

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

**Regular Meeting**  
**Roosevelt Education Center**

**23 March 2011**  
**Regular Meeting: 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*, Ms. Linda Carpenter, *Executive Director of Finance and Operations*

**I. Call to Order – President**

President Cindy Winter called to order the 23 March 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:39 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dana Levenberg led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Comments from Student Representative to the Board**

Student Representative, Amelia Clements made the following comments:

*Deferred to April 26, 2011 Board Meeting*

**IV. Comments from Ossining Cultural Arts Advocates Representative (OCAA)**

OCAA Representative, Gloria McQuaid made the following comments:

- January 2011: the complete works of William Shakespeare Abridged, drama students directed and starred in the play
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: Les Miserables play
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Choir Groups
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - Art Show at the Ossining Public Library
- Ossining Live Concert at OHS
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - First Ossining Arts Awards Night
- OCAA supports the upcoming Bond Referendum and encourages everyone to vote on April 4, 2011.

- Board Trustee Alice Joselow thanked the video club for raising \$350 for the Japan Relief Effort.
- The Board and Superintendent Dr. Glassman congratulated Dr. Corey Reynolds on receiving his Doctoral Degree.
- Junior Science Symposium – Congratulations were extended to Sarah Hardtke who won first place in Behavioral science in New York State and was third overall in the State in all areas of Science. Visit Ossining High School's website for more information from the WESTOP Science Fair. Mr. Piccirillo and Ms. Holmes were recognized for their efforts.

## V. Work Session

### ➤ *Proposed 2011-2012 Ossining Union Free School District Budget*

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Phyllis Glassman presented a follow up to the 9 March 2011 presentation The Board of Education had asked the Administration to review several areas for potential reductions as well as additions or restorations to the Proposed 2011-2012 Budget. The areas involved focused upon for reductions included the following: Board of Education, Legal, Contract, Administration, Negotiations, Textbooks & Workbooks, Staff Development in School Buildings, Personnel Costs & Benefits. The areas for restorations included various personnel positions.

The presentation was followed by comments and questions from the Board.

The following audience members were recognized:

- Kim Jeffrey – Morningside Drive
- Ginny Loughlin - Ryder Road
- Maribeth Stosser – Stonegate Road
- Charles Bell – Ganung Drive
- Myrna Forney – Croton Dam Road
- Benjamin Torres – Park Ave
- Holla M.
- Tangari Walker
- Kerron Walker

Following audience recognition, the Board continued their discussion and took consensus on the recommendations presented this evening. The consensus was 6 yay 1 nay.

At this time there was discussion among the Board regarding the Bond Referendum and what would be done if it did not pass on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

There was consensus among the Board to table the resolution to adopt the Budget until the outcome of the Bond Referendum.

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

## VI. Audience Recognition – *Agenda Items Only*

None

## VII. Regular Meeting

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

Dana Levenberg moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to move Resolutions A-1, A-3 - A-6, & A-8 – A-9.

#### **A-1 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 7 February 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 7 February 2011.

#### **A-3 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 15 February 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 15 February 2011.

**A-4 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 2 March 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 2 March 2011.

**A-5 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the All Day Budget Meeting of 5 March 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the All Day Budget Meeting of 5 March 2011.

**A-6 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 9 March 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 9 March 2011.

**A-8 Resolution Appointing Additional Consultants 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 consultants 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</i>
Luisa Costa, PhD	Ms. Costa is a linguist and consultant in language acquisition and development and comprehensive literacy. She is on the graduate faculty of Bank Street College of Education and coordinates their second language series. She has published an Op-Ed in the NY Times entitled "Bilingual Schooling That Works" as an introduction to Dual Language for parents and educators.	Ms. Acosta will visit dual language classrooms K-5 and provide staff development on vertical articulation for Spanish language development.	Not to exceed \$4,000  (Title I Grant)

**A-9 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

I move that the Board of Education hereby appoints the above Impartial Hearing Officer for Case ID #62916.

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

Alice Joselow moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move Resolution A-2.

**A-2 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 9 February 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Work Session and Special Meeting of 9 February 2011.

*Motion Carried: 6-1  
Amanda abstained*

Alice Joselow moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to move Resolution A-7.

