

Board of Education
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
October 27, 2010
7 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Mayton-Collins, Matt Jacoby, Mark Peters, Larry Snyder.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Lanphier

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 5 guests along with the senior class.

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

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations, personnel discussion and litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered back into the regular meeting at 7:39 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The consent agenda will be approved by each line item.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Vice President Snyder, the meeting minutes for October 13, 2010 were approved.

Ayes: 3 Abstain: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Jacoby, the resignation of Mr. Jeffrey Morris, long term substitute for grade 6 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the appointment of Ms. Anna Wilder as the Modified Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2010-11 season, stipend per VHTA contract was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by President Mayton-Collins the appointment of Mr. Cory Pike as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2010-11 season, stipend per VHTA contract was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the appointment of Mr. Donald Monk as the Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2010-11 season, stipend per VHTA contract was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by Trustee Jacoby the Budget Calendar was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- As of Monday, November 1, there will be additional physical education classes scheduled to meet compliance.
- In a brief discussion, Superintendent Keegan said that while she makes the final decision on the selection classification policy for sports, she relies on the Athletic Director's recommendation. In a discussion by Board members, they would like to see procedures incorporated into the policy along with New York State regulations.
- Legal accounting issues were discussed.
- The new employee welcome will be November 17, 2010.
- The Race to the Top application will be faxed to Ms. Laurie Hedges.
- The long-term substitute policy will be shared at the next meeting.
- A presentation on Bullying will be presented by Jodee Blanco on December 13, 2010. Superintendent Keegan, Ms. Jodi Costello and three teachers plan on attending.
- The VanHorne scholarship was discussed. A VanHorne Scholarship Committee will be set up.
- The Assistant to the Superintendent/District Clerk position to replace/shadow Mrs. Fran Dorantes was discussed. The position will be advertised with the candidate starting in January.
- Ms. Wendy Fical, Prevention Education Specialist from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children gave an Internet Safety Presentation on October 21, 2010.
- The video/audio taping of Board meetings was discussed. The Board is considering taping the meetings for public access. The taping of meetings by the public is permissible by law.
- Superintendent Keegan has met with Ms. Amy Gadziala, AIS Math teacher. Ms. Gadziala is in the process of determining which students need AIS services and is done with pre-testing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mayton-Collins would like to have a short Water Board meeting following the Regular Board meeting on November 17, 2010.
- The enrollment for the Excel program at Herkimer County Community College was discussed with parents paying tuition and Owen D. Young providing transportation. Two students spoke about their experience with AccelerateU and the benefit of being able to go at their own pace.
- President Mayton-Collins would like to have proper protocol in place for Board decision making. She would like to access legal counsel to validate ways to move the district in a positive direction.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Jacoby, the appointment of Mrs. Grace Coddington as a long-term substitute for Grade 6 at a rate of 1/200th of Step 1, effective November 1, 2010 was approved.

DISCUSSION TIME

Valedictorian and Salutatorian determination was discussed. Trustee Jacoby feels we need to address current policy and the need to do away with the 2 or 3 year enrollment required. Superintendent Keegan will check into what schools have stopped naming Valedictorian and Salutatorian and will see what information she can gather.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jackie Snyder would like to thank the Art teacher for a successful Art Night.

BOARD COMMENTS

The May survey was discussed as to when it would be loaded onto the website. Trustee Jacoby will look into whether the Board minutes should be put onto the website within ten days of the meeting before Board approval. While discussing the sports update, Vice President Snyder would like O.D.Y. to explore what other schools we could join with.

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by Trustee Jacoby, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht