

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**March 23, 2011**  
**8 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 3 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, Items “a-c” were approved. Trustee Jacoby requested that Items “d and e” be discussed in Executive Session and acted upon under Action Items. The agenda is amended to add Action Items after the second Public Participation section.

- a. Approval of Board Minutes for March 9, 2011
- b. Approval of February 2011 Financial Reports
- c. Accept the resignation of Ms. Marrick McDonald effective March 16, 2011
- d. Appointment of Timothy Buel as a Substitute Bus Driver/Cleaner
- e. Approval of Mrs. Sharon Galusha as a CSE/CPSE Parent Representative with no stipend.

**DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

There was a Drug Quiz Show Presentation and Yearbook Update by Mr. Matt Drumm. The Quiz Show was held at Herkimer County Community College. Owen D. Young tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 10 schools in Herkimer County. Mr. Drumm was very pleased with his students as this was the first year they participated.

Yearbook ads are coming in slowly. Mr. Drumm’s 10<sup>th</sup> period Yearbook Class will be going out soliciting business ads.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- A. Superintendent's Conference Day on March 18 was very successful with numerous workshops held at area schools. Superintendent Keegan received a lot of positive feedback from attendees.
- B. Communication with Fort Plain and Richfield Springs – the parties involved are very eager to chat at an informal gathering to discuss shared services. Superintendent Keegan needs available dates from the Board President and Vice President as soon as possible.
- C. RUS Grant Update – Superintendent Keegan stated that we will be going through Herkimer BOCES since the others school originally involved dropped out. Regarding Distance Learning, someone will be bringing in equipment to demonstrate the capabilities. Trustee Peters will facilitate contacting a Verizon employee to see what they may have to offer. He will e-mail Superintendent Keegan with the person's name and e-mail address.
- D. Investment Review Update - Mr. Bob Copeland would like to attend the May 3, 2011 meeting to go over what changes he has made to the accounts due to instability in the market.
- E. District Clerk Workshop – Mrs. Marilyn Kennerknecht will be attending a workshop at Oneida County BOCES presented by NYSSBA regarding the Election Process and the Role of a District Clerk.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. School e-mail addresses – There was a brief discussion regarding Board members e-mail addresses through the school.
- B. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the agenda is amended to reflect the consideration of nominating Mr. William Miller to the Herkimer County BOCES Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. State Issues Conference Update – President Mayton-Collins attended the Conference concerning audits and the Governor's budget. The issue of school e-mail was brought up. President Mayton-Collins received approval by the Board to check with the attorney regarding the parameters within school e-mail.

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

Vice President Snyder reiterated that he would like to see the May 2010 surveys on the website.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Vice President Snyder, Consent Agenda Item "d", the appointment of Mr. Timothy Buel as a Substitute Bus Driver/Cleaner at the rate of \$12.96 per hour as a Bus Driver and \$10.00 per hour as a Cleaner was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by President Mayton-Collins, Consent Agenda Item “e”, the appointment of Mrs. Sharon Galusha as a CSE/CPSE Parent Representative was approved with no stipend.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Vice President Snyder, Board approval to execute the intent to transfer property as information is provided by each party (e.g. Town of Stark, VHCC) involved to move forward with the Water Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the resignation of Ms. Lisa Wilber as back up Water Operator was approved.

Ayes: 4          Abstain: 1

- E. In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the nomination of Mr. William Miller to the Herkimer County BOCES Board was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Peters, the agenda is amended to consider Ms. Mary Starring as an unpaid volunteer to help with the school play.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- G. In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the appointment of Ms. Mary Starring as an unpaid volunteer to help with the school play was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Jacoby stated that this was his fourth and last time he was mentioning that e-mails from President Mayton-Collins are not being forwarded to Board members.

Trustee Peters said he would welcome the involvement of Fort Plain or Richfield Springs to give consistency in academics/sports to the students long term rather than short term. He also questioned whether we can do better with the investments made to the VanHorne Scholarship.

President Mayton-Collins read a letter from BOCES regarding the Regional Meeting on April 7, 2011. President Mayton-Collins will be attending.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht  
District Clerk

**WATER BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 23, 2011**

**Action Item**

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Peters, the motion to enter an agreement between the school district and town with the intent to transfer property as information is provided by each party (e.g. Town of Stark, VHCC) involved to move forward with the Water Project was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Water Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY