

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
January 26, 2011
7 pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Jacoby

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

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Peters, the Meeting Agenda was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Trustee Peters, the Consent Agenda was approved. Items f and g are tabled at this time. Item d is per contract with a stipend attached.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Approval of Board Minutes for December 15, 2011.
- b. Approval of December 2010 Financial Reports.
- c. Accept the resignation of Ms. Anna Wilder as a Scorekeeper and Announcer for Varsity/JV Basketball.
- d. Approve the Appointment of Mr. Jason Doell as a Scorekeeper and Announcer for Varsity/JV Basketball.
- e. Approve the CSE Minutes of December 16, 2010 and January 13, 2011.
- f. Approve the Dispensation of \$602.31 from the Treasury of the Class of 2010 to the Breast Cancer Foundation.
- g. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Lisa Wilber as the Weekend/Holiday Water Tester.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Second grade teacher, Ms. Nicole Condello, gave a brief presentation on Elementary Math and Smart Board operation. Two second grade students demonstrated how math is implemented in the classroom using the Smart Board.
- B. First grade teacher, Mrs. Laura Trier, gave a brief presentation of the first grade reading program. Two first grade students read a book to the audience and demonstrated the reading program on the Smart Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Sharon Galusha shared that there is a presentation on "Yahoo" regarding the water system. Mrs. Galusha also inquired as to why the May 2010 surveys have not been scanned onto the website. The Board then clarified that they were to be placed on the website. She also asked about the contract requirements for the Superintendent's evaluation. Mrs. Galusha questioned the validity of students selling 50/50 raffle tickets at Basketball games.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- A. Sports' Events and Sports' Eligibility. Superintendent Keegan reported on the number of practices players need in order to be eligible for participation in a game.
- B. Sports' Concussions – Superintendent Keegan spoke with Erie 1 BOCES. They are putting together a task force but are waiting for a law to be in place.

- C. Social Media Policy – Superintendent Keegan will check with Mr. Christopher Pawlak, Technical Support, regarding the posting of Board Meeting on the web. Trustee Lanphier stated that just because there is a low attendance at Board Meeting does not mean the public is not interested.
- D. Transportation Study – Superintendent Keegan shared a letter from Mr. Mark Vivacqua, District Superintendent from BOCES, indicating interest in a study involving the twelve participating districts.
- E. Distance Learning – Superintendent Keegan is looking at having more course offerings for students in such areas as Music and Spanish. She will also provide details on the College Bridge program when they become available.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- A. There was a brief discussion regarding the College Bridge Program. President Mayton-Collins feels there should be an opportunity for students to avail themselves to college courses. There was also a discussion regarding dual credit between school and college. President Mayton-Collins told of a webinar on February 3, from 3:30-5:00 which will be posted on the website. She announced that we will be facing tough economic decisions. We need to look at our resources and move forward, utilizing every option we have. Superintendent Keegan said she needs to have the Governor’s Report before tough decisions can be made.
- B. Calendar Review – There will be a public information meeting regarding the water system for the Township on February 22, 2011. Mr. Robert Woodruff will be in attendance at that meeting. President Mayton-Collins suggested the Board meet with Mr. Woodruff prior to that meeting.
- C. Succession Planning – Interviews still need to be set up along with a time frame in which the person hired for the Assistant to the Superintendent position will start.
- D. Board Survey – There was a discussion regarding the need for self surveys to be done prior to April and a public survey sometime in July.

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, second by Trustee Lanphier, the Board moved into Executive session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of litigation and negotiations’ updates and personnel discussion. Mrs. Karen Bond, parent, was invited to attend Executive Session to address her concerns.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, second by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered back into the regular meeting at 10:09 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Sharon Galusha inquired as to where the money for Smart Board Training is coming from. She also has spoken to seniors about the college program and they are very pleased with what is offered. Mrs. Galusha stated that the water system meeting with Mr. Woodruff should also include Town Supervisor, Mr. Richard Bronner.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Mayton-Collins was very pleased with the presentations by Ms. Condello and Mrs. Trier.

Vice President Snyder stated that he and Trustee Lanphier need to be registered for the on-line Fiscal Awareness through NYSSBA.

Trustee Peters questioned the legality regarding college courses and dual credit.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, second by Trustee Lanphier, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectively submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk