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| <p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p> | <p>Call to Order</p> |
| <p>The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Rodney Gould.</p> | <p>Oath Rodney Gould</p> |
| <p>Board members Downey, McDermott, Gould, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call.</p> | <p>Roll Call</p> |
| <p>Absent: None.</p> | |
| <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Business Manager Loker and Clerk French.</p> | |
| <p>Visitors/Staff: Approximately 40</p> | |
| <p>President Treffeisen led the Flag Salute.</p> | <p>Flag Salute</p> |
| <p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Salisbury, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Abstained-1 (Gould). Carried.</p> | <p>1-9-17 Brd Mtg Min</p> |
| <p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by Salisbury, 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, representative for CPEST (Constituents Protesting Excessive School Taxes) and ACCESS (Against Closing Community Elementary School Structures), read two memorandums to the Board.</p> | |
| <p>#1 – recommended and requested that the Board of Education delay any decision to close the Otego Elementary School facility for at least one year.</p> | |
| <p>#2 – their concern that the Agenda for this meeting (January 30th) rescheduled from January 23rd did not note that the Facilities Study recommendations would be discussed by the Board. The group feels that the Board is making a decision to soon and they feel it is possible to operate the Otego Elementary School for another year without raising taxes. Interaction between the Board and the public was also discussed.</p> | |
| <p>Several residents present discussed their concerns on the possible closing of the Otego Elementary School. Some of the concerns were; the closing was a short-term solution and long-term goals had not been set, maximum occupancy space of the MS/HS had not been answered, plan for busing the</p> | |

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| <p>students from Otego to Unadilla, hire a consultant to study the enrollment & student graphics of each elementary school, close both elementary schools or close neither, look into Distress funds for upstate schools, facilities report is biased on assessments, is the capital fund reserve going to be used for the deficient, more options should be looked at, keep Otego Elementary School as K-2 and move grades 3-5 to the high school, pre-k funding and the possible need for more buses and drivers.</p> <p>The possibility that the DEC could shut down the bus garage due to contamination of the soil was discussed. A filtering system has been used but the contamination is still there. Issue will be discussed with DEC.</p> <p>Has the bonding insurance company with BOCES and the school been contacted and if so, what was the outcome.</p> <p><u><i>Presentations</i></u> Phyllis Blincoe – Elementary Art Teacher. A video done by the fifth graders showing Claymation was shown.</p> <p>Business Manager’s Report – P. Loker Fuel bids were opened and prices were approximately 50% more than last year. Gasoline and diesel fuel bids were rejected and will be resubmitted by vendors and opened on February 6th. Has been working on the 2017-18 school budget gathering information from administrators and updating numbers for a budget workshop next month.</p> <p>Superintendent’s Report – Dr. David Richards Board Meeting Schedule for February was reviewed. Following are the dates for February meetings; February 6th, February 13th (change from the scheduled 27th meeting) at 7:15 p.m. and February 27th Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Board Discussion on Facilities Study Report: D. Downey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declining enrollment • Financial concerns • Which building to close first – close Otego in 2017 and flexible time to close Unadilla • Establish Facilities Committee ASAP • Research in equalization • Repurpose possibilities | <p></p> <p>P. Blincoe</p> <p>P. Loker</p> <p>D. Richards</p> <p>Facilities Discussion</p> |
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K. Stockert

- Flooding issue
- Lead issue
- Having students on one campus
- Repurposing thoughts

R. Treffeisen

- All the land at Otego or the bus garage does not have to be sold.
- Educational opportunities

F. Reyda

- Decision is not being taken lightly. With the district's financial crisis keeping open the elementary schools is not an option.

J. McDermott

- Other communities are facing problems-we are not alone
- Maintenance has been deferred in our buildings
- Long-term plans
- Closing schools or not-where do we go.

President Treffeisen called a recess at 9:12 p.m.

Open session resumed at 9:22 p.m.

J. Salisbury

- Close elementary schools at the same time
- Bus garage and more land at Otego
- Unadilla concerns – septic, no seating for school functions, parking
- Will not vote to close Otego

R. Gould

- Reviewed his background
- Based on reports that he has seen, doesn't see how we can keep both buildings open.

Restoring half-hour instructional time and busing discussed.

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| <p><u><i>Administrative Action</i></u> Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to approve resolutions 4.1 – 4.8 as presented. 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 December Treasurer’s Report for all funds as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; the Board hereby authorizes the request for proposals for auditing services and directs publication of the Request for Proposals in accordance with District Policy.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Bus #125, 2009 International-IC-Vin #4DRBUSKN69BO63411 for surplus as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby eliminate 1:1 teacher aide position.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Charlene Baker returning substitute aide/food service helper for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Heather Wood substitute teacher/aide for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p><u><i>Public Comment</i></u> B. Hesse – Pleased with the discussion of the Board tonight on the Facilities Report Study. He felt that their organization has made an impact on the Board. In the future he hopes there is a better rapport between the Board and community.</p> <p>B. McEntee – discussed her thoughts on the Facilities Study Report. The Board was given a map of MS/HS ground floor plan. Suggested different options that could possibility be made to house the elementary students. She feels that a long-term plan should be agreed to and in place. An incentive for bus drivers was suggested.</p> | <p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Treasurer’s Reports</p> <p>RFP Authorized</p> <p>Surplus Bus</p> <p>Eliminate Teacher Aide</p> <p>C. Baker Sub Aide/FSH</p> <p>H. Wood Sub Teacher/Aide</p> |
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Round Table Discussion – None.

Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Gould, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.
Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

Adjournment

Joan M. French
District Clerk