

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**February 9, 2011**  
**7 pm**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriquez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 6 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Meeting Agenda was approved. The meeting agenda is amended to include item "F" to the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent's Report is also being moved before Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the Consent Agenda was approved.

4 Ayes 1 Abstain

- a. Approval of Board Minutes for January 26, 2011
- b. Approval the CSE Minutes of January 28, 2011.

**DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

There was an informative presentation regarding PowerSchool Parental Portal given by Mr. Chad Hatch from the Mohawk Regional Information Center.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Janine Pashley asked about who determines snow days.

Superintendent Keegan replied that she checks with other Superintendents from neighboring districts, highway personnel and the Head of Transportation.

Mrs. Pashley then shared that as a Substitute Teacher, there is limited space on which to write on the older white boards since the installation of Smart Boards. She further asked about the pool and the limited time that the public has access to it. Superintendent Keegan said that issue would be discussed around budget time.

At this time, Trustee Jacoby said it was not appropriate for a question and answer session with the Superintendent. The proper channel is to make an appointment with the Superintendent.

President Mayton-Collins asked Mrs. Pashley if she would like to continue. Mrs. Pashley declined.

Mrs. Jackie Snyder would like to recognize President Mayton-Collins for her dedication and purchasing of snacks for the basketball players prior to games.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Superintendent Keegan and Mrs. Rodriquez gave an overview presentation regarding the preliminary 2011-2012 budget as of February 9, 2011. A grant to obtain the application for a study of a merger or dissolution was discussed. In order to do the study there needs to be another district included. District Superintendent Mr. Mark Vivacqua will be attending the next Board meeting.

- B. The interview committee for the Assistant to the Superintendent position will be made up of Superintendent Keegan, Mrs. Jodie Rodriguez, Mrs. Frances Dorantes, Teacher's Association President Mr. Jeff Rupp, Board members President Mayton-Collins and Trustee Jacoby.
- C. Clarification of Utica City Schools Advanced Opportunities – Superintendent Keegan spoke with the city schools and was told that all advanced courses are dual credit. They have strict guidelines and committees that decide if a student is eligible to attend.
- D. Financial Aid Night was successful with a good turnout.
- E. Scholarship Committee discussion – Mrs. Rodriguez has spoken with Mr. Copeland and found that \$10,000 will be withdrawn for scholarships this spring, a decision has to be made as to how to split the amount.
- F. Calendar Review – The Superintendent announced that we are out of snow days. She will try to get the emergency day back that was used due to a power outage. In order to do that, she has to deplete vacation days such as April 19. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

President Mayton-Collins asked about the March Superintendent Conference Day. Superintendent Keegan inquired whether the Board would like to meet early at the next Board meeting to go over the budget. The Board has agreed to meet March 9 at 6pm.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. for the purpose of litigation and negotiations' updates and personnel discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:49 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Mayton-Collins reiterated the Board self-evaluations that need to be done in April and a public survey to be taken in June/July.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the Approval of the Dispensation of \$602.31 from the Treasury of the Class of 2010 is being tabled to the next Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the approval of combining with Richfield Springs Central School District for Girls' Softball for the 2011 season was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Peters asked about the time line. Is this a one shot deal? The Board would like clarification and what constitutes long-term and how we will deal with transportations.

Vice President Snyder inquired whether this also includes JV.

### **DISCUSSION TIME**

Trustee Peters had questions concerning soccer as the fall sport with Richfield Springs as opposed to volleyball at O.D.Y. He would like to continue this discussion at a later time.

Vice President Snyder would like to know if someone is responsible for access/usage to the "parent portal."

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Trustee Lanphier suggested having a sign posted stating that the proceedings are being taped.
- Regarding Public Participation, Trustee Jacoby said that while he doesn't mind public comments, he doesn't believe this is the venue for questions and answer. Any person with questions needs to go first to the Teacher and Superintendent. He feels we may need to change the policy.
- Trustee Lanphier suggested a brief explanation of public participation prior to the meeting.
- President Mayton-Collins feels we should be hospitable as possible to public comments.
- Trustee Lanphier inquired whether this should be put on the agenda.
- Trustee Peters said this should be limited to statements.
- Vice President Snyder asked about the social media policy regarding the Guidance page. Do we have a policy regarding this and who has access to it.
- Trustee Jacoby told of policy 64.20 being vague in regards to employee records and policy 11.30 regarding terms of office for Board members being five years instead of three.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht  
District Clerk