

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Ossining, New York*

**Special Meeting**  
**Ossining High School, Barnes Library**

**17 May 2011**  
**Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**Others**

**Present:** Dr. Phyllis Glassman, *Superintendent*, Mr. Raymond Sanchez, *Deputy Superintendent*, Dr. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services*

**Absent:** Ms. Linda Carpenter (at Budget Vote and Election)

**I. Call to Order – President**

At 7:39 p.m. President Cindy Winter called the 17 May 2011 Special Meeting to order.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Alice Joselow led all those present in the Pledge.

Amanda Curley arrived at 7:43 p.m.

At this time some good news and achievements regarding the District was shared:

- Each year the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents, which includes all of the Superintendents from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, and Dutchess Counties, confers a single annual award for leadership and service. The recognition known as the Distinguished Service Award was presented last Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, to our own Superintendent, Dr. Phyllis Glassman. Congratulations, Dr. Glassman.
- Ella Schneckner of Brookside School and Audrey Schneckner of Park School will be honored next week for the amazing accomplishment of reading 1,000 books. This is an exceptional achievement for children so young!
- OHS Sophomore, Robert Levine, will be awarded the Milton A. Williams Memorial Scholarship on June 13<sup>th</sup>. This award is for Robert's outstanding participation in school and his participation in programs sponsored by the Westchester County School Music Association. He will receive \$500 to be used toward summer studies. Robert will be attending the prestigious Interlochen Summer Music Camp in Michigan.
- Additional Science Research Program Awards:
  - 6 Ossining School District students have just returned from the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California [May 9-13, 2011] – 1,500 from 60 countries were at the competition in Los Angeles, CA
    - Kyle Bardwell was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Animal Science
    - Evan Olin and Catie Conte were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Behavioral Science
    - Katie Mangiliardi was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Behavior Science

**III. Work Session**

- ***Review of Recommended High School Courses for the 2011-2012 School Year: Low Enrolled Courses***

Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Glassman shared that annually during this time of the school year the High School administration begins to finalize the student course schedules for the forthcoming school year. When students select courses for the upcoming school year, inevitably a number of the courses that the administration would like to include for the forthcoming school year attract limited enrollments. Dr. Glassman reviewed with the Board of Education that a Board of Education Policy provides that all high school courses with fewer than 20 students must be approved by the Board of Education prior to being scheduled for the forthcoming school year. In this regard, Dr. Glassman invited Ossining High School Principal, Mr. Joshua Mandel, to review those courses wherein enrollments as of this date had 20 or fewer students. Additionally Mr. Mandel provided highlights of the entire scheduling process acknowledging courses that had garnered considerable interest and high enrollments.

The low enrolled courses for which Mr. Mandel was seeking Board of Education support for scheduling during the 2011-2012 school year included the following which are stated below. The number of students enrolled in each course to date indicated below may increase prior to September. The numbers in parenthesis are the number of students enrolled in each course this year.

- Italian 1- 17 (16)
- Spanish 1-10 (46)
- Italian 5 IONA- 19 (13)
- SUNY Spanish 2-13 (N/A)
- ASL 2-18 (13)
- Living System of the Hudson- 0 (28)
- AP/SUNY Physics/Accelerated Physics- 16 (13)
- SUNY Biology- 11 (N/A)
- SUNY Chemistry - 17 (14)
- AP Environmental Science – 13 (N/A)
- Earth Science of New York – 10 (20)
- Topics in American History- 4 (21)
- World Issues- 8 (14)
- Global History – 1-17 (25)
- MS Office- 15 (17)
- AP Studio Arts- 9 (11)
- Drama 1 and 2 – 15 (16)
- Yearbook- 13 (11)
- AP Music Theory – 9 (6)
- ESL Mathematics – 8 (25)
- ESL for the Content Area – 13 (26)
- SUNY French - 20
- Human Anatomy and Physiology – 83 (54)

The courses and enrollments listed below are highlights of successes and blossoming courses:

- Painting 1 – 30 Up from 12 the year before.
- SUNY Racism, Classism, and Sexism – 135 A very successful and meaningful interdisciplinary SUNY course.
- ASL 1- 77 A fast growing program for our newest Regents level program. Serves as an alternative to traditional World Language Classes.
- Gimme the Mic! 67 students, a popular and exciting performance elective.
- Digital Photography 1 and 2 – 225 A very popular and exciting elective.
- SUNY US History – 89 A growing and challenging US History alternative.

- Online Courses- Will continue the development of online courses for credit recovery and attempt to expand the number of teachers involved.

After some discussion by the Board of Education, Ms. Winter queried the Board as to whether or not the Board would give consensus to support the courses as presented by Mr. Mandel. The Board unanimously supported the recommendations provided by Mr. Mandel.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Marcela Levin asked to address the Board of Education regarding the Ossining School District Budget Vote. Ms. Levin represented Proyecto ALCANCE who collected symbolic votes regarding the Board of Education Budget Vote. Below please find the text of the Symbolic Vote presented to the Board of Education.

