

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
Regular Meeting – May 3, 2011**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 27 guests.

President Mayton-Collins called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

- a. Approve Slate of Officers for the 2011-12 Budget and Board Seat Vote
- b. Approval of Volunteers for the Budget Vote

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Robert Copeland, from Mohawk Valley Capital Management, shared information regarding the VanHorne Scholarship money and the changes he has made to the account. The stocks that were sold in order to free up cash were the stocks that hadn't moved when the market had gone up. At his last report on April 26, 2011 showed an account balance of \$536,108. At the previous night's close on May 2, 2011 the account was \$538,545 which does not reflect the \$10,000 that was taken out for scholarships in the winter. He asked for authority to add back into the portfolio the shares of stocks he feels are very solid. President Mayton-Collins asked if we should put forth an amount for scholarship money to be disbursed. Mr. Copeland suggests taking \$15,000 now and put it into the school account and hold it as a guaranteed amount of scholarship disbursement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were numerous district residents in attendance expressing their accolades and support regarding Superintendent Keegan and who were in favor or having her contract extended. Residents brought forth a petition from community members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- A. BOCES Administrative Budget and BOCES Board Seat Results – budget was passed in a 62-2 vote and the three new members of the BOCES Board of Education are Lawrence Thibault, Scott Tranter and William Miller.
- B. Superintendent Keegan handed out a three year plan for the Owen D. Young School District with fourteen objectives she would like to implement or build upon existing objectives for the betterment of the district.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Vice President Snyder and President Mayton-Collins attended the Rural School Summit today which was sponsored by NYSSBA. They would like to do a brief presentation on what they learned and bring it to the next Board meeting.
- B. The Teacher Recognition event will be moved from Friday, May 6 to Monday, May 9.

- C. Free seminars are available through the Ferrara Law Firm. The next seminar will be an APPR on May 13, 2011. For more information you can go to the Ferrara Law Firm website.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and litigation discussion at 8:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Peters, the agenda is amended to reflect the addition of Item "E" regarding the scholarship fund and Action Item "A" is being tabled until the next Board meeting on May 11, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A. Approve 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.
- B. In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Peters, be it RESOLVED, that the Board Candidate, Natalia Rose Rogers, specify for which Board seat she has filed her nominating petition in accordance with Education Section 2018(a).
- C. In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by President Mayton-Collins, the resolution to dispose of undeeded property was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ayes: 2 Abstain: 1

At this point, the meeting was put on hold at 9:20 p.m. to try and contact Trustee Jacoby who had left the meeting. He was needed in order to have a quorum.

At 9:28 p.m., In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Peters, Action Item "C" is tabled to next Wednesdays meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Intermunicipal Agreement for Drinking Water Matters between The Owen D. Young Central School District, Herkimer County and The Town of Stark, Herkimer County was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E. In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the agenda is amended to include Litigation with Lintz Hardware.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F. In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Peters, the agenda is amended to include a request by Mr. Robert Copeland and his financial group to move money to the school fund totaling \$15,000 for scholarship disbursement in the fall.

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Peters said regarding the VanHorne scholarship, he would encourage the scholarship committee to recognize the wide variety of opportunities and that every student who is entitled should take part. Trustee Snyder inquired when we would have the opportunity to talk about the Schools Report Card which was published in February. He would like it to be on the agenda for the next meeting. President Mayton-Collins wishes to thank Superintendent Keegan and Mrs. Rodriquez for their work on the budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Bonnie Nestle asked whether the two Board seats are four year terms? She also asked for clarification regarding write-in votes. President Mayton-Collins said that the terms changed after she was elected, the terms changed from four to three years.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Mayton-Collins stated that regarding Board election questions, she received a memo today that we have the opportunity next year to bring forth a resolution to the district regarding "at large" seats.

ADJOURN

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk