

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 December 5, 2016

MINUTES

<p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:31 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call. McDermott entered at 6:33 p.m. and Downey entered at 6:36 p.m.</p> <p>Absent: None.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards</p> <p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to go into Executive Session to discuss CSE recommendations and a particular personnel matter at 6:32 p.m. Yes-4 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Executive Session: 6:32 p.m. – Special Education Conference Room</p> <p>Open Session resumed at 7:15 p.m. – room 93.</p> <p>Board members present: Downey, Reyda, McDermott, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen.</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. 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: 14</p>	
<p>President Treffeisen led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>11-21-16 Brd Mtg Min</p>
<p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2016 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>11-30-16 Special Mtg</p>
<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Stockert, to appoint Florian Reyda Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of District Clerk. Yes-5 Abstained-1 (Reyda) No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Clerk Pro-Tem Apptd</p>
<p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Downey, to adopt agenda as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>

<p><u>Public Comment</u> – None.</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>Otego Elementary School – Interim P. Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Veterans Day program was well attended.• Parent/Teacher Conference were held.• The <i>Great Beginnings Program</i> is going well.• First grade concert was held November 16th.• First grade luncheon was held November 17th.• Holiday Luncheon, 2nd grade, December 15th.• The second round of bus drills will be this week.• The second grade will be going to Roberson Center on December 13th.• A Science Fair was held by SUCO students that have been working at the school this fall.• K-2 Christmas concert – December 20th.• The PTO will be sponsoring a Christmas Shop.• The second grade will be working on Code Knowledge (closing the reading gap). <p>Unadilla Elementary School – K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The parent/teacher conferences were well attended.• Veterans Day assembly was well attended.• Bus drills will be this week.• There will be a Multi-Cultural Night hosted by the PTO.• Fifth grade luncheon is December 14th.• Students will be going to the high school for a concert on December 14th. <p>Middle School – P. Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 7th & 8th graders will be going to Albany to see a play based on short stories.• The parent/teacher conferences went really well.• Bus drills will be held on Friday.• The MS winter school is December 13th.• There were 92 students on high honor and honor rolls the first semester.• There will be a Holiday Spirit week before Christmas.• Information was discussed on the accelerated science and math courses offered to students. <p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Reyda, for a short adjournment at 7:37 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>P. Scott</p> <p>K. Mazourek</p> <p>P. Hoyt</p>
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<p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to return to open session at 7:42 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>High School – J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announced that a Unatego student had been hit by car on Route 7 earlier that evening. The student was air lifted to Syracuse. No other details were available at this time.• The 10th & 11th grade students will also be going on a field trip to Albany on December 6th.• Ms. Lambiaso thanked Brian Trask for coordinating the transportation and the bus drivers for arranging their schedules to take the students on the Albany field trip.• High School concert is December 8th.• Bus drills on Friday.• Senior Citizens Day will be December 14th.• The high school will participate in the Holiday Spirit Program.• The Harlem Wizards was sponsored by the Class of 2018 on November 29th.• The Junior and Senior National Honor Society held <i>Kids Day Out</i> on Sunday, December 4th. Forty-eight students participated.• The Holiday Helping Hands project is in progress. This project helps the less fortunate families in our district.• November 16th the National Tech Honor Students at BOCES were recognized. There were five students from Unatego.• Legislative Breakfast was recently held at the Silo Restaurant. This is attended by the DCMO BOCES schools and local legislators. One of Unatego students, Jillian Matheson, attended the program and talked about the opportunities that Unatego has given her. She was very proud to be asked and did a great job.	<p>J. Lambiaso</p>
<p>Superintendent's Report – Dr. David S. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed the Board vacancy and the two options the Board had to fill the vacancy. One option is to hold a Special Election within 90 days or the Board can appoint someone to the position. After discussion it was decided to appoint a replacement. The vacancy will be advertised for 30 days. The Board will take action on the appointment at the January 9th meeting. A letter of interest should be written for the vacancy.• The second part of the questions and answers regarding the Facilities Report was done. Areas covered were instructional days, flooding and the septic system at Unadilla Elementary, can Unadilla accommodate scheduling extra classes and lunch periods with extra students, savings by closing Otego school, transportation, energy savings and Pre-K program.	<p>Dr. Richards</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member Salisbury expressed his closing concerns. He feels that they are looking at closing the wrong elementary school. Unadilla Elementary should be closed not Otego Elementary. Some of the issues at Unadilla are septic, flooding, no auditorium and parking is non-existent. Closing a larger school would mean energy savings. • Board member Reyda discussed the Wicks Law. 	
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by Downey, seconded by Stockert, to approve the following resolutions, 4.1-4.8, as presented: Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	
<p>The Budget Calendar was given to the Board for information only.</p>	<p>Budget Calendar</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby acknowledges ASSESS/CPEST letter of the committee's goals to the Board of Education and thanks the Committee for its work.</p>	<p>Acknowledge ASSESS/CPEST Letter</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve CSE recommendations as presented.</p>	<p>CSE Recomm.</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Transportation Contract as presented.</p>	<p>Transportation Contract</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Patricia Loker to make budget transfers up to \$1000 for the 2016-17 school year.</p>	<p>Budget Transfers</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Vicki Beames substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year.</p>	<p>V. Beames Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Morgan McClellan 1:1 teacher aide to a probationary appointment of 52 weeks effective December 1, 2016 at a rate of \$9.70 per hr. as presented.</p>	<p>M. McClellan Teacher Aide</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Corryne Wick substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>C. Wick Sub Teacher</p>

Public Comment

B. Hesse

- There is concern over the Board adjourning the meeting and not explaining the reason to those in attendance. Makes it look suspicious. Board needs to have an interchange of information, a form of transparency. Dr. Richards discussed the concern.
- Discussed Charter Schools.
- A real effort needs to be made on repurposing the elementary schools if a decision is made to close one or both schools. Uses need to be determined.
- Transportation – possibility of contracting outside for transportation. Has this been looked at?
- Steps need to be made to meet the challenge.
- The Board needs to keep in touch with the public.

Dr. Richards

The above concerns were addressed by the Superintendent.

- Charter schools are very tricky. They are approved by the State Education Department.
- Transportation – there is a bargaining unit for the bus drivers and other non-teaching personnel. Negotiations with the unit would need to take place. When the maintenance portion of transportation was privatized, it had to be negotiated with the bargaining unit. The Board President mentioned we had great drivers and didn't want students going with people we didn't have control over.

R. Pleban

- The reports given by the administrators were appreciated.
- The financial situation needs to be made clearer.
- If an energy analysis is done, would it be for all buildings?
- Loss of instruction time discussed.
- The comment made by the Superintendent at the last Board meeting regarding sending students to Sidney School was a concern. The Superintendent's focus should be on this school district.
- The Superintendent apologized again for the comment made at the last meeting. His focus always has been on the district and continues to be.

L. Lincoln

- Thanked Mr. McDermott for his assistance on where she could receive information that she was inquiring about.
- There needs to be further conversation on future strategies. It needs to be started now. Long-term planning needs to be done.

Round Table Discussion

J. Salisbury – has not seen the honor rolls in the newspapers. Mrs. Hoyt responded they had been sent and she would look into the matter.

K. Stockert – clarified her statement made at the last meeting about one of the options the Board was considering. Having a new building, self-standing building, was eliminated. The attention is to this building and the possibility of an addition, not a new building.

Dr. Richards – there has been no further information received on the injured student. Ms. Lambiaso and Mrs. Hoyt has contacted the Crisis team to meet tomorrow morning.

Motion by Downey, seconded by Salisbury, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.

Adjournment

Joan M. French
District Clerk