

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
November 17, 2010
7 pm**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 11 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Superintendent Keegan introduced new faculty and staff followed by refreshments.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations, personnel and legal issues.

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered back into the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Jacoby, the Meeting Agenda was approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Vice President Snyder, the meeting minutes for October 27, 2010 were approved.

Ayes: 4 Abstain: 1

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, second by Trustee Lanphier, items 2-7 of the consent agenda were approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Senior Naomi Wulff inquired about available scholarships. Superintendent Keegan instructed her to contact Mrs. Wanda Armstrong, Guidance Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Seniors Naomi Wulff and Randy Steenburg gave a brief presentation seeking Board approval for the senior trip to Niagara Falls, NY and Cedar Point Theme Park, Ohio.

Mr. Bill Miller, Herkimer BOCES gave an update on the building project, which is moving along smoothly and under budget. Mr. Miller also discussed a Board Agenda Planner which is intended for long range Board planning in order to know what will be discussed ahead of time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Keegan gave an update on Accelerate U and went over courses the students are taking.
- Superintendent Keegan and Trustee Lanphier spoke about safety concerns and the areas that are unlocked during the day. Trustee Lanphier would like to supervise a lockdown. An unannounced lockdown will be held on November 9, 2010.
- The Assistant to the Superintendent/District Clerk position will be advertised soon.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 23.
- The school will be purchasing "Study Island" through entitlement aid. This is a tool to use for regents preparation for grades 9-11. On December 7, from 3:30-5:30 teachers will receive training. Trustee Peters inquired if there is a way to track usage.
- Building conditions study – Mrs. Jodie Rodriguez said there were minor repairs.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

None

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier Lanphier, second by Trustee Jacoby, the meeting agenda is amended to include: Leave of absence and senior trip.

The proposed agreement that will resolve pending litigation brought by the Van Hornesville Teachers' Association and Mrs. Kathy Staruck against the Board of Education of the Owen D. Young Central School District, Virginia Keegan, Superintendent of the Owen D. Young Central School District and the Owen D. Young Central School District was approved.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to resolve the pending litigation pursuant to the proposed agreement. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes: 5

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Jacoby, the legal absence for Mrs. Renee Weaver from November 29 through December 22 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Jacoby, the senior trip to Niagara Falls, NY and Ohio was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Jacoby inquired about digital and audio recording of Board meetings. Trustee Peters suggested looking at how other schools record their Board meetings. Vice President Snyder inquired whether we are using New York State guidelines.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

President Mayton-Collins will post a draft schedule on-line for the Board to peruse and to better stay on task.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk