

MINUTES

<p>President Salisbury called the Special Meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in room 93 at the MS/HS.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Clapper, Downey, McDermott, McMichael, O'Hara and Salisbury answered roll call. Treffeisen entered at 6:18 p.m.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: None.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards and Clerk French. School attorney John Lynch from Hogan & Sarzynski was also present.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: approximately 35</p>	
<p>President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p>	
<p>Motion by O'Hara, seconded by McMichael, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	
<p>B. Hesse - requested the Board to elaborate on resolution 4.3. President Salisbury read the proposed resolution.</p>	
<p>Several residents in the audience expressed their support for the fields at the Otego Elementary School to be retained by the school district. They do not want the fields included in the RFP. It is felt that selling the fields may turn future families away from Otego. The land should be retained and sold to the Town of Otego.</p>	
<p>There was also several residents that felt the RFP should not be restricted. The RFP should not limit choices. They asked the Board not to sell themselves short, look to the future. Selling the whole property could create jobs, businesses and more revenue for the community.</p>	
<p>Superintendent Dr. Richards discussed further information he had received in the last couple of days.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been multiple conversations with the school attorney on the proposed resolutions and they are listed in a particular order. • Dr. Richards has talked with Kimberly More, associated with the Kildonan School, on the RFP. She indicated limiting the RFP was not a deal breaker for the school. She urged the Board to make a decision in a timely manner. • Dr. Richards met with Joe & JR Hurlburt, and they indicated that there was a conveyance of land on a portion of the land to the Town of Otego. It was a 99 year lease with the school district. Dr. Richards received a copy of the lease, prior to the meeting. The school attorney indicated a title search would need to be done. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richards gave his recommendation for the RFP. <p><u>Administrative Action</u> Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of McDermott, seconded by Downey it is RESOLVED, the Board of Education shall offer for sale the building and grounds of the former Otego Elementary School. Discussion by the Board followed. Vote: Yes -3 No-4 (McMichael, Clapper, Salisbury and O’Hara). Motion defeated.</p> <p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of McMichael, seconded by O’Hara it is RESOLVED, the Board of Education shall offer for sale the former Otego Elementary School building together with the parking lots and the grounds containing the septic system and leaching field adjacent to the building, reserving to School District ownership the remaining grounds comprising 16.7 acres, more or less. Discussion by the Board followed. Vote: Yes-5 No-2 (Downey, McDermott). Motion carried.</p> <p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Clapper, seconded by O’Hara it is RESOLVED, the Board of Education shall offer for sale a certain portion of the grounds of the former Otego Elementary School to the Town of Otego in the amount of \$1.00 to have and hold for town purposes. Discussion by the Board followed. Vote: Yes-5 No-1 (McDermott) Abstained-1 (Downey). Motion carried.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> B. Hesse - zoning laws in the Village would need to be adhered to. He commended the Board for their work.</p> <p>R. Hurlburt - thanked the Board for their work.</p> <p>T. Cellucci - looking at the area for Opportunities Zone by NYS. He could not tell if Otego was part of it but will try to find out.</p> <p>E. Brown - the Town of Otego wants to retain the fields for community use.</p> <p><u>Round Table Discussion</u> B. McMichael - recognizes the Board was divided but they will support each other and try to do the best they can for the future.</p>	<p>RFP – Sale of OES building & Land</p> <p>RFP – Sale of OES building & land necessary. Retain ownership of the fields.</p> <p>Portion of grounds offer to Town of Otego</p>
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D. Downey - he will make as many contacts as possible to encourage vendors to respond to the RFP. He will not bad mouth the decision that was made.

Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Yes-7
No-0. Carried.

Joan M. French
District Clerk

Adjournment