

Otsego Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 11, 2008

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

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

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2008 meeting as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Michael Rochholz, President of the Michigan Association of School Boards, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the local board members. He encouraged everyone to contact legislators regarding state aid to schools.

Principals and Assistant Principals were recognized for Principal Appreciation Week. They were commended by Superintendent Patzer and Board President Campbell for their dedication and commitment to the students of Otsego Public Schools

Superintendent Patzer announced that the Michigan Cyber Safety program for parents has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 20. This very informative program from the State Attorney General's office was presented to K-5th grade students last week.

Mr. Patzer reported that the CSM Group, our construction management firm, has donated \$1,000 to purchase picnic tables for the high school courtyard. Also our architectural firm has donated \$1,000 for a scholarship. These two companies have also agreed to share the cost of the bronze dedication plaque with the date of construction to be displayed in the high school.

Mr. Patzer informed the Board that we have contracted with an Auditorium Technical Director through the end of the school year. A job description and auditorium expectations for students, staff, administrators and audience have been written.

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

A. Minutes of January 28, 2008

B. Payment of Monthly Bills totaling \$3,035,007.67

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Harvey, support by Ransbottom to approve the purchase of 19 new buses at a cost of \$411,350 from Midwest Transit Equipment of Michigan, Incorporated.

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

NAYS: None

Energy Manager, Tom Gilmer, gave his semi-annual report on energy cost avoidance. We are in the third year of this program and at an avoidance rate of 24.81%. The new high school cannot be included in this calculation until a full base year can be established. The original goal for the district was set at 20%. Even working through construction and learning new controls, we have attained an excellent rate.

Tom Matthews, Director of Operations thanked the Board for continuing the three year program of purchasing new buses. This is the same International model bus we bought three years ago but the new ones will have air brakes and doors. The buses will be delivered in time for the 2008-09 school year.

Dan Bushouse, Director of Instruction, played a video entitled "Did You Know" which showed the fast pace that technology is affecting the world. He also distributed a report on 21st century skills and expectations that was shared with the administrative team last month.

Board Member Harvey gave a report from the Construction Committee. Alamo Elementary and Dix Street Elementary are essentially complete and final construction is being completed at the other buildings. The committee will have one more meeting next month. They have been reviewing the "wish list" to select projects to be covered by the balance of the funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Rebecca J. Harvey
Board of Education Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008
WASHINGTON STREET ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER**