

Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
August 11, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Mayton-Collins, Matthew Jacoby, Mark Peters, Howard Lanphier, Larry Snyder.

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 10 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder to approve the meeting agenda. Consent agenda item “b” was voted on by roll to approve bond resolution for acquisition of one school bus. Agenda item “c” is still pending verification of credentials. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Trustee Lanphier, Consent agenda was approved.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Michelle Hitchcock asked whether any decision had been made on Excel program.

President Mayton-Collins will address later in the meeting.

Mr. William Miller from Herkimer County BOCES gave an overview of the program Owen D. Young students were enrolled in and on the BOCES building project.

Trustee Jacoby inquired about welding issues regarding ventilation and how it might effect

students over a long period of time. Mr. Miller said he will bring it up at their next meeting.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- National Student Clearing House, Superintendent Keegan is looking at how to track students in college and will look into how other superintendents are tracking.
- Superintendent Keegan shared information on Team Building and its benefits.
- ELA math test scores are divided into levels 1-4. AIS instruction is needed for students in math and ELA
- The Van Horne scholarship fund went up a little, we may be able to start distributing it next year.
- The Violence program that Superintendent Keegan would like to see in place will target grades 5-8 for one hour a week for a 10-week period. President Mayton-Collins is concerned that unless adults are trained first the program will not be effective. Superintendent Keegan Superintendent will be attending a November workshop that aligns with this program.
- The new reading program that was in place this past year has gone very well and we were able to deliver ELA services. We will be changing math's vertical alignment but will hold off from making a firm decision at this time.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Mayton-Collins will be attending the School Boards Institute Workshop on August 16 and will also be attending the New York State Board Conference in October.

There is a Superintendent's Conference Day September 1. Mr. Jim Hill has requested to come in and get teachers set up in their classrooms. The Board meeting calendar and contact list were reviewed.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Jacoby, the Board went into Executive session at 7:47 p.m.

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

Item brought to attention by Superintendent Keegan to approve Resolution for Physical Examination of an Employee under section 913 of the Education Law. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Trustee Lanphier the action item was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Darla Crouse is very concerned about the position previously held by Mrs. Rathbun. Is anyone going to be teaching the courses she taught and if not, what is there in place for students?

Mrs. Michelle Hickcock inquired as to whether Powerschool will available for parents to access. Superintendent Keegan said that it will be on hold for about six months due to the new technology person replacing Mr. Jim Hill. Superintendent Keegan said that we will be getting fifteen computers from Richfield Springs.

Board Comments

None

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Jacoby, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht

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Water Board Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by President Mayton-Collins at 9:35 p.m.

Superintendent Keegan and Business Manager Jodie Rodriguez discussed the grant they will be writing. Funding will be for two handheld turbine meters and other expenses and repairs. The spring house needs repairs and a correction needed for problems with the chlorination count.

Trustee Jacoby inquired whether the repairs are just to hold us over until replacements can be made. Business Manager Jodie Rodriguez stated that these are federally funded and we will be getting reimbursed.

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Trustee Lanphier the money allocated for repairs

has been accepted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Board Goal's Workshop

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President Mayton-Collins began the meeting discussing scheduling questions and the quality of education and the ability to communicate effectively. Short term goals and where we're heading and where we've been will be looked at and discussed. Superintendent Keegan recognizes the need to offer a well rounded education. We are offering two College Now classes and students may go to HCCC if the parents pay tuition.

Superintendent Keegan will look into hiring a half time teacher for AIS in math for grades 3-8 either as a push-in or pull-out as with this year's reading program. Trustee Jacoby passed around math scores and Superintendent Keegan explained how these levels are obtained.

Mrs. Darla Crouse is concerned because her child is the only one signed up for French 4. She feels there are no options for those that are doing well and no chance for advancement. Trustee Jacoby stated that higher achievers are being left behind and needs to be addressed.

President Mayton-Collins suggested having a focus group with parents and students to discuss how to attain their goals as well as shared courses with other districts along with distance learning. The suggested focus groups should be dealt with before school starts targeting juniors and seniors and feels the Board should help guide the students and parents through the process. Vice President Snyder commented that there is no incentive after the junior math regents for students to take more math courses plus possibility of offering a "life skills" class incorporating math into it. Trustee Jacoby suggested offering an advanced

consumer math class as a refresher in order to prepare students.

A meeting has been set for July 18 at 7 p.m. for juniors and seniors and their parents. There will be a brief Board meeting to approve tax levy and the August 25 Board meeting may be cancelled. A personal letter and phone calls will be made to juniors and seniors, as well as recent graduates to look at ways to better improve course offerings.