

MINUTES

<p>President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p> <p>Clapper, Downey, McDermott, McMichael, O'Hara, Salisbury and Treffeisen were present.</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by Treffeisen, to go into exempt session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:33 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Exempt Session: 6:33 p.m. – CSE Conference Room.</p>	<p>Exempt Session</p>
<p>Open Session resumed at 7:00 p.m. – room 93.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>Clapper, Downey, McDermott, McMichael, O'Hara, Salisbury and Treffeisen answered roll call.</p> <p>Absent: None.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Elementary Principal Mazourek, Middle School Principal Hoyt, HS Principal Lambiaso and Clerk French.</p> <p>Visitors/Staff: 11</p>	
<p>President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by O'Hara, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> None.</p>	<p>10-16-17 Brd Mtg Minutes</p>
<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>Proposal for Repurposing the Otego Elementary School & Land – B. Hesse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hesse is presenting the proposal as an individual not part CPEST. • The proposal for Repurposing included preface, the proposal and the conclusion. It also included correspondence with Senator Seward in regards to the development of a park at the Otego Elementary School. Mr. Hesse read the document to the Board. • Board member, Mr. McDermott, requested that the proposal be included in the minutes (attached). 	<p>B. Hesse</p>
<p>Administrator's Report</p> <p>Unatego Elementary School – K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Teacher Conferences were well attended. • The fire departments, Otego, Unadilla and Wells Bridge, were represented during Fire Prevention Week. • The first STAR assembly was held. • PBIS event was the Monster Mash. • Mad Scientist Night was well attended. • There will be a Veterans Day assembly this week. 	<p>K. Mazourek</p>

<p>Middle School – P. Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Day included Chromebook Training. • There were two half-days for parent-teacher conferences. • Halloween Dance was well attended. • Middle school students in the musical held last weekend were great. • Started first round of teacher observations. • Penny Wars this week – Middle School vs High School – money will be donated to schools in the recent hurricane areas. 	<p>P. Hoyt</p>
<p>High School – J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First quarter ends this Thursday. • During the two half-days there was parent-teacher conferences and curriculum work. • Open House went well. • The parking lot has been relined thanks to Brian Trask and District. There is a visitors section, staff section and student section. • The play held this past weekend was great. There are a lot of talented students that do an amazing job. (Board members thanked everyone for a job well done) 	<p>J. Lambiaso</p>
<p>Superintendent’s Report – Dr. David S. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play was one of the best productions in the area. • Reminder; November 16th – Workshop at SUCO – speaker will be Regent Susan Mittler. • December 2nd – Legislative Breakfast at SUCO. • It was decided that the Building & Grounds Committee will meet November 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Unatego Elementary School. Following at 6:00 p.m. the Long Range Facilities Committee and Building & Grounds will tour the school. • Repurposing Committee will meet on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room. • Scheduling a Board retreat – it was decided that the Board would meet on November 27, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 to discuss data information. • The week of October 23-27 was Board recognition week. Supt. Dr. Richards thanked the Board for their time and energy put into this job. Coffee mugs were presented to the Board as a token of appreciation. 	<p>Dr. Richards</p>
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to approve the following resolutions as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</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 the Transportation contract between Unatego Central School District and Rolling V Bus Corporation as presented.</p>	<p>Transportation Contract</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve agreement for Joint Financing of Workers’ Compensation Benefits Under General Municipal Law Article 5-G as presented.</p>	<p>Workers’ Compensation Benefits</p>

<p>RESOLVED; upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve event workers for the 2017-18 winter sports season as presented.</p>	<p>Event Workers Winter Season</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve coaches for the 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 Kim Renwick substitute aide, LTA, and teacher for the 2017-18 school year as presented.</p>	<p>K. Renwick Subs Aide, LTA, Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Valerie Joern substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year as presented.</p>	<p>V. Joern Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Alexandria Sloan substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year as presented.</p>	<p>A. Sloan Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Pamela Wheaton substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>P. Wheaton Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Gregory Davie substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>G. Davie Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept a check in the amount of \$8910.00 from the Unatego Science Foundation.</p>	<p>Unatego Science Foundation</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	
<p>B. Hesse – asked the Board if they would consider inviting the Town, Village, Fire Department and businesses to attend the meetings with the Repurposing committee, etc. Communication is needed to come together. The Board needs to protect themselves and take some action.</p>	
<p>N. Sacco – inquired as to when the Board picture on the website would be updated.</p>	
<p><u>Round Table Discussion</u></p>	
<p>B. McMichael –The financial audit report letter for ExtraClassroom Activity Fund noted under Section I-Material Weaknesses to see status of prior year comments. Prior Year comments no material weaknesses noted. A corrective action cannot be done if there are no weaknesses. Mr. McMichael spoke with D’Arcangelo & Co. on this matter. Also discussed that the Unadilla Valley CSD free breakfast is funded by Chobani and perhaps Unatego could get a sponsor.</p>	

R. Treffeisen – Noted that Mr. Hesse’s request had already been tried. Discussion followed. It was decided that letters would continue to be written.

J. McDermott – the wording on the flashing light signs in Unadilla has been changed. The wording was *7:00 a.m-6:00 p.m. when school is in session*. It now says *when lights are flashing*. When Mr. McDermott was coming to the meeting at the high school the lights were not on and this was about 5:15 p.m. Dr. Richards will talk to the Mayor.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by McMichael, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

Adjournment

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June 23, 2017

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Mr. Franklin (Buzz) Hesse
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Dear Buzz,

I am following up on your recent call to my office, relative to funds for the development of a park at the site of the Otego Elementary School, should it be razed.

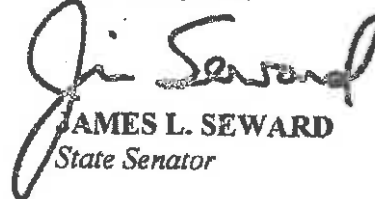
Attached is a hard copy of material available on the website of the state Office of Parks, which outlines the park development program funded through the environmental protection fund (EPF). I have also included information about the Parks and Trail program.

Should plans materialize and go forward, and should funding be available, the sponsoring municipality might consider requesting assistance from my office through the State and Municipal Capital Facilities program.

I hope this helps.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


JAMES L. SEWARD
State Senator

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Enc.

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James L. Seward,
Senator, 51st District
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July 10, 2017

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of June 23, 2017.

As a member of the Repurposing Committee regarding the Otego Elementary School which is closing at the end of August 2017 I am in the process of developing a plan to create a public use park at the location of the school property. This of course has to be acceptable to the Repurposing Committee and, I believe, subsequent to approval of the Unatego School Board and further, put forward as a Proposal in the form of a proposition to be voted on by the qualified voters in the district.

Your letter is very much appreciated and positive regarding the support of your office in the development of a park here in Otego. I will keep your office informed as things progress.

Again, thank you very much.

With best regards,

Buzz Hesse
Member, Repurposing Committee

Proposal for Repurposing the Otego Elementary School and Land

PREFACE:

The decision regarding the repurposing of the Otego Elementary School and the adjacent land will impact the future of Otego for generations to come.

This is a Historical moment in time, an event that if handled correctly can bring the Town and Village of Otego and the community at large together for a common purpose.

PROPOSAL:

A. The transference of the physical building, outbuildings and all contiguous land to the Village and Town of Otego jointly, or to one or the other, for the sum of one dollar (excepting the school bus garage and immediately adjacent land which would be separated by a proper survey from the existing footprint).

B. Once this conveyance is made, a proper tenant may be sought for the building. Until such time the Unatego School District shall maintain the Otego school building. If a proper tenant is not found, a second option would be to raze the existing building. Cost for demolition can be born by the Unatego School District. This is a one time cost. At least three estimates for demolition costs will be submitted. Demolition of the existing school building would include retaining the external ornamental motifs to be subsequently incorporated in a monument in the proposed park in memory of the school.

C. Development of a Community Park for the enhancement of the Community and the general public should be pursued on the land. Grants are available for this purpose. Included for park development is a copy of a letter from Senator James Seward supporting this endeavor.

CONCLUSION:

The singular most important aspect of this proposal is to have control of this property for the Community's future. To lose control of this important, centrally located property is not acceptable. Such would be the case if this landmark were to be sold to a private entrepreneur or private individual to do as they might see fit. This would guarantee loss of control and would put the Community's future at high risk.

Respectfully submitted,
F. J. Buzz Hesse

August 24, 2017

ADDENDUM TO PROPOSAL OF 8/24/2017

In addition to the concerns expressed in the 8/24/17 Proposal it should noted that all other repurposing proposals should be seriously weighed and considered with the final decision being determined by the Unatego School Board.

FJH