

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 November 7, 2016

MINUTES

<p>Prior to the meeting the Board had a tour of the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Tour</p>
<p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:40 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Board members present: Downey, McDermott, McEntee, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen.</p>	
<p>Administration members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards. CSE Chairperson Clair-O'Rourke entered at 6:41 p.m.</p>	
<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Reyda, to go into Executive Session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:41 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Executive Session: 6:41 p.m. – room 93.</p>	
<p>Open Session resumed at 7:14 p.m.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>Downey, McDermott, McEntee, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: None.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Elementary Principal Mazourek, Interim Elementary Principal Scott, MS Principal Hoyt, HS Principal Lambiaso, CSE Chairperson Clair-O'Rourke and Clerk French.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: approximately 30</p>	
<p>President Treffeisen led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Downey, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>10-17-16 Reg Brd Min</p>
<p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Downey, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	
<p>B. Hesse – thanked Superintendent Richards for meeting with him and was pleased with the constructive conversation they had. The Ad Hoc group he represents is a movement toward not closing the Otego Elementary School. They are also concerned about the tax burden issue.</p>	

A suggestion to the Board was to join together and put pressure on our representatives for the county to help the school district in our endeavors. The State took GEA funds away from us. The group feels this is extortion by the State. Plans should be made to approach the State to reinstate these funds. The Board is welcome to come to their ad hoc meetings. He would like to solicit the Villages and Towns in our District to come to the meetings and help make a movement forward in a positive way. He encourages everyone to talk with their neighbors and friends to join their ad hoc committee. The group has questions on the budget. They would like to see a line item budget with specifics.

C. O'Hara – she has sent a letter to Board members with concerns and questions for their consideration. She awaits their answers. The Mission Statement was then read to them.

It is felt that the Board is moving in haste to close the elementary schools. Also she addressed the safety issues that was given in the Facilities Study and when they would be looked at.

GX Cramatte – noted that the declining enrollment is not only an issue with the District but with New York State. Enrollment is dropping in colleges too. He would like to have the figures, whether positive or negative, before the decision to close is made.

Dr. Richards – he has compiled a report of questions, with answers, that have been asked through surveys and meetings. This will be presented at the next Board meeting.

R. Pleban – concern that the voters of the communities cannot vote on the closing of the schools.

B. Hesse – concern as to the difference between Otego and Unadilla tax rates. Unadilla has not been revaluated in several years and Otego has been done twice.

Dr. Richards – the school Board sets the figures for the budget but the State does the equalization rates that determines each towns share.

J. McDermott – the Board listens to the people and answers are covered through their public meetings.

<u>Presentations</u>	
<p>Administrator's reports</p> <p>Otego Elementary School – P. Scott, Interim Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAR Assessments – continue to work with them in ELA. • K-3 Math committee continues to meet. • Observations are underway. • <i>Bridges to Great Beginnings</i> has been very positive. • Fire drills – one more is needed. • ELA – helping struggling readers to close the gap. • Students judged the staff on their Halloween costumes. • Second grade did the first concert which was a great show. • The next concert for the First grade is the 16th. • There will be a Veterans Assembly on Wednesday. Terri Horan and Jen Barnes has put the program together. 	<p>P. Scott</p>
<p>Unadilla Elementary School – K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Junior Chef program has started. It is a six week program and they are doing Foods From the U.S. • Mad Scientist night for grades K-5 was a success. Approximately 150 people attended. • An offsite evacuation drill was held. • STAR Assembly was held last Friday. • Students came to the MS/HS to see a preview of <i>Peter Pan</i>. • Growth is seen in STAR Assessments. • Evaluations are in progress. • Veterans Day assembly will be held on November 15th. • The fourth grade luncheon is November 16th. • There are about 100 students taking instruments in grades 4 & 5. • The fifth grade is doing a six week program with robotics. 	<p>K. Mazourek</p>
<p>Middle School/High School – P. Hoyt & J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drama play <i>Peter Pan</i> was great. There were a lot of middle school students involved. Mrs. Bonczkowski did a great job. • This Thursday is the end of the first quarter and next Friday report cards will go out. • There will be Parent-Teacher conference on Thursday afternoon for the middle school and high school. On Monday the teachers will meet to discuss the new requirements from SED. • Evaluations are in progress. • Fall emergency drills have been completed. • Middle school students are enjoying working with robotics. The high school has an elective on robotics coding. 	<p>P. Hoyt & J. Lambiaso</p>

<p>Superintendent's Report – Dr. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Ms. Mazourek and staff for a well done evacuation drill. • There is a large participation on Facebook. • A great job was done by the Varsity Girls Soccer Team and the Boys Varsity Football team. • Legislative Breakfast – Silo restaurant – December 3rd. • CASSC Fall Workshop – November 17th – SUNY Oneonta – Topics will be The Changing Landscape for Schools and NYS Financial Picture and State Aid. • The Policy Committee needs to schedule a meeting date. • The Board needs to discuss the facilities study and set a timeline. It was decided to start at the next Board meeting. 	<p>Dr. Richards</p>
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Reyda, to approve the following resolutions as presented: Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	
<p>First readings on Policy 5661 Wellness (revision); Policy 7134 Admission of Foreign Exchange Students; Policy 7521R Opioid Overdose and Prevention.</p>	<p>Policy First Readings</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby award D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP the RFP for Agreed Upon Procedures as presented.</p>	<p>RFP Agreed Upon Procedures</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Budget Transfers as presented.</p>	<p>Budget Transfers</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the CSE recommendations as presented.</p>	<p>CSE Recommendations</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve agreement for a shared .4 School Psychologist with Oneonta City School District as presented.</p>	<p>Agreement w/Oneonta City School</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve transportation request to Oneonta Community Christian School as presented.</p>	<p>Transportation Request</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Violet Bettiol and Elizabeth Goodrich as tellers for the Special District Meeting for the Bus Proposition on December 8, 2016 at a rate of \$100/day.</p>	<p>Tellers Special District Mtg 12/8/16</p>

<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Shannon Adams teacher for After School Academic Eligibility program as presented.</p>	<p>S. Adams Eligibility Program</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Stacy (Goodrich) Laragioue’s resignation as monitor (bus aide) effective November 4, 2016 as presented.</p>	<p>Resignation S. Laragioue Bus Aide</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Danielle Ranc substitute nurse for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>D. Ranc Sub Nurse</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Christopher Bomba substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>C. Bomba Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Rhiannon LaCross substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>R. LaCross Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jessica Marino substitute clerical worker for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>J. Marino Sub Clerical Worker</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Vera Hamilton .8 FTE school psychologist, Masters +30-Step 4 prorated, effective October 31, 2016.</p>	<p>V. Hamilton .8 FTE Psychologist</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Vera Hamilton to a four year probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Psychologist effective November 14, 2016 and ending November 13, 2020, salary Masters +30-Step 4-\$53,460 prorated. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.</p>	<p>V. Hamilton Probationary Appointment Psychologist</p>

<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Monica Terrell substitute After School worker for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>M.Terrell Sub After School Worker</p>
<p>RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Stacy (Goodrich) Laragioue substitute monitor (bus aide) for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>S. Laragioue Sub Bus Aide</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint coaches for the 2016-17 winter sports season as presented.</p>	<p>Winter Coaches</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint William Ostrander substitute cleaner for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>W. Ostrander Sub Cleaner</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Marcus Byam substitute cleaner for the 2016-17 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>M. Byam Sub Cleaner</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Gladys Frazier substitute nurse for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>G. Frazier Sub Nurse</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Marah Patrick-Seward substitute monitor (bus aide) pending fingerprinting and criminal history review for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>M. Patrick- Seward Sub Bus Aide</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> B. Hesse – commented that the administrators and teachers of the District are wonderful. There is no question on the qualification of teachers. The ad hoc committee would like to see the actual documentation on the merger of the Unadilla and Otego Schools. They also request the cost per student that goes to BOCES, regular and special education. If both elementary schools are closed, they suggested soliciting for repurposing in advance. For the time being, leave buildings status quo. It is pre-mature to close buildings now.</p>	

R. Pleban – inquired if there were timelines that the Board needed to meet for making their decision. Supt. Richards responded that the Board could take their time. SED has a date of March 1st for letting them know if a school would be closed but if the Board needed to go longer it should not be a problem.

GX Cramatte – inquired how long it would be if a Capital Project was presented for public vote. Dr. Richards responded that it would be approximately three years from conception to construction.

Round Table Discussion

K. Stockert – The production of *Peter Pan* was fantastic. About 848 people saw the play over 3 days. The middle school students have a lot of talent. Comments were made about our strong drama program. It should be marketed and made known to the public.

There was a wheelchair space issue. Front seats were removed to accommodate them. She asked if front row seats could be removed permanently for this purpose. Dr. Richards responded that it would be looked at.

It was also requested if it was possible to paint the paneling in the front hall by volunteers. The stone Unatego sign needs to have the inset dark so that Unatego comes out from the stone.

D. Downey – Sandy Bonczkowski did a great job with the drama production. A great learning experience for the students.

J. Lambiaso – noted the dedication from our teachers and students. On Saturday Advisors and students were at All County and then came back to school for the play that night.

F. Reyda – noted an article in the Daily Star of a former Unatego graduate.

A concern was noted on the transportation for elementary students between schools. Brian Trask will be at the next meeting to discuss the concern.

J. Salisbury – equalization rates discussed and the need to contact our State representatives on the concern.

Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:48 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

Executive
Session

Clerk French left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Joan M. French
District Clerk

Executive Session: 8:50 p.m. – room 93.

Open Session resumed at 9:17 p.m.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Salisbury, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

Dr. David S. Richards
Superintendent of Schools

