

**MINUTES**

<p>A budget workshop was held prior to the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior HS.</p> <p>Downey, Gould, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards, Business Manager Loker and Clerk French.</p> <p>Visitors/Staff: 14</p> <p>President Treffeisen led the Flag Salute.</p> <p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Salisbury, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017 as presented with spelling correction. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Downey, to approve the Agenda and Addendum as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>P. Blincoe – Elementary Art teacher displayed around the room art work from students in grades K-5. March is Art month.</p> <p>B. Hesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked clarification for number of students attending schools outside the District.</li> <li>• Inquired about the 1.41% average tax increase discussed in the workshop.</li> </ul> <p>R. Modinger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the Village of Otego and the Town Highway Department for clearing the snow in front of the Otego Elementary School.</li> <li>• Her daughter, Martha exchange student in India, emailed her mother that they were celebrating "World Happiest Day".</li> </ul>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Flag Salute</p> <p>3-13-17 Brd Mtg Min</p> <p>Adopt Agenda &amp; Addendum</p>
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<p>R. Pleban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Otego Fire Department would like to coordinate with the school to celebrate the school's last day in June. Supt. Dr. Richards asked him to call with the information and he would take it to the Transition Committee.</li> </ul> <p>N. Sacco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquired about the use of fuel oil for the bus garage. Wanted to know if it was typical to use 500 gallons of fuel oil in four days. Mr. Trask told her it was as they only have a 500 gallon tank and that it heats the hot water as well as heat the building.</li> </ul> <p>E. Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquired about the shortfall in November 2011 of 1.4 million dollars and five years later, December 2016, there was another shortfall of 1.4 million dollars.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>Business Manager's Report – P. Loker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFP's were requested for an external auditor. Two companies had responded, Piaker &amp; Lyons and D'Arcangelo &amp; Co. After comparing the proposals, Mrs. Loker recommended that D'Arcangelo be selected. Piaker &amp; Lyons were the lower bid but based on comparison she felt that D'Arcangelo was the best choice.</li> </ul>	<p>P. Loker</p>
<p>Superintendent's Report – Dr. David S. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He publicly thanked the Village and Town of Otego Highway Departments for clearing snow in Otego. Also Larry Stevens for clearing the snow at high school as our snow equipment could not handle the 3 feet of snow that fell. He also helped in Otego. This allowed the schools to open on Thursday.</li> <li>The owner of the old gas station next to the Unadilla School contacted him for support in requesting a zone variance. He wants to add a second section on top of the current building and make a building for residents. He would be adding a carport and a deck. Discussion followed and the Board felt it would be good idea and would support the owner in his request for a zone variance.</li> <li>Renaming the Unadilla Elementary School was discussed. The building would be renamed the Unatego Elementary School. A resolution will be on the Agenda for the next Board meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Richards</p>

<p><u><i>Administrative Action</i></u>          Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Stockert, to approve the following resolutions, 4.1-4.10, as presented with the addition of "with regret" added to the retirement resolutions. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information only.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer's Reports for February as presented for all funds.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the agreement between The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center and Unatego Central School District as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby award External Auditor proposal to D'Arcangelo as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Judy Ahearn's resignation due to retirement, with regret, as teacher aide effective June 30, 2017 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jeffrey Smith bus driver, pending certification, effective March 31, 2017 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Sarah Herger substitute School Counselor for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Phyllis Blincoe's resignation, Elementary Art Teacher, to retire effective July 1, 2017, with regret, as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Sandra Greenman's resignation, Licensed Teaching Assistant, to retire effective July 1, 2017, with regret, as presented.</p>	<p>Warrants/ Budget Reps</p> <p>Treasurer's Reports</p> <p>Agreement w/MI Bassett Hospital</p> <p>Appoint External Auditor</p> <p>Retirement – J. Ahearn Aide</p> <p>Appointment- J. Smith Bus Driver</p> <p>S. Herger Sub School Counselor</p> <p>Retirement- P. Blincoe</p> <p>Retirement- S. Greenman</p>
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Public Comment

B. Hesse

- Questioned that if the Unadilla Elementary School would be closing in five years why change the name. President Treffeisen said that it is a step for the two communities to come together as one.
- Suggested coming up with a letter (template) that residents could sign and send to our Assemblymen and Senators regarding funding for the school. It might help them realize we are on the same page. Supt. Dr. Richards will come up with a template and put the information on our website and facebook.

R. Pleban

- Concern on the repurposing the Otego Elementary School. When will the committee be formed and what are the meeting plans.
- Bus garage – has the DEC cleared the remediation done at the garage? Supt. Richards explained that the remediation has worked and they will be closing the remediation down.

E. Brown

- Concern on the name of the school. Is it Unatego or Otego-Unadilla Central School District? Can the district have one name?

Round Table Discussion

K. Stockert

- The Middle School play was really good.
- Does the District have enough bus drivers?
- Repurposing – the Board takes this very seriously. It has been discussed at several meetings and lots of good information has been received thanks to Mr. Downey and Mr. McDermott. There has been no formal meeting on this topic yet.

J. McDermott

- Concern on the new speed limit hours in the Village of Unadilla for the elementary school. Dr. Richards noted that the State Department of Transportation is doing a study of the situation and this was a temporary change. He was told that the Village will check with the school before a final change is made.



Unatego Central School  
Executive Session  
March 20, 2017

**MINUTES**

Executive Session: 8:05 p.m. – room 93.

Board members present: Downey, Gould, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen.

Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards

A particular personnel matter was discussed, no action taken.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Salisbury, to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

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Dr. David S. Richards  
Superintendent of Schools