
Otsego Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 14, 2008

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President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman
MEMBERS ABSENT: Frasier
ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Patzer, administrators and interested citizens

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2008 meeting as presented.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman

NAYS: None

January is School Board Recognition Month. Board of Education members were presented with framed certificates from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Mr. Patzer thanked them for their service to the district and commitment to public education.

Superintendent Patzer announced that this is the first meeting that we are using the new technology installed in the Board Room and having a first pass at a “paperless” meeting. The agenda and supporting material were projected on the Smartboard. In the future, paper copies will not be printed for distribution. Mr. Patzer announced there was an article on the PE4Life Program on the front page of the Hometown Gazette today.

Herve’ Dardis, OHS Principal, showed everyone the framed certificate from the North Central Association for 100 years of accreditation. Otsego is one of 30 schools in Michigan to receive this award.

Motion by Harvey, support by Herm to approve the following agenda items as recommended by the Superintendent:

A. Minutes:

- December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting
- December 17, 2007 Special Meeting
- January 12, 2008 Special Workshop

B. Payment of Monthly Bills totaling \$1,473,613.86

C. Employment of Staff

- Candace Knight, JV Softball Coach
- Rick Mena, OMS Wrestling Coach
- Chuck Parker, Girls’ Varsity Tennis Coach
- Thom Schacher, Girls’ Varsity Soccer Coach

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman

NAYS: None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Cronen to approve the following policies, guidelines and glossary terms for implementation and inclusion in the Board's policy manuals.

GLOSSARY

7440 Security and Video Surveillance

POLICIES

GUIDELINES

2421 Career and Technical Education

3460 Graduation Requirement

5136 Cell Phones and Electronic
Communication Devices

7440 Security and Video Surveillance

5540 Interviewing Students outside Agencies

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman

NAYS: None

Motion by Herm, support by Harvey to approve an overnight trip to Chesaning so the competitive cheer teams can attend a competition on February 15 & 16, 2008, as requested by the coaches and Athletic Director.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman

NAYS: None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Cronen to approve the resolution to participate in the Michigan School Readiness Program coordinated with the Allegan County Area Education Service Agency. Otsego Public Schools will receive \$64,600 for 19 students for the 2007-08 school year.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Harvey, Herm, Ransbottom and Sleeman

NAYS: None

OHS Athletic Director Mike Garvey gave a report from his department. He said a committee is reviewing athletic academic eligibility and an athletic handbook. The winter sports are off to a good start. Having the boys' and girls' basketball season at the same time makes gym use very busy but it is going well. The dual sports issue has forced some students to choose which sports team to join. Mr. Garvey also announced that the brass bulldog statue for the stadium plaza has finally arrived.

Tim Syrek, OMS Athletic Director, announced the successes of the early winter sports teams. Girls' basketball and wrestling will be starting soon. Community Ed activities are very busy this time of year too. Tim reported that we are having 80-100 walkers every night using the track in the auxiliary gym.

Tom Matthews, Director of Operations stated that the winter snow removal is going well. The maintenance workers have found that we have a lot of sidewalk to clean. Tom is still receiving bus bids and is not ready to make a recommendation yet.

Superintendent Patzer reported that all projects are nearing completion and the Building Committee has one more meeting in February. The new high school auditorium is very close to being done. He is interviewing candidates for an Auditorium Manager for the balance of this year. We will post the job later this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Rebecca J. Harvey, Board of Education Secretary