
**Otsego Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 10, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order by President Campbell at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Dix Street Elementary.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frasier

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Patzer and interested staff and citizens

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to adopt the agenda for November 10, 2008 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

President Campbell announced that the annual high school and middle school canned food drives have begun. They will end the first week of December. Donations can be taken to either building.

The monthly building report was given by Dix Street Principal, Tim Allard, and the core team of the Rewiring the Brain Program. Trish Martin, Early Literacy Trainer, and teachers Sue Raven and Kim Seger told how the program is making a great impact on students' reading skills. The core team has been attending conferences to learn more about this process. Staff training at all three elementaries is an ongoing process.

Superintendent Patzer reported on several items including the Energy Summit he attended in Washington D.C., the success for two families who won the Band Boosters' Win-A-Band raffle, the upcoming Alumni Vocal Concert, Christian Neighbors moving into their new building on 12th Street, parent/teacher conferences and the teacher inservice scheduled for this Tuesday with Dr. Yong Zhao from the Michigan State University Confucius Institute. He also announced that two Dix Street teachers have been nominated to the Michigan Department of Education for the Teacher of the Year award.

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to approve the following agenda items by consent agenda approval:

- Minutes of October 27, 2008
- Payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$2,837,747.82
- Accepted the resignation of Susan Dec, Alternative Education Aide (9/11/06 – 11/14/08)
- Employed Jesse Blanchard as the JV Wrestling Coach

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Stafford, support by Sleeman to approve the resolution regarding the 403(b) plan document.

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

NAYS: None

Stafford, support by Herm, to approve the resolution regarding the 403(b) interlocal agreement and plan agreement.

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

NAYS: None

Dan Bushouse, Director of Instruction, reported on the results of the high school marching band's fall competitions. He announced that the MEAP testing has been completed. Also, that faculty members are working on power standards for the core content areas in conjunction with the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency and other schools in the county.

Mike Garvey, OHS Athletic Director, reported on the results of the fall athletic teams. He said that our varsity football team was the talk of the league. Cross Country, volleyball and girls' golf had excellent seasons also.

OHS Athletic Director, Tim Syrek, reported on middle school fall sports. He said 150 students participated which is 40% of the students. The winter sports season begins this week with basketball games.

Retired bus driver, Sherry Brazill, voiced her concerns about no bus transportation to some sporting events and overall bus safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Bryon L. Campbell, President
Board of Education**

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center