

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Regular Meeting – May 11, 2011**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriquez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 20 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 Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Peters, the Meeting Agenda was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Consent Agenda was approved. Action Item “B” is removed from the agenda. A second “Public Participation” is added after Executive Session.

- a. Approval of Board Minutes for April 22 and April 27, 2011

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were numerous district residents in attendance expressing their accolades and support regarding Superintendent Keegan and who were in favor of having her contract extended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion and negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Superintendent Keegan presented the School Report Card which shows a comparison of the twelve component school districts. The Report Card was made up of ELA and Math scores.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- A. Board Seat - President Mayton-Collins introduced filed candidate Natalia Rogers. Mrs. Rogers has filed to fill Trustee Jacoby’s Board seat. At the last meeting, Mrs. Bonnie Nestle questioned the procedure for write-in votes. Superintendent Keegan explained that the procedure is on the school website under Budget Information with detailed instructions on how to do a write-in vote.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the Resolution to enter into a new employment agreement, superseding any prior contracts and/or amendments, for a three-year contract between the District and Virginia A. Keegan as Superintendent of Schools for the Owen D. Young School district from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014 is not approved. In a roll call vote the results were:

President Mayton-Collins	Nay
Trustee Jacoby	Yea
Trustee Peters	Yea
Trustee Lanphier	Nay
Vice President Snyder	Nay

Ayes: 2 Nays: 3

DISCUSSION TIME

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Numerous district residents and students thanked Superintendent Keegan for her dedication and announced their displeasure with the Board vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice President Snyder explained why he voted the way he did. He said he based his vote on data because that is what the State bases the existence of the school on. He encourages everyone to look at the data Superintendent Keegan handed out regarding the three and four year trends and see how the school is doing. He stated that the school is not in good shape.

President Mayton-Collins encouraged everyone to look at the State Education Department data as well as the Cornell Rural Schools data. She further stated that the Board has been educated and trained to not make decisions around personal issues and that people should not make judgments without all the information.

Trustee Peters stated that the community needs to get involved whether it’s good, bad or indifferent. Whether we have a new superintendent or an interim superintendent residents should show up and have input.

Trustee Lanphier said that he has spent many hours over the past week contemplating his decision which he did not make lightly. He has concerns that he cannot share which made him unable to vote in favor of Superintendent Keegan’s contract.

ADJOURN

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk

