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**Otsego Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 8, 2010**

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The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Scott Sleeman at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Washington Street Elementary.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cronen, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer  
**MEMBER ABSENT:** Campbell and Herm  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Patzer, interested staff and citizens

**Motion by Stafford, support by Weeldreyer to adopt the agenda for March 8, 2010 as presented.**

**AYES:** Cronen, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer  
**NAYS:** None

Principal Heather Badders welcomed everyone to Washington Street Elementary for the meeting. She introduced Rita Mitchell, elementary counselor, who gave the monthly building report. Mrs. Mitchell explained their building theme for the year and the book the staff is reviewing this year called "3 Cups of Tea", by Greg Mortensen. Fourth grade student Sophie Frazier helped Mrs. Mitchell explain the "Pennies for Peace Program" the students are doing this year. They said there are 102 schools in Michigan who collect pennies for this program which is building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Superintendent Patzer reported briefly on tax reform legislation, maintenance and winter sports results. He also commended the Band Boosters, high school staff and students on hosting the District Band Festival last week. It was very well organized and we received many positive comments on the event.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2010**
- B. Payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$1,523,862.98**
- C. Accepted the retirement resignation of Art Roberts, Head of Building Maintenance. He was employed at OPS from November 16, 1974 to January 31, 2010.**
- D. Employed: Bill Martin, OMS Boys' Track coach and Katie Reitkert, OMS Girls' Track Coach**

**AYES:** Cronen, Ransbottom, Sleeman, Stafford and Weeldreyer  
**NAYS:** None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Weeldreyer to approve General Fund budget adjustments for the 2009-10 fiscal year, as recommended by the Director of Business and Superintendent.

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

Rhonda Plumley, Director of Business, announced that the district could incur increased costs next year for retirement and health insurance premiums. She also stated that six bids had been received for the annual audits. She will be reviewing them and making a recommendation for approval in April.

Director of Instruction Dan Bushouse announced that the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) would be given at the high school this week. The Iowa exam of basic skills will be given to elementary students in April. The Otsego School Improvement Council has been reviewing secondary social studies and physical education and health at the elementary level this year. The committee will be making a recommendation this spring to purchase of new materials for next fall.

Mr. Bushouse also gave a brief report on the Transportation Department. The transfer of special education staff to AAESA is progressing. AAESA will be conducting a study of routes throughout the county for possible cost savings. Mr. Bushouse is also reviewing software for tracking bus routes.

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Stafford to meet in closed session for employee negotiations (7:40 p.m.).

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

Ten minute recess.

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Stafford to return to open session (8:15 p.m.).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Donna M. Weeldreyer, Secretary  
Board of Education

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Alamo Elementary**