

**Owen D. Young Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 13, 2023**

*The mission of the Owen D. Young Central School is to provide an excellent educational environment in which all students can achieve success and become contributing citizens.*

**Minutes**

President Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Quendryth Marshall; President	Holly Pullis; Vice President	Ethan Durham; Trustee
Paul Kennerknecht; Trustee	George Mower; Trustee	Brennan Fahey; Superintendent
Fred Seifried; Treasurer	Jenn Jones; District Clerk	Patrick Doody; Bus Driver/Community Member

The Board reviewed the Agenda for February 13, 2023 and found a conflict under the Monthly Activities. The Board also reviewed the minutes from January 9, 2023 and found them to be correct.

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Vice President Pullis, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:33pm.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:30pm.

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for December 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved items a-d listed below.

- a. Approve 2023-24 District Calendar
- b. Approve ODY students participating in the Richfield Clay Targeting Club with Richfield Springs for Spring 2023.
- c. Approve Resolution authorizing district to participate in Oswego County BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- d. Approve items for disposal dated 2-13-23

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

The Board discussed dates noted on the proposed 2023-24 District Calendar.

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved the first reading for Policy Numbers 4300 – Borrowing Funds, 4301 – Investments Policy, 4302 – Insurance, 4303 – Reserve Funds, 4400 – Audit Committee, 4401 – Annual Audit, 4402 – Auditing Claims for Payment, 4403 – Medicaid Billing Compliance, 4500 – General Procurement Standards, 4501 Competitive Bidding, 4502 – Non-Bidding Purchasing, 4503 – Sale of Surplus Property, 4504 – Purchase Orders, 4505 – Accounting of Fixed Assets, Inventory and Tracking, 4506 – Use of Federal Funds for Political Expenditures, 4507 – Procurement – Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards, 8500 – Special Education Programs and Services

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

The Board discussed grammar corrections, and clarification of language. Vice President Pullis discussed a recent change that BOCES made to Policy 4502 that she recommended ODY look into.

President Marshall discussed the Booster Club and the success of the winter sports season as it wraps up, passing on compliments from the community.

Vice President Pullis updated the Board on the recent BOCES meeting reviewing their Capital Project, Superintendent search, and the upcoming Budget Presentation. She then went on to inform the Board that the FFA was able to send their first member to a Leadership Development Event and were very successful. Vice President Pullis shared that Ag Literacy Week is coming up in March, and that she is planning an agriculture lesson with Mr. Dando. Vice President Pullis concluded that she has been approached by community members regarding communication from the school about staffing changes and the potential need for virtual days. She reminded the Board of their goal to improve communication with the community.

Trustee Mower shared a news article regarding Florida education changes. He believes he is seeing a trend of attacking history education and is concerned that may spread to other states.

Trustee Durham shared that the boys modified basketball season ended well with an 8:2 record. He shared that he would like to work on open gym again to help students understand the basics before they join modified.

The Board discussed the bus driver shortage and the schools recruiting strategies, noting that they contracted one run out to Bernie Bus. Superintendent Fahey briefed the Board that ODY may have to cancel some after school runs because of a lack of drivers, that the school is already utilizing sub drivers and will continue to do so, and that some athletic runs have been filled by Richfield Springs. The Board discussed the obligations the school has to students and community to provide adequate bussing options and how to fill those needs for next year. The Board directed Mr. Fahey to gather information on the cost and practical concerns of using an outside company to fill bussing requirements.

Upon a motion by Trustee Durham, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board added a second Privilege of the Floor to the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

Patrick Doody addressed the Board with concerns he had regarding communication between bus drivers and the school, and that he believes the Bernie driver(s) was not being held to the same safety standards as the rest of the drivers until this past week.

The Board discussed the subject of electric buses concluding that it would be better to start preparing now rather than after the state issues a deadline. The Board discussed infrastructure needs and directed Superintendent Fahey to find more information about what would be required.

Superintendent Fahey briefed the Board on the progress of the Capital Project and the Capital Outlay Project.

Mr. Seifried shared a letter from the DMV regarding a transportation audit that was recently conducted, and the deficiencies that were found. He also laid out the process for contesting these deficiencies noting that the cost of doing so may be just as costly as paying the fine. The Board directed Mr. Seifried to pay the fine rather than contest the findings.

Mr. Seifried shared with the Board an overview of the supply request lists from teachers and different departments in the school. He went on to ask if the Board would like to renew the Science Enrichment program contract, to which he was answered yes. The Board discussed the benefits of the program. Mr. Seifried concluded by sharing a breakdown of the 22-23 budget so far as well as a tentative outline of the 23-24 proposed budget. The Board directed Mr. Seifried to continue building the 23-24 budget, that he is on the right track reiterating they will not exceed a 2% tax levy increase.

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved the CES/CPSE recommendations dated February 13, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

The Board discussed the Athletics report asking for a breakdown of numbers for spring sports sign-ups.

Upon a motion by Trustee Mower, seconded by Trustee Kennerknecht, the Board approved the Personnel Report dated February 13, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

Upon a motion by Vice President Pullis, seconded by Trustee Mower, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm. **MOTION CARRIED 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenn Jones, District Clerk

### **PERSONNEL REPORT, February 13, 2023**

As recommended by Superintendent Brennan Fahey, the Board approve the appointments and accept the resignations, as listed in the Personnel Report, noting the salary, certification, and tenure status of all appointees, as appropriate.

#### 1. Appointments:

- a. Name: Heather Edwards
- Position: 4 year Probationary appointment – Elementary K-6
- Effective Dates: February 10, 2023- February 9, 2027
- Salary: Step 4 per contract pro-rated for remainder of 2022-23 school year.

“RESOLVED that Ms. Edwards is hereby appointed on a probationary basis in the tenure area of Elementary K-6 with the understanding that the named individual does hold New York State certification appropriate to or required for that position; that the probationary appointment shall commence on February 10, 2023; as based on ratings derived in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.”

- b. Name: Suzanne Giachetti
- Position: District Health/Medical Coordinator
- Effective Dates: 2022-2023 school year
- Salary: Stipend - \$7,000

#### 2. Probationary Appointment Extension:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Owen D. Young Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves extending the probationary appointment of Richelle Van Volkenburg for a period of one year, to September 1, 2024, due to a requested unpaid leave for the 2022-23 school year.

#### 3. Correction:

- a. Name: Cory Pike
- Position: 4 year Probationary appointment – Assistant Principal
- Effective Dates: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2024
- Salary: per contract

“RESOLVED that Mr. Pike is hereby appointed on a probationary basis in the tenure area of Assistant Principal with the understanding that the named individual does hold New York State certification appropriate to or required for that position; that the probationary appointment shall commence on September 1, 2020; as based on ratings derived in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.”

#### 4. Substitutes:

- a. Fern Bailey
- b. Gianna Frank
- c. Hannah Leonard

- d. Morgan Stuble
- e. Samantha Domion
- f. Sirena Smith