
**Otsego Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 11, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order by Member Campbell at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman (arrived 7:04 p.m.) 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 August 11, 2008 as presented.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, and Stafford
NAYS: None

Superintendent Patzer reported that a member of the marching band color guard was injured during practice. He also said Assistant Middle School Principal Steve Sikkenga has resigned and is the new Principal at Bloomingdale Middle School. The vacancy has been posted internally. Denny also asked how many Board members wanted to attend the Roger Crawford presentation on Aug. 27 at the Fetzer Center.

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

- Minutes of July 28, 2008
- Payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$1,910,516.78
- Approved Leave of Absence for Julia Davis for the 2008-09 school year
- Accepted resignations of:
 - Marcy Meisling, Food Service Aide at DSE, 2/21/07 – 6/11/08
 - Kim Rohr, Cook at OHS, 11/23/05-6/11/08
 - Steven Sikkenga, Assistant Principal at OMS, 2003-2008
- Employed Staff:
 - Jennifer Leone Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach
 - Jake Knash JV Softball Coach
 - Erin Veldt JV Volleyball Coach
 - Corrie Farley Fr. Volleyball Coach
 - Brian Sparks Head Wrestling Coach

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Herm, Ransbottom, Sleeman and Stafford
NAYS: None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Stafford to approve the annual resolution for the School Loan Revolving Fund as submitted by the Director of Business, Rhonda Plumley.

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Stafford to approve the budgets for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as submitted by the following booster groups:

- Alamo Elementary PTO
- Athletic Boosters – OHS & OMS
- Band Boosters
- Choir Boosters
- Dix St. Elementary PTO
- Swim Club
- Washington Street Elementary PTO

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Stafford, support by Herm to approve a change in the middle school student handbook converting attendance guidelines from semesters to trimesters, as recommended by the middle administration.

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Ransbottom, support by Cronen to approve the awarding of varsity letters to the Women's Golf Club team members as recommended by the high school administration.

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

NAYS: None

Motion by Stafford, support by Ransbottom to approve the sale of the property at 313 West Allegan Street, the Allegan Street Elementary, subject to terms as written in the sales agreement dated July 25, 2008 and the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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


NAYS: None

The annual energy report was given by Tom Gilmer. The district has reached a 26% in cost avoidance on our energy bill.

Dan Bushouse, Director of Instruction, gave a report on district demographics and achievement results.

Board Comments: Board members said they wish Steve Sikkenga well in his new position. Wendy Stafford said she's pleased that the Allegan Street Elementary building is going to remain a school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Bryon Campbell, President
Board of Education