

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Ossining, NY*

**Special Meeting/Work Session**  
**Roosevelt Education Center**

**9 March 2011**  
**Special Meeting/Work Session: 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Ms. Cindy Winter, *President*; Ms. Dana Levenberg, *Vice President*; Dr. Kimberly Case, Mr. Charles Cooks, Ms. Amanda Curley, 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*, and Ms. Linda Carpenter, *Executive Director of Finance and Operations*

**I. Call to Order – President**

President Cindy Winter called to order the 9 March 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:37 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Charles Cooks led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Work Session**

▪ ***Continued Budget Discussions***

Board President Ms. Winter reminded everyone that we are continuing the discussion regarding the Budget from Saturday, 5 March 2011. Saturday was the line by line review of the Budget.

Dr. Glassman presented and addressed the areas which the Board of Trustees identified during the Saturday, 5 March 2011, All Day Budget Meeting for further review. There was a total of an additional \$484,842 in reductions presented.

Board of Education discussion followed the presentation.

There was a consensus among the Board to cut the Board of Education and District Clerk budgets further. There were also lengthy discussions regarding the reinstating certain faculty positions and the impact of the budget increase to the taxpayers.

The following members of the audience were recognized:

-Dwayne McCallum – Hemlock Drive	-Lisa Rudley – Pleasantwood Rd
-Ragini Subramarian – Mangusa Drive	-Frank Schneckner – Revolutionary Rd
-Robert Little – Scarborough	-Ginny Loughlin – Ryder Rd
-Scott Ryan – Park Avenue	-Andy Rivera – Ganung Dr
-Steve Klurfeld – Dawning Lane	-Tom Gigosi – Stone Avenue
-Martin McDonald	-Steve Wardwell – Ramapo Rd
-Lou Russo – Millwood	-Steve Varvaro – Revolutionary Rd

- Myrna Forney – Croton Dam Rd
- Mark Gausepohl – Revolutionary Rd
- Marybeth Stosser – Stonegate

At 10:58 p.m. there was a 15 minute break.

Following the break Ms. Winter stated that the Girls Basketball team won Regionals and there were 5 Winter Sports Team Scholars: Gymnastics, Boys Swimming, Girls Track, Girls Basketball, and Boys Track.

Following the brief Board dialogue, the Board made their final comments regarding their individual choices on the budget items discussed this evening. 6 Board members were in favor of reinstating the faculty positions discussed this evening, 1 Board member expressed interest in reinstating the Walkabout Program, it was also expressed that the Budget should not go past 1.69% or even a little more if needed.

1 Board member expressed not having anything restored into the Budget. It was stated that taxes and the Bond Referendum should seriously be considered with this Budget.

At this time there was brief Board dialogue:

- AMD Theatre Arts Production of Honk, Jr.: Thursday at 4pm and Friday at 6:30pm
- Amanda Curley will be on the County Council Panel for WPSBA (Westchester Putnam School Boards Association)
- Next Wednesday: Drive Safe, Drive Smart
- Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: PTA Budget Meeting
- Additional Facilities Tours: March 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **IV. Special Meeting**

##### **Section A – Business of the Board**

Bill Kress moved and Alice Joselow seconded the motion to move Resolutions A-1-A-6.

#### **A-1 Resolution Calling for the Annual Budget Hearing and Annual District Election**

**RESOLVED**, that the Notice calling for the Annual Budget Hearing and the Annual District Election of the Ossining Union Free School District found on the following pages be adopted.

#### **A-2 Resolution Setting the Date of the Annual District Election of the Ossining Union Free School District**

**RESOLVED**, that the Annual Budget Statutory Hearing of the Ossining Union Free School District will be held at the Roosevelt Building, 190 Croton Avenue, Ossining, County of Westchester, New York on Tuesday, 10 May 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Annual District Election of the Ossining Union Free School District will be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2011 in the Harvey Culp Gymnasium at Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, County of Westchester, New York. Voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **A-3 Resolution Designating the Officials to Act at the Special District Meeting**

**RESOLVED**, that the resolution designating the officials to act at the Special District Meeting to be held on Monday, 4 April 2011 found on the following page be adopted.

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

**SECTION 1:** *Diana Leo*, qualified voter of the Ossining Union Free School District in the County of Westchester, New York, is hereby appointed to serve as the **CO-CHAIRPERSON** of the Special District Meeting to be held in the Harvey Culp Gymnasium, Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York, in the District on **Monday, 4 April 2011** and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by Education Law.

**SECTION 2:** The following are hereby appointed to act as **INSPECTORS** of the Special District Meeting and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by Education Law.

Dias, Roberta  
Fojanesi, Jessie  
Galto, Marie  
Langone, Graciela  
Pinkard, Princella  
Raybin, Louise  
Shuler, Laura

**SECTION 3:** The following are hereby appointed to act as **ASSISTANT CLERKS** of the Special District Meeting and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by Education Law.

