

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 January 9, 2017

MINUTES

<p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:35 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Board members present: McDermott, Reyda, Stockert and Treffeisen.</p>	
<p>Board members absent: Downey and Salisbury.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards</p>	
<p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Stockert, to go into Exempt Session for the purpose of discussion on CSE recommendations at 6:37 p.m. Yes-4 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Exempt Session</p>
<p>Executive Session: room 93. Downey entered at 6:40 p.m.</p>	
<p>Open Session resumed at 7:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call. Salisbury entered at 7:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: None.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Elementary Principal Mazourek, Interim Elementary Principal Scott, MS Principal Hoyt, HS Principal Lambiaso and Special Programs Director Clair-O'Rourke.</p>	
<p>Visitors: 30</p>	
<p>President Treffeisen led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by Stockert, seconded by McDermott, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016 as presented. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>12-19-16 Brd Mtg Min</p>
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by Stockert, to adopt the agenda as presented. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> - None.</p>	

<p><i>Presentations</i></p> <p>Otego Elementary School - P. Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus drill on December 5th. • In December students traveled to the high school for chorus and band concerts. • Otego Elementary Concert - December 20th. • Activity with science students from SUNY Oneonta. Science activities were facilitated by SUNY Oneonta student participants who worked with the students. The gym was used as a science center. • <i>Great Beginnings</i> continued with participation from volunteers, including retired Unatego staff from Otego. • "Business Not As Usual" - December 22nd. • Holiday sing-along - December 23rd. • STAR assembly - January 5th. • Food collected over the course of several months has been given to 19 different families in the area. 	<p>P. Scott</p>
<p>Unadilla Elementary School - K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Holiday lunch was held for the 5th grade. • They also had "Business Not As Usual" with a variety of activities. • Bus drill in December. • Elementary concert at the high school on January 18th. • STAR assembly - January 13th. • Multicultural Night was attended by 120 people. 	<p>K. Mazourek</p>
<p>Middle School - P. Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus drill held in December. • Progress reports were sent out to students and their families right before Christmas. • Spelling Bee contest will be held on January 10th. • Students of the middle school will travel to neighboring Franklin School District to attend a presentation about bullying on January 18th. • Middle school students are taking on the "Kindness Challenge" along with the students of the high school. 	<p>P. Hoyt</p>
<p>High School - J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus drill was also endeavored at the high school. • The chorus and band Christmas concerts were held on separate nights. Both were a success and well-attended. • Senior Citizens Day was well attended. • The high school participated in the <i>Helping Hands Holiday</i> project. 	<p>J. Lambiaso</p>

- Seniors attended a breakfast at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown. Everyone was well-dressed and photos of the dapper group were taken.
- Regent exams are January 24th - 27th.
- January 27th marks the day of the Hall of Distinction ceremony. The induction of three Ouimet brothers; Donald, Michael and Matthew, Tara M. Hussey and Brian Truhn will occur during a ceremony between the two basketball games being held that night. Tara, who has a career in immunology, will also visit the Living Environment classes to speak with students as will the three Ouimet brothers. There will be chances for the inductees to interact with District alumni.
- Kindness Week is coming up. A teen leadership class is planning the "Great Kindness Challenge". As part of this, there will be random acts of kindness during the week of January 18th. People will also be able to show spirit by dressing according to different themes each weekday.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. David S. Richards

- Town Hall Meeting - there will be a Town Hall meeting next Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The meeting is set for 7-9 p.m. but can go longer if needed. The format is a basic question and answer session, in which Dr. Richards will be present on behalf of the District to answer questions from the general public. Members of the Board of Education are asked not to attend this meeting as it is not a school Board meeting. This will be a chance for members of the Unatego School District to ask questions about the facilities study, the financial situation of the District or about other topics directly to the Superintendent. This is an important opportunity to obtain correct information about Unatego.
- Timeline to conclude Facilities Study - Dr. Richards suggested a timeline for completion of the facilities study that was done based on feedback from various stakeholders. He suggests that during the next BOE meeting (January 23rd) a full discussion be held in open session in which the pros and cons of each option stemming out of the Facilities Study be identified. Following that, the February 6th meeting would serve as an opportunity to finish discussion of the study, at which time he will make a recommendation to the Board. During the February 27th meeting he will present a resolution to the BOE that would be held as an up/down vote. He noted that Brian Trask will be at the January 23rd and February 6th meetings to answer questions about facilities that may arise during the discussion.

Dr. Richards

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to the suggested timeline. • Dr. Richards discussed several budget items for which there are potential cost savings to the District. He discussed these items in the context of saving money to make up for the recently documented financial shortfall of 1.5 million dollars for Unatego. A major item was unclaimed aid for the Bus Garage groundwater remediation project from the 2007-08 school year. Our current business official followed up on old aid requests for the project and determined that Unatego is eligible for \$280,000 in additional aid. That aid has been approved but since it is a prior year claim it is not clear when that aid would be allocated. • He mentioned liquidating \$300,000 from the Employees Retirement System Reserve fund. • He would prefer to keep the Capital Reserve intact. • He mentioned \$280,000, which is forthcoming from NYSED as aid on the 2006 groundwater remediation project, could be booked to offset the owed to the general fund. • He is also implementing a spending freeze. • The above mentioned items, along with some other miscellaneous savings could nearly make up for the 1.5 million shortfall. 	
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by McDermott, seconded by Stockert, to approve resolutions 4.1-4.7 and 4.9-4.10 as presented. Yes-5 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 School District's attorneys and having had an opportunity to consider the proposed settlement in the Matter of Application of Countryside Management, LLC, Petitioner v. Assessor of the Town of Otego, the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Otego, and the Town of Otego, Otsego County, New York, Respondents, Index No. 2016-0456;</p>	<p>Settlement Countryside Management, LLC</p>
<p>On motion of McDermott, seconded by Stockert, it is</p>	
<p>RESOLVED that the above settlement is approved and that the President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools and the School District's attorneys are each separately authorized to sign any documents necessary to complete the settlement.</p>	<p>Authorization To Sign Documents</p>

<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and information from the District's Special External Auditor that the District has funds in the Capital Reserve which it currently cannot access, and is currently in need to access these funds in 2017 after the District's audited financial accounts showed it did have sufficient excess fund balance in its General Fund to place such funds into said reserve, but which the corrected audited accounts now demonstrate the District did not have such excess funds in its General Fund.</p>	<p>Capital Reserve Fund</p>
<p>On motion of McDermott, seconded by Stockert, it is</p>	
<p>RESOLVED that the District may take all necessary steps to seek special legislation being passed which will allow the District release funds from the Capital Reserve.</p>	
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve computer equipment for surplus as presented.</p>	<p>Surplus Equipment</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the resignation of Ronald Decker, with regret, as bus driver effective December 19, 2016 as presented.</p>	<p>Resignation: R. Decker Bus Driver</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the resignation of Jeanne Fletcher, Keyboard Specialist, effective June 30, 2017 as presented.</p>	<p>Resignation: J. Fletcher KeyBoard Specialist</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Dennis Walrath substitute aide for the 2016-17 school year.</p>	<p>Sub Aide D. Walrath</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School that this Board does hereby appoint Alicia Hanrahan substitute teacher/LTA for the 2016-17 school year pending fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>Sub Teacher/LTA A. Hanrahan</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jessica Marino temporary Keyboard Specialist effective January 3, 2017-June 30, 2017.</p>	<p>Temporary KeyBoard Specialist J. Marino</p>
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by Salisbury, to approve resolution 4.8 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Abstained-1 (Downey). Carried.</p>	

<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Rhiannon LaCross substitute aide for the 2016-17 school year.</p>	<p>Sub Aide R. LaCross</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> - None.</p>	
<p><u>Round Table Discussion</u> - None.</p>	
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by McDermott, to go into Exempt Session at 7:31 p.m. to meet with Board candidates. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Exempt Session</p>
<p>Open Session resumed 9:06 p.m.</p>	
<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	
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<hr/> <p>Dr. Florian Reyda Clerk Pro-Tem</p>	
<p>Exempt Session - 7:31 p.m. - room 93.</p> <p>Board members present: Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen.</p> <p>Administrative members present: None.</p> <p>Four candidates for the vacant Board seat were interviewed.</p> <p>No action taken.</p> <p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to return to open session at 9:06 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	
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