

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 February 6, 2017

MINUTES

<p>President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Board members present: Downey, Gould, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards.</p>	
<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to go into Exempt Session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:31 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Exempt Session</p>
<p>Exempt Session: 6:32 p.m. – Special Programs Conference Room.</p>	
<p>Open Session resumed at 7:08 p.m.</p>	
<p>Downey, Gould, McDermott, 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, Interim Elementary Principal Scott, Elementary Principal Mazourek, MS Principal Hoyt, HS Principal Lambiaso 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 Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2017 as presented. Yes-7 No-0, Carried,</p>	<p>1-30-17 Reg Brd Min</p>
<p>Motion by Reyda, seconded by Downey, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> President Treffeisen read a statement to the public regarding purpose of the public comment section and guidelines for speaking as per Board Policy.</p>	
<p>A. Flavell – a survey was done at the Otego Elementary School on grades K-2 going to the high school vs Unadilla. The results of the survey was given to the Board.</p>	

<p>C. Byrnes – presented to the Board a floor plan showing that grades K-12 could be at the middle/senior high school.</p> <p>B. Hesse – documents have been given to the Board from the CPEST and ACCESS and they have not received any impact from the Board on any of these documents. The Facilities Report does not represent what the group wants. They feel the Board has an obligation to the people per the District Policy Manual. The group is accepting the closure of the elementary schools but feel the fairest way is to close both elementary schools at the same time. The group does want to work with the Board but expects them to comprise.</p> <p>Several other residents present discussed their concerns on the closing of the Otego Elementary School. Areas covered were school taxes, quality of education, enrollment, the need to have plans in place before closing, emergency response time to the Unadilla Elementary School, fairness and saving money.</p> <p>P. Blincoe – Elementary teacher – asked the Board to consider changing Board Policy on movies for grades 3-5 from G to PG.</p>	
<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>Otego Elementary School – P. Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A long-time aide, Marla Calabro, passed away on Friday. Counseling has been available for staff and students. • RTI committee is meeting on a regular basis. • <i>Great Beginnings</i> for children ages 3-4 was held. • Math team has essential skills in place. • ELA is in round 3. • Kindness Week is being held this week. • STAR program was held on February 2nd. • Winterfest will be held in March. 	<p>P. Scott</p>
<p>Unadilla Elementary School – K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAR program was held on February 3rd. • During Kindness Week there were 1800 acts of Kindness. • A food drive was held and 800 items were collected. • They are in the 3rd round of STAR assessments. • PBIS trip is planned for Interskate this month. 	<p>K. Mazourek</p>
<p>Middle School – P. Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high school team leadership did a great job setting up activities for Kindness Week. • They are in the 2nd round of STAR assessments. • Spelling Bee was held – the winner was Evan O’Flynn. 	<p>P. Hoyt</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards went out last Friday. • Several students will be participating in the Variety Show. • The Middle School Drama production will be in March. • 2nd round of observations are being done. 	
<p>High School – J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has been working with the parents of Edward A. McKinley III to establish a memorial scholarship to given out in June 2019 (the year Edward would graduate). • The 2nd round of observations are being done. • Variety Show – 2/17/17. • March 2nd – High School Planning Night for Eighth grade parents. • ½ days for Parent-Teacher conference and staff training are in March. • Hall of Distinction inductions were reviewed. Thanked Kathy Newman for all the work she does in preparing for the inductions. • Algebra regents were held recently with great results. There were 7 students that took the regents and they all passed except one student. They will work with this student to retake the regents in June. 	<p>J. Lambiaso</p>
<p>Superintendent’s Report – Dr. David Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richards asked the Board to continue with their discussion on the Facilities Study and that he would read a prepared statement at the end of the discussion. • The Board continued their discussion on the Facilities Study listing pros and cons of closing the Otego Elementary School. The Board’s focus is to provide the best education for the kids that is affordable to the district. Areas discussed were 5, 10, 15 year plans, pre-K program, increased instructional time, damage to one community over another, budget concerns, enrollment, population trend, land and parking available at the elementary schools, flooding, heating, bus garage, repairs to the schools and maintenance cost. 	<p>Dr. Richards</p>
<p>Dr. Richards’s Prepared Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the history of the district’s physical stress. • Enrollment review. • Expenses vs Revenue • Tax cap – it is his intention not to have a budget over the tax cap. • It is recommendation to close the Otego Elementary School. Grades K-5 will be at the Unadilla Elementary School. • Committee for repurposing the Otego School. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution will be prepared for the February 13th Board Meeting based on Dr. Richards recommendation for the Board’s decision. 	
<p><u>Administrative Action</u></p>	
<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Downey, to approve resolutions 4.1-4.7 as presented: Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve CSE recommendations as presented.</p>	<p>CSE Recomm- ations</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve budget transfers as presented.</p>	<p>Budget Transfers</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby establish the Edward A. McKinley III Memorial Scholarship.</p>	<p>McKinley Scholarship</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Marah Patrick-Seward food service helper for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>M. Patrick- Seward Sub FSH</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Vincent Buttice substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year as presented.</p>	<p>V. Buttice Sub Teacher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jeffrey Smith, driver in training, pending certification, fingerprinting and criminal history review as presented.</p>	<p>J. Smith Driver In Training</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the resignation of Jeannie Brockway, food service helper, effective January 23, 2017 as presented.</p>	<p>J. Brockway Resignation FSH</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	
<p>B. Hesse;</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities report not accurate. • Very good points were discussed by the Board. • More time is needed before a decision is made on the closing of Otego Elementary School. • The committee would like to have the Otego community in control of repurposing of the Otego School. • Deed property to the Village of Otego. 	

Other concerns;

- Fought hard to bring the townships of Otego and Unadilla together as one.
- Greene's property next door for bus garage and administrative offices.
- Otego property cannot be split until it goes before the Zoning Board.
- Before a major decision as this is made, check everything out.
- Concern the Board has not thought ahead. They need to slow down.
- Playground issue at the high school.
- Dissolve District.
- Temporary classrooms.
- Equalization rates.
- Tear down the Otego School at the Boards expense.
- How many more buses might be needed?
- Send some grades to the Sidney School District temporarily.
- Look at Ms. Byrnes proposal before a decision is made.
- Emergency services available in Otego and Unadilla.

Round Table Discussion

D. Downey – repurposing building information that he has gathered and reported to the Board is available for anyone to look at.

D. Richards – a moment of silence for the family of Marla Calabro was requested. Mrs. Calabro was an employee of the District.

K. Stockert – Thank you to Ron Decker, bus driver, for his service to the District. Thanked Carolee Byrnes for taking the time to look at the MS/HS building from a different point of view.

Noted it was not possible to close the elementary schools at the same time.

If one school is closed, rename the elementary school Unatego.

PTO's work together.

Motion by Salisbury, seconded by Reyda, to go into Exempt Session to discuss the employment of particular personnel and collective bargaining at 10:18 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.

Exempt
Session

Clerk French left at 10:18 p.m.

Joan M. French
District Clerk

