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## O-A SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SALE OF FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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By WBNG News

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The Owego Apalachin School District has approved the sale of its former middle school for \$110,000.

The school was put up for bid at a reserve auction yesterday.

The highest bid came in at \$75,000 from Leonard Hilldale of Beds for Kids.

The O-A Board of Education held a meeting tonight to review the bid.

It decided the bid was too low, and negotiated for about an hour with Hilldale behind closed doors.

"we talked and hammered it out, and I have to say the school board put up a good fight. But we agreed on 110 thousand dollars, and i'm very excited about moving forward now, and very happy to have a home for my charity," said Hilldale, founder of Beds for Kids.

Board of Education President, David Barton said, "It's nice to see someone who is connected with the community and who is going to be serving the community, so that was another plus for the board we were very happy to see someone with a business like that taking over the building."

There is now a 30-day petition period where 10% of registered voters in the district could sign to demand a special election to approve the sale.

Hilldale plans to turn the building into a headquarters for his charity, which collects furniture to donate to foster families.

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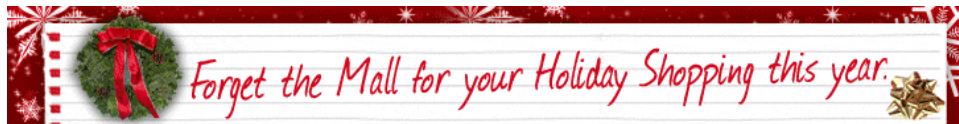
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