegan advised that the activities program ends at 4:35 p.m. and the late bus will be at 4:40 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Bronner advised that someone needs to take minutes as a clerk pro-tem and Trustee Mayton-Collins offered to take said minutes.

A motion was made by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall that an item "D" be added to the action items to appoint Trustee Mayton-Collins as Clerk Pro-tem.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President Bronner suggested that a workshop relative to goal setting/dates and long-term planning be scheduled. It was decided that a tentative date would be September 29, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice-President Jacoby, the board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins, the board exited the Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ACTION ITEMS**

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters; BE IT RESOLVED the board approved Fund Balance transfer to Reserve Fund as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Mayton-Collins; BE IT RESOLVED that the board approved the 2009-2010 Tax Warrant and Tax Levy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall; BE IT RESOLVED that the board approved the appointment of Ms. Angela Becofsky, K-12 Art Teacher on Step 2, at an annual salary of \$33,954 which includes a stipend for a Master's degree and benefits per the Teachers' Association contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Peters; BE IT RESOLVED that Trustee Mayton-Collins be appointed clerk pro-tem.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

Trustee Peters requested going forward to ensure timely and clear information is free flowing between the board and the community.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Mayton-Collins thanked Mr. Hage on behalf of the board for his work relative to visiting families, preparing for senior night and acquiring textbooks for the HCCC Excel program.

Vice-President Jacoby apologized on behalf of the board to Ms. Jackie Snyder relative to the board training session being advertised on the outside bulletin board as a workshop. Additionally, Vice-President Jacoby expressed his desire that the Herkimer Evening Telegram be a good source for reporting the school's sporting events and sport scores.

Superintendent Keegan discussed back-to-school mailings and its contents which are going out

to the parents..

President Bronner agreed with extending apologies with regard to the advertisement of the training session.

In a motion by Vice-President Jacoby, second by Trustee Kowall, the board entered into Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_(?) p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice-President Jacoby, the board exited the Executive Session at 11:28 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Kowall, second by Trustee Peters, the meeting of August 20, 2009 adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes transcribed by Linda T. Bambara,  
District Clerk  
Minutes taken by Tiffany Nesbitt, Business Administrator