

**Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
July 29, 2009**

Regular Meeting - Auditorium

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent, Tiffany Nesbitt, Business Administrator, Linda Bambara, District Clerk and 4 guests.

President Bronner called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

In a motion by trustee Kowall, second by trustee Mayton-Collins the meeting agenda was amended to include a facility tour relative to the Capital Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

After an on-site tour of the facility, Don Monk asked for suggestions relative to the front step repair. Following suggestions by the board, Don Monk, will obtain a few different price quotes on the ideas suggested by the board and report once this information has been received.

In a motion by trustee Jacoby, second by trustee Mayton-Collins, the consent agenda of July 29, 2009 was approved.

- a. Approve Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2009
- b. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2009
- c. Approve CSE Minutes of July 14, 2009
- d. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Tiffany Nesbitt, School Business Administrator, effective August 15, 2009
- e. Approve the Appointment of Mr. Gerald Manning as the Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2009 fall season
- f. Approve the Appointment of Mr. Richard Edick as the Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2009 fall season
- g. Approve the appointment of Mrs. Dara Yastremski, RN, to the fulltime position of School Nurse, starting salary of \$25,767 - plus benefits per the Service Unit Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Thomas Shipski of the Herkimer BOCES board thanked everyone for their support. Additionally, he suggested that the open communication between the Richfield Springs and ODY school districts remain as strong as it has been in the past. Mr. Shipski invited anyone interested in attending the BOCES board meeting to attend on the first and third Wednesdays of the month as well as the Oneida Madison Herkimer Counties' upcoming workshop.

Mr. William Miller of Herkimer BOCES reported on the amount of students who participated in the summer BOCES program and thereafter presented a BOCES Capital Project update. Mr.

Miller commented on the superintendent search process and left the board with a year-end goals handout.

Mr. Robert Copeland of Mohawk Valley Capital Management gave an overview of the Van Horne Scholarship Fund status. He stated that from July 2008 to July 2009 there was an 11% decrease in gains, however, during the period of March 31, 2009 through July 28, 2009 there has been a 5% increase. He requested that the board allow him the same leeway that they have in the past relative to investments, but noted that he would retain a cash buffer in the amount of \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00 which will not be invested. Mr. Copeland informed the board that he would attend the October 29th meeting with an update, but in the interim, he will provide monthly financial updates relative to any and all investments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Keegan pointed out the sign up sheet to the OHM BOCES NYSSBA Convention Transportation to New York City. In addition, Keegan gave a brief positive comment on her recent trip to San Francisco where she attended the "Gear-Up" program convention. Thereafter, Keegan and the Board discussed a decided to review the policy for non-resident students who are desirous of attending ODY at the next meeting which would include eligibility guidelines. There was an overview of the June 2009 Regents Report. A brief discussion ensued relative to the school's meal prices followed by an update of the MOREC system. There will be an all day training workshop held on September 1, 2009 by MOREC technicians.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bronner discussed the long-term planning and a meeting on this issue will be held on August 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the library. This meeting will entail setting goals for the upcoming year and long term. President Bronner would like to form a committee relative to the following areas: 1) financial; 2) facility/grounds; and 3) ODY's 80th graduation. President Bonner commented on her desire to celebrate this milestone throughout the entire year.

President Bronner asked that a Van Horne Scholarship liaison be appointed relative to procedure and protocol for said scholarships. Vice President Jacoby volunteered to act as the liaison.

President Bronner elects to hold a meeting on August 24th concerning Superintendent evaluation.

Trustee Mayton-Collins expressed a concern that no "side" meetings take place amongst board members and the Superintendent. There must be minutes taken and distributed to all board member for each and every meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by Vice President Jacoby, second by trustee Mayton-Collins; BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the combination of ODY and

Richfield Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer for the fall 2009 season.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by trustee Mayton-Collins, second by Vice President Jacoby; BIT IT RESOLVED that the school's meal prices shall be increased to the follows prices: breakfast - 70¢; student lunch - \$1.35; adult lunch - \$3.00; and milk 30¢.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Thomas Kowall requested he be provided with prior years' board workshop materials.

President Bronner expressed the desire that board member and teachers who attend workshops give a brief presentation of the event at the board meetings. Additionally, a workshop has been scheduled for August 20th at 2:00 p.m. followed by a board meeting at 7:00 p.m. as opposed to the regularly scheduled board meetings for the month of August.

Trustee Mayton-Collins said the summer program was greatly received this year and would like the open swim hours to be posted on a sandwich board in front of the school.

Vice President Jacoby suggested that the board meeting agenda be placed in a drop box located out front of the school possibly attached to the upcoming event board anyone's interest. Vice President Jacoby added that he would present a power point presentation in September for his attendance at the Summer Law Conference.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Mayton-Collins commented on her attendance at the upcoming Financial Oversight workshop to be held on August 19th in Latham, NY.

Vice President Jacoby commented on what a great paint job on the School's auditorium.

Superintendent Keegan pointed out the new energy efficient light bulbs that have been placed throughout the school.

President Bronner and the board discussed a possible date for an emergency meeting in the upcoming week and Monday, August 3rd at 8:00 a.m. was agreed upon concerning appointment of personnel.

In a motion by trustee Mayton-Collins, second by trustee Peters, the meeting of July 29, 2009 adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Linda T. Bambara
District Clerk

followed by a board vote to increase said prices.

The Superintendent Recommends a RESOLUTION: Motion by trustee Mayton-Collins, second by trustee Tom Kowall; BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will increase the school meal prices as follows: breakfast will be increased by 10¢; student lunches will be increased by 25¢; and the

reported on her recent trip to San Francisco relative to the meeting on the

