

Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
October 13, 2010
7 pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Jacoby.

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 3 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the Audit Committee meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

An audit report was presented by Amy Cecilia of West and Company, showing the district's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the 2010 audit report was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President Mayton-Collins called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by Mrs. Heather Shaffer on Enhancing Education through Technology. Mrs. Shaffer talked about the benefits of using web 2.0 to increase literacy. Mrs. Shaffer gave an overview of the “Angel” on-line learning platform and showed actual projects and lessons.

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by Trustee Lanphier, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion, negotiations’ update and legal updates.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder the Board entered back into the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Lanphier, the meeting agenda was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Snyder, the meeting minutes for August 11,18,25 and September 8,22,27 were approved

Ayes: 3 Abstain: 1

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the financial reports for August 2010 were approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board voted to postpone the approval of the position of Physical Education Teacher and Assistant to the Superintendent relative to discipline matters in order to continue the search.

Nays: 3 Abstain: 1

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the appointment of Mrs. Suellen Nightingale as a long-term substitute for Secondary English at a rate of 1/200 of Step 1 was approved effective October 13, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Mayton-Collins announced that the Board meetings are being recorded by an audience member. Superintendent Keegan stated that it should be announced at each meeting that they are being recorded and posted on Facebook.

Mrs. Sharon Galusha inquired about the \$60,000 expenditure for the water board.

Mr. Donald Monk inquired whether there is a policy in place that allows for sports players to “test up” and what the specifications are. Superintendent Keegan will review the policy and report at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Jackie Snyder suggested checking with other schools’ policies.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A presentation on Bullying will be presented by Jodee Blanco on December 13, 2010 from 9-12:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Youth County Bureau and is open to staff and students.
- There will be an Internet Safety Presentation for K-12 on October 25 and 26, with a Parent Presentation on October 21 from 7-8:30 p.m.
- The Saxon Math program has been delivered and distributed to grades K-8. Training will be held on October 19 and teachers will start working with students next week.
- The New Employee Welcome has been moved to October 27.
- Superintendent Keegan spoke on the Race to the Top and how the Commissioner would like the focus to be on developing curriculum.
- Superintendent Keegan will obtain legal advice regarding a policy for long-term substitutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mayton-Collins spoke on the water project update: President Mayton-Collins attended a meeting with the town and explained what is happening with the grant and where money is coming from and it is hoped that ground might be broken for the project by spring.
- The Survey letter is being put on the website.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the flooding that occurred in Superintendent Keegan's basement due to the heavy rain.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, Items "A" and "B" are being excluded at this time.

Ayes: 2 Nays: 1

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by Trustee Lanphier the appointment of MaryAnn Pratt as school nurse was approved as of October 25, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Vice President Snyder inquired whether Mr. Donald Monk is still the temporary water operator or if the position would become permanent.

On the issue of videotaping, Vice President Snyder feels we need a policy in place. The Board meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Sharon Galusha inquired as to who is in charge of the school building when the Superintendent is away. Superintendent Keegan stated that Business Manager Mrs. Jodie Rodriguez is and that substitutes are instructed in this.

Mr. Donald Monk suggested that Board meetings be tape recorded due to the fact that not everyone is on Facebook. Trustee Lanphier would like to see the Board meetings put on an official website.

Mrs. Jackie Snyder would like to recognize the senior soccer players.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Lanphier would like to thank Mrs. Jodie Rodriguez for her efforts resulting in the successful audit report. Trustee Lanphier is looking forward to the implementation of the Saxon Math program and feels it will be a very positive experience.

Vice President Snyder would like to thank Mr. Donald Monk for addressing the need for a policy in “testing up.”

President Mayton-Collins asked about Superintendent Keegan’s following up on compliance issues as Superintendent Keegan had shared during agenda setting session. Ms. Laurie Hedges from Boces contacted.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht

