

Orwell Village School Board
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2009

Un-Approved Minutes

Attendance: Herb Schulte, John Tester, Judy Fyles, Glen Cousineau, Julie Disorda,

Administration: Principal Sue Decarolis, Superintendent Ron Ryan, Assistant
Superintendent Penny Lienhardt

Public: Peter Ochs, Ann Ellis

Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Amended as follows; Under "Approval of Minutes", Glen Cousineau's name is spelled with one "n" not two. Motion by John Tester, second by Glen Cousineau to approve as amended. So moved.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

The Board received two thank you notes, one each from Mrs. Reardon and Mrs. Michel. The Board also received two thank you letters from the companies that the Board made donations to in the name of the retiring teachers.

Principals Report:

1. Bus routes approval. There were no changes made in the morning routes for Steve and Robin. Janine has some new kindergarten kids to pick up. All routes last about one hour each. Motion by John Tester, second by Glen Cousineau. Motion passed.
2. Janelle Pease, the new Spanish teacher and athletic coordinator was introduced.

3. Last year's attendance was discussed. The average number of days missed by students was 7.5. There are no statewide or district wide averages to compare this number to. Tardiness is still the major problem. Mrs. DeCarolis is addressing the issue with parents and students.
4. Total enrollment for the 2009/2010 year is 112.
5. The school is staying up to date with all of the information being disseminated about the flu and the H1N1 virus. There have been many recommendations from the VHD and the CDC that the school is following up on.
6. The master schedule was completed at the conclusion of last year. Some of the changes this year are:
 - Students in the 7th and 8th grade are being combined for their specials, English/Writing workshops, and Spanish 1. This will allow more team teaching in some areas.
 - Mrs. Barbara Young will be teaching three sections of mathematics instead of two.
 - Because of these changes, there will be a greater opportunity for students with varying academic needs to receive their special education IN the classroom.
7. Ann Ellis has taken over VSAC. The school will be applying for a grant from VSAC. To date the school has already received a grant of \$6,300.00, of which \$3,000.00 is for an after school teaching assistant, \$1,600.00 is for student academic mentors, and \$1,700.00 is for a career services program.

Superintendents Report:

1. Two contracts were presented for approval for Robin Pereau. One as a part time custodian for up to 9 hours per week. The other as a Para Educator at 3.25 hours per day.
Motion by Glen Cousineau, second by Julie Disorda to approve both contracts.
Motion passed.
2. The bids that have been received for the feasibility study for the schools HVAC system were presented. After some discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting on September 1, 2009 at 7:00pm to award the bid.
3. The District received information that there is some stimulus money available to help replace old school buses. Orwell has a 1998 bus with more than 180,000 miles. The stimulus money will pay up to \$40,000 for a new bus. There is currently \$50,000 in the bus fund. The Board instructed the Superintendent to apply for the bus money to replace the 1998 bus.
4. The District received a letter from Para Educator Fran Moran asking to be released from her educator contract. Motion by Glen Cousineau, second by Julie Disorda to accept the letter. Motion passed.

5. On August 24th there is an in-service training for all teachers at Killington. Money for this training is from grant funds, not the school budget. A bus for transportation of the teachers from the high school to Killington is being provided by the Orwell School. The cost of the bus and the driver is being paid by the District.
6. Superintendent Ron Ryan introduced the new Assistant Superintendent Penny Lienhardt.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Use of a sports bus for the pre-school year sports programs was discussed. It was decided that a bus will be provided for all student participating in the sports programs for the next 4 weekdays.
2. School Board Member Julie Disorda informed the Board and the District that she intended to resign from the School Board effective immediately. She read a letter outlining her reasons. Her letter of resignation was regretfully accepted by the Board. Motion by John Tester, second by Glen Cousineau. Motion passed 4-0 with Julie Disorda abstaining.

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Glen Cousineau, second by John Tester to approve the end of year bills in the amount of \$28,010.20. Motion passed.

Motion by Glen Cousineau, second by John Tester to approve the July 2009 bills in the amount of \$111,128.40. Motion passed.

Motion by Glen Cousineau, second by John Tester to approve the August 2009 bills in the amount of \$41,777.16. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:43pm for a contractual matter.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:04pm. No action taken.

Adjournment:

Motion by John Tester, second by Julie Disorda to adjourn at 9:11pm. Motion passed.