

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL
June 15, 2011 - Regular Meeting
7 p.m.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Keegan, Superintendent; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 12 guests.

BOARD PROCEDURES

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.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Consent Agenda was approved. Superintendent Keegan would like Public Participation moved before Executive Session.

- a. Approval of Board Minutes of May 3, May 11 and May 31, 2011
- b. Approval of Financial Reports for May 2011
- c. Appointment of Gail Aney, Summer Program Food Site Supervisor (\$17.85 per hour)
- d. Appointment of Jake Morrison – Lifeguard/Camp Counselor (\$9 per hour)
- e. Appointment of Jessica Rodriguez – Lifeguard/Camp Counselor (\$9 per hour)
- f. Appointment of Brittany Crouse – Camp Counselor (Legislative Program)
- g. Appointment of Stephanie Treadwell – Camp Counselor (Legislative Program)
- h. Appointment of Kyle Werpechowski – Lifeguard (\$9 per hour)/Camp Counselor (Legislative Program)
- i. Appointment of Mr. Alan Steele as Summer Driver Education Instructor (\$3500)
- j. Approval of CSE Minutes of April 5, April 6, April 7, April 8, April 15, April 27, May 27, 2011
- k. Approval of Spanish Textbook for the 2011-12 School Year – *Avensamos*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bill Miller spoke on issues surrounding Herkimer County BOCES. He would appreciate the nomination for the NYSSBA seat.

Mr. Phil Stack, an attorney from Albany, who has been retained to represent Superintendent Keegan, spoke in regards to her contract situation.

President Mayton-Collins issued the Oath of Office to Natalia Rogers.

There was a question from Trustee Jacoby whether inviting Mrs. Rogers into Executive Session is proper. Mr. Ben Ferrara, School Attorney, stated that it is permissible to invite a newly elected Board member who has taken the Oath of Office to sit in on the meeting but not to participate. He stated that it is the prerogative of the Board whether Mrs. Rogers attends.

There was a brief discussion about why the school attorney is attending the meeting.

Trustee Peters questioned whether there has ever been a person sworn in prior to the July Reorganization meeting.

Trustee Jacoby requests that Mrs. Rogers be allowed to attend as well as Superintendent Keegan's attorney so that the rights of the Superintendent are protected and insured.

Superintendent Keegan stated that she wanted her attorney included if her contract was going to be discussed.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Board will allow Attorney Boudleman, Attorney Ferrara and Mrs. Rogers to enter Executive Session. President Mayton-Collins then asked for all in favor:

3 Aye 2 Nay

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and negotiations discussion.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board exited Executive Session at 10:36 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. 2010-11 Field Trips – Superintendent Keegan handed out the schedule of field trips that have taken place or will be taking place. Superintendent Keegan stated that the first grade teacher opted to not have a class trip this year but would like to next year.
- B. End-of-Year Events - The June 2011 Events schedule was also handed out.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Board Seat Update – President Mayton-Collins reported that the Board seat has been offered to Mrs. Ann Starring and have yet to hear her decision. President Mayton-Collins is requesting that Vice President Snyder contact Mrs. Starring regarding her decision. If Mrs. Starring declines the seat, she must submit it to the Board in writing. The next person, Mr. George Mower, will be offered the position and we will proceed from there pending his acceptance.
- B. Board Self-Evaluation – Evaluation forms were distributed at a previous meeting. A new set of evaluation forms were mailed in the Board packet on June 24, 2011.
- C. NYSSBA Rural Schools Conference on May 3, 2011 Report – President Mayton-Collins and Vice President Snyder attended. Vice President Snyder reported on one of the presentations which was from the Superintendent from the Newcomb Central School District and how they have implemented an International/College Program. President Mayton-Collins reported on the Shared Services Presentation. Also discussed was consolidations, mergers and regional high schools – bigger vs. better.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Nomination for the NYSSBA Seat
In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Lanphier, Mr. Bill Miller is nominated for the NYSSBA Board seat.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION TIME

Trustee Jacoby questioned what action the Board will take if Mr. George Mower declines the seat. There was a discussion regarding what type of “back-up” plan should be in place to fill the vacant seat. Trustee Lanphier asked why the camera is not set up for videotaping and how the situation can be resolved.

President Mayton-Collins asked to schedule a time for another meeting. June 29 has been agreed upon for the next meeting.

There will be a brunch on June 26 for out-going Board members and newly elected Board members and Mrs. Fran Dorantes who is retiring.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Lanphier thanked Trustee Jacoby and Trustee Peters for their time served on the Board. President Mayton-Collins stated that she received positive feedback from the public in regards to the end of the year events such as the concerts and academic/athletic banquet. The Baccalaureate Service is on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the church in VanHornesville.

ADJOURN

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht
District Clerk