*Proyecto ALCANCE  
Presented to the School Board  
May 17, 2011  
Symbolic Vote*

*Each year, the immigrant community of Ossining has overwhelmingly supported the school budget in a symbolic election. We present our symbolic votes to you as our school board, to demonstrate that while we may be prevented from participating officially, we still care deeply about our children's education and want our voices heard along with our neighbor's.*

*As members of the Ossining community, we contribute with our labor, our purchasing power and our taxes. As parent's active in Proyecto ALCANCE, we recognize that all parents are interested in the education of their children and we look for ways to facilitate parental involvement among Latino immigrant families. We try to rise above the barriers of language or lack of information through our outreach. Families are eager to work along with the schools for the benefit of the community's children.*

*Proyecto ALCANCE promotes the idea that education is a common good that we can protect during difficult times if we work together. We support the schools as we entrust you with our children.*

*We are Ossining residents – laborers and professionals, neighbors and relatives. We are immigrants hoping to take part in that American dream of educating our children in a public system. We maintain faith that the board of education partners with us to achieve an excellent, equitable education for all Ossining's children. In that spirit of collaboration and hope, 757 votes were in favor of the school budget and 1 was against.*

**IV. Special Meeting**

**Section C – Business Matters**

Bill Kress moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to move Resolutions C-1-C-9.

**C-1 Resolution Regarding Reassignment of Bid Contract – Sports Equipment Reconditioning**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the portion of the approved bid named *2010-11 Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment and Uniforms* which had been awarded to Shutt Reconditioning be reassigned to Kranos Corporation.

**C-2 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari for Hudson View**

**Condominiums**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$602,050.11, the increase of the 2010-11 General Fund budget in the amount of \$480,235.34, and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves as noted above in payment of the tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$480,125.34

**C-3 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari for David Swope (Ossining)**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$2,828.53, the increase of the 2010-11 General Fund budget in the amount of \$1,392.00, and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves as noted above in payment of the tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$1,392.00

**C-4 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari for Parkview Apartments Corp.**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$73,665.39, the increase of the 2010-11 General Fund budget in the amount of \$36,252.73, and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves as noted above in payment of the tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$36,252.73

**C-5 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari for Truagh Development Corp.**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$4,107.26, the increase of the 2010-11 General Fund budget in the amount of \$3,243.77, and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves as noted above in payment of the tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$3,243.77

**C-6 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari for London Terrace Associates**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$28,868.04.

**C-7 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of the Unemployment Reserve**

RESOLVED: That upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby increases the 2010-2011 General Fund budget in the amount of \$85,000 and appropriates the funds from the Unemployment Reserve as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-9050-800-00-0000	Unemployment Insurance	\$85,000

**C-8 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of the Retirement Contribution Reserve**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby increases the 2010-11 General Fund budget in the amount of \$96,500 and appropriates the funds from the Retirement Reserve as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-9010-800-00-0000	State Retirement	\$96,500

**C-9 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfers**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the interfund transfers within the 2010-11 budget as follows:

From Code	To Code	Amount	Comment
A-9030-800-00-0000	A-9062-800-00-0000	\$70,500	To allow for increase in dental costs due to higher than anticipated dental costs.
A-9030-800-00-0000	A-9060-801-00-0000	\$35,735	To allow for increase in Medicare reimbursement costs due to higher than anticipated Medicare rates.
A-1620-427-00-0000	A-1621-438-00-0000	\$23,850	To allocate funds for maintenance of plant, burner replacement, masonry repair, Roosevelt paving
A-1620-427-00-0000	A-1621-527-00-0000	\$16,800	Allocate funds for district wide door hardware replacement
A-2630-401-00-0000	A-2630-500-00-0000	\$3,500	For purchase of printer cartridges and CAI supplies
A-1680-403-00-0000	A-2630-500-00-0000	\$3,500	For purchase of computer and printer supplies
A-1620-162-00-0000	A-1620-520-00-0000	\$5,740	Purchase supplies for operations through end of year such as cleaning supplies, floor stripper and sealer
A-1620-162-00-0000	A-1620-439-00-0000	\$16,491	Operations needs through end of year for stream traps, energy projects, Brookside oil tank repair

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**Section D – Personnel Matters**

Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to move Resolutions D-1-D-3.

**D-1 Resolution Regarding a Civil Service Staff Resignation**

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

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Resign./Term.	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Nancy Feliciano-Vargas	Roosevelt	Energy Educator/Manager	8/1/07	4/29/11	N/A	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
Dominique Venturini	N/A	Student w/ Disabilities 1-6, Childhood Ed. 1-6	MA	D-1	59,536	Regular Sub	100%	3/7/11	6/30/11	Claremont	General	Ms. Venturini has served as a per diem sub since 1/13/11

**D-3 Resolution Regarding Approval of a Supplemental Contract**

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the supplemental contract for the person so noted on the attached page.

Name	Activity	Compensation
Joe Scamarone	Intramural Soccer Coach	\$514.00

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**D-4 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Requests for Leave of Absence  
(For Information Only)**

**V. Adjournment**

At 8:39 p.m. Bill Kress moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to adjourn the 17 May 2011 Special Meeting.

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

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Vanessa Muro  
District Clerk