

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Special Meeting
Roosevelt Education Building

9 February 2011
Executive Session: 6:00 p.m.
Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Cindy Winter, *President*; Ms. Dana Levenberg, *Vice President*; Dr. Kimberly Case, Mr. Charles Cooks, Ms. Alice Joselow, Mr. Bill Kress

Others

Present: Dr. Phyllis Glassman, *Superintendent of Schools*; Mr. Raymond Sanchez, *Deputy Superintendent*; and Dr. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services*, Ms. Linda Carpenter, *Executive Director of Finance and Operations*, Carolyn Przybylo, Esq., *Ingerman Smith, L.L.P.*, Ms. Maureen Boozang-Hill, *Director of Pupil Personnel Services*

Absent: Ms. Amanda Curley

I. Call to Order – President

President Cindy Winter called to order the 9 February 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:07 p.m.

II. Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter.

Motion carried: 6-0

No formal action was taken.

III. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting

At 6:22 p.m. Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of 9 February 2011.

Motion carried: 6-0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Kress led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time student Timothy Ventarola was recognized as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship. Congratulations were extended from the Board of Education.

V. Work Session

- ***Facilities Improvement Planning: Update and Discussion***

Dr. Glassman gave a brief overview of the facilities improvement planning initiative that has taken place over the last few months specifically.

There was also a brief discussion among the Board members, Architects and Construction Manager.

The following audience members were recognized:

- Lisa Rudley – Pleasant Wood Rd.
- Frank Schneckner – Revolutionary Rd.
- Sue Montgomery – Feeney Rd.
- Sarah Arbitrio – OTA President

At this time A-6 was moved up in the agenda.

Alice Joselow moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to move Resolution A-6.

A-6 Resolution Regarding the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Declaration of Lead Agency

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Ossining School District desires to embark upon and fund a capital improvement project entitled “Ossining Union Free School District Facilities Improvements” for renovation work in the school district; and

WHEREAS, said renovation work is subject to classification and review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, said renovation work is classified as an Unlisted Action under the current SEQRA Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the project and has determined that the renovation work would have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as “Lead Agency” for the proposed capital improvement project entitled “Ossining Union Free School District Facilities Improvements” and further declares that said project is an Unlisted Action that has no significant adverse impact on the environment which would require further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department, together with the Negative Declaration, which declares no adverse impact on the environment.

The Board clarified what SEQRA is for the community.

Motion carried: 6-0

At this time A-7 was moved up in the agenda.

Bill Kress moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move Resolution A-7.

A-7 Resolution Calling a Special District Meeting to Authorize Construction Improvements and Alterations to Various District School Buildings and Sites

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Ossining Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the “District”), shall be held within the District, on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7:00 o’clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Harvey Culp Gymnasium, Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York, as provided in the notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o’clock A.M. until 9:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in both “*The Journal News*,” and “*The North County News*,” two newspapers each having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

Dr. Glassman clarified the resolution for the Board.

Motion carried: 6-0

- ***“Response to Intervention (RtI) Update Report 2010-2011”: Acknowledgement of Report***

Dr. Angela White gave a brief overview of the RTI (Response to Intervention) report which will be put on the Ossining School District web-site.

VI. Special Meeting

Section A – Business of the Board

Bill Kress moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move Resolutions A-1-A-5.

A-1 Motion to Adopt the Proposed 2011 – 2012 Ossining Union Free School District Calendar

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education hereby adopt the proposed calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

A-2 Resolution Appointing Additional Consultant for the 2010-2011 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of the following consultant for the 2010-2011 school year at fees not to exceed the amounts noted below.

<i>Name of Consultant</i>	<i>Brief Description of Expertise</i>	<i>Descriptive Need for Consultant</i>	<i>Consultation Fee Not to Exceed</i>
Shami Arslanian	Technical Assistant	To provide technical assistance to the Director for Music at AMD for the production of “Honk, Jr.”	\$650

A-3 Motion to Revise Policies To Reflect Consistency In Language: Policies # 3111 “Recruitment of the Superintendent,” 4200 “Curriculum Development,” 4511-R “Textbook Selection and Adoption Regulation,” 5020 “Equal Education

Opportunities,” 5020.3 “Student Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504,” 5200 “Co-curricular and Extracurricular Programs,” 5311, “Students Rights and Responsibilities – Code of Behavior,” 5311.5 “Student Dress Code,” 5800 “Students Awards and Scholarships,” 7360 “Construction Contracts, Bidding and Awards,” 9110 “Equal Employment Opportunity,” 9240 “District Employment Practices” as *Second Readings*

I move that the Board of Education adopt the following revised Policies to reflect consistency in language: Policies #3111 “Recruitment of the Superintendent,” 4200 “Curriculum Development,” 4511-R “Textbook Selection and Adoption Regulation,” 5020 “Equal Education Opportunities,” 5020.3 “Student Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504,” 5200 “Co-curricular and Extracurricular Programs,” 5311, “Students Rights and Responsibilities – Code of Behavior,” 5311.5 “Student Dress Code,” 5800 “Students Awards and Scholarships,” 7360 “Construction Contracts, Bidding and Awards,” 9110 “Equal Employment Opportunity,” 9240 “District Employment Practices” as *Second Readings*.

The Board acknowledged the policies that were in this resolution.

A-4 Motion to Deny a Certain Student Disciplinary Appeal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal of student # 832006, which was reviewed and decided in Executive Session on 9 February 2011.

A-5 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the English Language Arts/Literacy and Academic Intervention Services (AIS)/ Response to Intervention (RTI) Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, I move that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the English Language Arts/Literacy and Academic Intervention Services (AIS)/ Response to Intervention (RTI) Report entitled, “Response to Intervention (RTI) Update Report 2010-2011” [attached].

Motion carried: 6-0

VII. Adjournment

At 8:57 p.m. Alice Joselow moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of 9 February 2011.

Motion carried: 6-0

Vanessa Muro
District Clerk