Beranato, Richard  
Buitekant, Michael  
Cafarelli, Christina  
Divico, Carolyn  
Feldman, Belle  
Gendron, Gerard  
Golden, Robert  
Juliano, Karen  
Milioto, Toni  
Masullo, Mamie  
Maynes, Valerie  
Mirsky, Sandra  
Nikelson, Lynda  
Paolantonio, Emily  
Parisi, Rosemarie  
Reis, Nicole  
Rubenstein, Regina  
Thomas Garcia, Shirley  
Thomas, Wendy  
Timmons, Regina

**A-4 Resolution Appointing an 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 a fee not to exceed the amount noted below.

<i>Name of Consultant</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>	<i>Descriptive Need</i>	<i>Consultation Fee</i>
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	<i>of Expertise</i>	<i>for Consultant</i>	
Clay Art Center	Ms. Ariel Plantz is a ceramic teaching artist with the Clay Art Center	To immerse kindergarten students in the artistic process, promote literacy development and support academic content learning by assisting students in the installation of a ceramic mosaic mural at Park School which will integrate themes of nature and literature.	Not to exceed \$3,790 [\$1,290 – General Fund] [\$2,500 – Arts Westchester Grant]

**A-5 Resolution Rescinding Additional Consultant for the 2010-2011 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the contract for the consultant noted below.

<i>Name of Consultant</i>	<i>Brief Description of Expertise</i>	<i>Descriptive Need for Consultant</i>	<i>Rescind Approval of Funds</i>
Shami Arslanian	Technical Assistant	To provide technical assistance to the Director for Music at AMD for the production of “Honk, Jr.”	\$650

**A-6** WHEREAS, the President of the OTA has petitioned the Board of Education to exercise its discretion and approve a one-time proposal to assist a certain member of the OTA unit (Employee No. 01602) with a personal medical situation facing a member of the individual’s immediate family; and

WHEREAS, Employee No. 01602 is presently serving as caretaker for a family member, but has exhausted all of the individual’s family illness sick leave which would have permitted the individual to take care of a member of the immediate family with income protection for the OTA member; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to approve a special arrangement for Employee No. 01602 without making an unlawful gift of public funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

By a date certain to be set by Administration:

1. OTA Unit members may donate sick days in their sick leave bank for the one-time limited purpose of transferring those days to the sick bank of Employee No. 01602 to be used solely to permit the OTA member to care for a member of the immediate family during the family member’s serious illness. OTA members who already have accumulated 250 days in their bank shall not be permitted to contribute.
2. For every one (1) sick day donated by OTA members, Employee No. 01602 will be credited with one (1) converted sick day to be used by the OTA member as described in paragraph 1 above. No more than 35 converted sick days shall be credited to the bank of Employee No. 01602.
3. This unique arrangement is approved solely for Employee No. 01602 and shall not constitute a policy, practice, or precedent of the District.

***Motion Carried: 7-0***

**Section D - Personnel Matters**

Bill Kress moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move Resolutions D-1-D-5.

**D-1 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Resignation**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation of the Professional Staff member so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Current Hire Date</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Current Appt. Status</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Victoria Renza	OHS	Special Education	9/1/10	4/1/11	Probationary	Resignation

**D-2 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Appointment**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Professional Staff appointment so noted.

Name	Title or Tenure Area	Certif. Status	Degree Status	Step	Salary	Appt. Type	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Building	Fund Source	Staff Relation or Note
Stacy Lynn Walther	Special Education	Initial Stud. w/Disabilities Grades 5-9 & 1-6	MA	D-1	59,536	Regular Sub	100%	3/16/11	6/30/11	AMD	General	Ms. Walther is currently a per diem sub

**D-3 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointments – Before/After School Programs**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Support Staff appointments for the persons so noted.

Name	Start Date	Expir. Date	Time	Job Title	Cert. Status	Program	Building	Step	Hourly Rate	Staff Relations
Bobby Parker	3/4/11	6/24/11	1-5 hrs./wk.	Security Monitor	N/A	STAR	AMD	1	12.51/hr.	OHS School Monitor
Alych Fermin-Inoa	3/2/11	6/24/11	1-5 hrs./wk.	Security Monitor	Continuing	STAR	AMD	5	13.97/hr.	AMD TA

**D-4 Resolution Regarding Rescinding and Approval of Supplemental Contracts**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education rescind and approve the supplemental contracts for the persons so noted on the attached pages.

**Name                      Activity                      Compensation**

**RESCIND:**

Jessica Taxeira                      Modified Softball Coach    \$3,456.00

**AWARD:**

Devan Murray                      Modified Softball Coach    \$3,456.00

**D-5 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Removals**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the removal of the Per Diem Substitutes so noted.

Certified	Name
C	Bub, Amanda
C	Caico, Susan
C	Holmes, Melissa
C	Levine, Iris
C	McMullen, Stephanie

C	Miranda, Kelly
C	Reichert, Courtney
C	Rios, Jennifer
C	Trombetta, Bryan
NC	Blackwell, Celina
NC	McNulty, Mirella
NC	Mills, Michael
NC	Paquette, Thomas
PN	Marchionni, Catherine

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**D-6 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Request for Leave of Absence  
(For Information Only)**

The following audience member was recognized:  
-Sarah Arbitrio

**V. Adjournment**

At 12:25 a.m. Alice Joselow moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to adjourn the 10 March 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Education.

*Motion carried: 7-0*

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Vanessa Muro  
District Clerk