



Otsego Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 12, 2009

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A reception for new employees was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by President Campbell at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Patzer and interested staff and citizens

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to adopt the agenda for October 12, 2009 as presented.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer

NAYS: None

New staff members in attendance were introduced by their Building Principal.

Superintendent Patzer reported that enrollment on headcount day was approximately 2,260 students. Negotiations with the Otsego Education Association will continue on Friday. The first meeting of the Otsego/Plainwell Shared Services Committee will be October 28. Mr. Patzer also reported that the annual marching band invitational was a huge success with record turnout.

OHS Athletic Director Mike Garvey reported on fall sports results. The boys' tennis team qualified for state competition for the fourth year out of the past five. The varsity football team is having its first winning season since 1998. The volleyball team remains undefeated. Mr. Garvey stated this has been a great season for the kids and the community.

Motion by Stafford, support by Ransbottom to approve the following agenda items:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 28, 2009
- B. Payment of Monthly bills in the amount of \$1,349,693.07
- C. Employment of Staff:
 - Gagneur, Kim Cook at St. Margarets
 - Johnson, Gail Cook at OMS
 - Koshar, Tony Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer
NAYS: None

Motion by Herm, support by Weeldreyer to approve naming the Alternative Education Program and building the Otsego West Campus High School.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer
NAYS: None

Motion by Herm, support by Stafford to appoint Renny Ransbottom and Scott Sleeman as the two Otsego Board of Education representatives on the Otsego/Plainwell Shared Services Committee and Jim Herm as an alternate representative.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer
NAYS: None

Rhonda Plumley, Director of Business, reported on the state budget which was approved late last week. It includes a \$165 per student reduction in state aid. We should be receiving our October 20 payment on time so our cash flow will not be affected at this time. New State revenue sources have not been identified for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Superintendent Patzer reported on maintenance and operations. He said that the new roof was completed at Washington Street Elementary one week early and just before the rainy season hit this area. The Field Turf company will be repairing/replacing the logo in the stadium next spring. That section of the turf had been matting and showing excessive wear. Our Energy Education Program helped us realize a 49% cost avoidance rate for the first quarter of our fiscal year. The cost savings for September was at a record high of 50%.

Director of Instruction Dan Bushouse stated that MEAP testing begins tomorrow. The new after school programs at the high school and middle school for homework completion have been going well. Washington Street Elementary has added an indoor fitness trail with 50 activities throughout the building. The middle school has started a before school activity similar to Jump Start at the elementaries and six single gender classrooms have been established. The All Day/Every Day Kindergarten program seems to be going well and the kids don't seem to be too tired as was a concern of some parents. Teachers have reported that the students are making much greater progress than in the past.

Mr. Bushouse also gave a report on the Transportation Department. The number of students assigned to each bus route has not caused overcrowding because many parents drive their children to school. Parents have also been helpful taking their athletes to and from events that they are attending so we have been able to reduce our athletic and special bus trips.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Donna M. Weeldreyer, Secretary
Board of Education