

**Otsego Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board Room – June 9, 2008**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harvey and Sleeman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Patzer, administrators and interested citizens

Lori Smalldon, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at Washington Street Elementary, introduced two of her students who completed a project in the Envisions Program. Nineteen students participated in this pilot program for gifted/talented students. Bobby Matthews and Mary Beth Arendash explained their special projects. Next year Mrs. Smalldon will assign four projects throughout the year to the students.

Superintendent Patzer reported on the District tournaments played here last Saturday for girls' soccer and softball. He distributed a draft of his goals for 2008-09 as outlined in the strategic plan. This is part of the new superintendent evaluation process. Mr. Patzer also announced that the paraprofessionals who had been laid off have all been recalled. The Otsego Public Schools Foundation awarded teacher mini-grants and scholarships totaling \$15,000.

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to approve the agenda for the May 12, 2008 meeting as presented.

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

**NAYS:** None

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

A. Minutes of June 9, 2008

B. Payment of Monthly Bills totaling \$1,637,760.89

C. Accepted the resignations of:

End of Year:

Nancy Bell Occupational Therapist, 1998-2008

Autumn Labby Pool Director & Facility Supervisor 1998-2008

Retirement: Kathi Jankowski, DSE Secretary 1975 – 2008

D. Employment of Samantha Estep as a Special Education Bus Aide

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

**NAYS:** None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Frasier to acknowledge the teachers on the attached list who have attained the next level of probation or tenure status after having successfully completed the probationary period required by the State of Michigan.

<u>TENURE STATUS</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR PROBATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>
Smalldon, Lori	Jun 14 04	Throop, Jon	Nov 13 06 *
Lane, Eileen	Jun 14 04	Long, Steve	July 24 06
Olweean, Laura	Jun 14 04	Holmes, Josh	Sept 11 06
Dame, Karen	Aug 23 04	Ruiz, Merry Beth	Sept 11 06
Bronkema, Lori	Aug 23 04	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Probation</u>	
<u>4<sup>th</sup> YEAR PROBATION</u>		Strayer, Christine	Jan 29 07
Roelofs, Martha	Jul 11 05	Kubiak, John	May 14 07 *
Schuemann, Sara	Aug 08 05	Martin, William	Aug 13 07
Griffith, Dawn	Aug 08 05	Knash, Jacob	Sept 10 07
Nicholson, Christine	Aug 08 05	Steketee, Autumn R.	Sept 10 07
Hemann, Amber	Aug 22 05	Harthun, Erin M.	Sept 10 07
DeVary, Timothy	Aug 22 05		

\*Previous tenure

**AYES:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom  
**NAYS:** None

Motion by Herm, support by Cronen to renew membership for the high school and middle school in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2008-09 school year.

**AYES:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom  
**NAYS:** None

Motion by Frasier, support by Ransbottom to approve administrative contracts and non-union support staff salaries for 2008-09, as recommended by the Superintendent and Personnel Committee.

**AYES:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom  
**NAYS:** None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Cronen to lay off the following bus drivers effective June 30, 2008:

- Peggy Losey
- Lloyd Chapman
- Melinda Oosterhouse
- Lisa Allen

**AYES:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom  
**NAYS:** None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Frasier to approve the construction of a paved walking track around the property at Alamo Elementary for the PE4Life program and other school and community use. This proposal includes a \$10,000 loan to the PTO to be paid back in two years. Three bids have been received and the \$20,000 construction project will be awarded to Lovett Driveway Company.

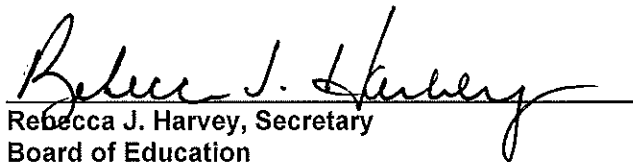
**AYES:** Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, and Ransbottom  
**NAYS:** None

Tom Matthews, Director of Operations, gave a brief report on summer team cleaning the buildings, painting to be done in several areas and gym floor warranty work. He stated that the Washington Street re-paving project begins next week and should be completed in August.

Dan Bushouse, Director of Instruction, presented a proposal to purchase textbooks and materials for upper elementary math, secondary foreign language and business/computer classes. About half of the items are needed for the beginning of next year but a portion may be purchased later in the school year as funds become available.

It was agreed that the June 23 workshop will be posted as a special meeting for the annual budget hearing on the 2008-09 budget. Also, the annual organization meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

  
Rebecca J. Harvey, Secretary  
Board of Education