

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Wednesday, June 29, 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:** Jodie Rodriguez, Business Manager; Marilyn Kennerknecht, District Clerk and 4 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.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Consent Agenda items "a" and "b" were approved. The agenda is amended to reflect the following change: Item "c" is being moved to Action Items so that it can be discussed in Executive Session.

- a. Approval of Board Minutes of June 15, 2011
- b. Approval of CSE Minutes
- c. Approval of the Appointment of Ms. Suellen Nightengale as 7-12 English Teacher effective September 1, 2011, with a 2-year probationary period on Step 2 (\$36,204) with Benefits per the VHTA Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President Mayton-Collins suggested "swearing in" Mr. George Mower before Executive Session. There was a brief discussion regarding that issue. Trustee Jacoby and Trustee Peters are concerned that there are six Board members currently seated; if Mr. Mower is sworn in tonight, there will be seven members on the Board since their terms do not expire until midnight June 20. President Mayton-Collins said that she contacted NYSSBA for clarification and was told that whether someone is a Board member or not has nothing to do with attending Executive Session. However, President Mayton-Collins said that taking into consideration the concerns of Trustee Jacoby and Trustee Peters, she does not have a problem with not swearing in Mr. Mower tonight, but will invite him into Executive Session as a guest.

There was a discussion regarding the videotaping of meetings. Trustee Jacoby feels there should be a policy in place. Trustee Lanphier mentioned that the Superintendent was going to make sure the videotaping was done.

At this time, President Mayton-Collins recognized Mrs. Fran Dorantes, Mr. Mark Peters and Mr. Matt Jacoby for their dedication to the district. Mrs. Dorantes is retiring after 34 years as the Assistant to the Superintendent and Mr. Peters and Mr. Jacoby are outgoing Board members. New Board members Mrs. Natalia Rogers and Mr. George Mower were welcomed. Refreshments were served.

In a motion by Trustee Lanphier, seconded by Vice President Snyder, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and negotiations discussion. Mr. Mower and Mrs. Rogers were invited to attend.

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

In a motion by Vice President Snyder, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the Board exited Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bus Garage Discussion – At some point the Board needs to have a Resolution stating that they None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In the absence of Superintendent Keegan, Business Manager Mrs. Jodie Rodriguez filled in.

Fund Balance Policy – samples were handed out. A decision will have to be made eventually on how to prioritize the fund balance when an expenditure is incurred. No decision needs to be made at this time. This policy can be added to our current financial policies. A “First Reading” needs to be done. President Mayton-Collins suggested having a “first reading” during the August meeting.

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Peters, the agenda is amended to table Item “B” until the next meeting when the Superintendent is available.

Item “C” is moved under Action Items. Item “C” is a Resolution to explore options for the disposal of the Jordanville Bus Garage.

Item “D” is to agree to settle the Lentz Hardware litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Board Seat Announcement – Mrs. Ann Starring texted President Mayton-Collins to decline her position. The next highest write-in candidate is Mr. George Mower, he has agreed to sit on the Board.

Re-Organization Meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

Board Survey – All current members should return their evaluations by the end of July to the District Clerk.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Peters, the school calendar is amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, Item “C”, the Resolution to look into options for the Jordanville Bus Garage disposition is approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In a motion by Trustee Jacoby, seconded by Trustee Peters, Item “D”, the Lentz Hardware Litigation and resolution is requested that the settlement be made in the amount of \$6,500.

Trustee Peters would like to have the public know what the \$6500 is for and why it is being paid.

President Mayton-Collins explained that when the capital project was completed, Lentz Hardware was not paid because the work was not done in the eyes of the school district. They have since countered that so it does not have to go to litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DISCUSSION TIME**

Trustee Lanphier would like to see something in writing regarding videotaping and decide who is going to do it and where the camera is going to be kept.

Trustee Jacoby thinks there should be a policy regarding videotaping.

Trustee Peters feels there is a need for a handbook outlining what scholarships are available to high school students and parents.

## **DISCUSSION TIME CONT'D**

Trustee Jacoby inquired about the St. Lawrence scholarship. How do we formalize it so students and parents are aware of its availability.  
Vice President Snyder feels the scholarships could be listed in the student handbook that is given to every student.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Peters welcomed the new Board members.

Trustee Lanphier welcomed new Board members and thanked Trustee Peters and Trustee Jacoby for their service on the Board.

Trustee Lanphier attended graduation and commented that it went very smoothly and parents he spoke with were pleased with the ceremony.

President Mayton-Collins asked to have a re-cap at next regular meeting of regents scores.

President Mayton-Collins asked about the Rural Schools Conference July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Otesaga. The District Clerk will check into registration procedure.

In a motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Jacoby, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Kennerknecht  
District Clerk