**A-7 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 14 March 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 14 March 2011.

*Motion Carried: 6-1  
Amanda abstained*

Alice Joselow moved to table and Bill Kress seconded the motion to table Resolution A-10.

**A-10 Motion to Adopt the Proposed 2011-2012 Ossining Union Free School District Budget**

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District adopt the 2011-2012 School Year Budget which includes the following proposition:

**RESOLVED:** that the School District Budget, as proposed by the Ossining Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year, in the amount of \$103,502,510 be adopted and the necessary tax levied therefore.

**RESOLVED:** that in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, copies of the Budget be made available for public review in the Office of the Principal in each school and on our Web Site [www.ossiningufsd.org](http://www.ossiningufsd.org); be transmitted to local newspapers; be available at the Annual Meeting; and be provided to parents upon request no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the proposed 2011-2012 Budget totaling \$103,502,510 as presented by the Superintendent of Schools be presented to the qualified voters of the Ossining Union Free School District at its Annual Meeting scheduled for 17 May 2011.

The Board opted to wait until after the Bond Referendum to adopt the Budget.

*Motion Tabled: 7-0*

**Section B – Curriculum and Instruction**

Bill Kress moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to move Resolution B-1.

**B-1 Motion to Accept Recommended Placements of Special Education Students**

I move that the Board of Education accept the recommended classifications, placements and related services recommended in the IEP for students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and Sub-Committees on Special Education in meetings held on February 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 28, March 1, 2, 7, 9 and direct the administration to arrange for the appropriate placement as set forth.

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**Section C – Business Matters**

Amanda Curley moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to move Resolutions C-1-C-13.

**C-1 Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report for the Month of January 2011**

I move that the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2011 be approved and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**C-2 Motion to Approve Budget Report for the Month of January 2011**

I move that the Board of Education approve the Budget Report of January 2011 as presented.

**C-3 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Gift – Camera Lenses**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby thanks Dr. Tina Fink for her donation of three camera lenses, which will be used in Ossining High School photography classes.

The Board thanked Dr. Fink for her donation.

**C-4 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Grant from City National Bank**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby thanks City National Bank and the California Community Foundation for the \$500 grant, to be used for the purchase of books for Park Early Childhood Center, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2010-11 General Fund in that amount. The offsetting revenue shall be A-2705-000, “Gifts and Donations”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$500 be appropriated as follows:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A-2110-500-15-0000	Supplies – Park Early Childhood Center	\$500

**C-5 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Donation**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accept the \$300 donation from Ms. Anne Harrison with thanks, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the General Fund budget as detailed below. The offsetting revenue shall be A-2705-000, “Gifts and Donations.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$300 be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
A-2110-500-11-5034	\$300	OHS – Staff Development ESL

The Board thanked Ms. Harrison for her donation.

**C-6 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Funds for Driver Education Program**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the receipt of \$14,787 for the Driver Education Program, and upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2010-11 General Fund budget as listed below in this amount. The offsetting revenue code shall be A-1335-000, “Other Student Fees and Charges”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$14,787 be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
A-2330-405-00-1900	\$14,787	Driver Education Consultant

**C-7 Resolution Regarding Award of Bids: BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program for Musical Instruments & Supplies**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Ossining School District to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County Cooperative Bidding Program for Commodity Musical Instruments and Supplies.

**C-8 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Bid – 2010-11 Graduation Tent & Set Up**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby awards the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Ace Party Rental Center, for the 2010-11 Graduation Tent and Set Up in the amount of \$21,758 as recommended by the Director of School Facilities, Operations and Maintenance.

**C-9 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Certiorari Interest for The Hamlet on Spring Pond**

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 \$4,408.20 and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves as noted above in payment of tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$4,408.20

**C-10 Resolution Regarding Adoption of Agreement to Establish The Riley Saper Scholarship**

RESOLVED: That the Ossining Board of Education hereby ratifies and adopts the attached Agreement to establish The Riley Saper Scholarship.

There was a comment from the Board regarding this Resolution.

**C-11 Resolution Regarding Health Services - Other Districts**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes and directs the President to execute contracts for health and welfare services with the above-mentioned school districts.

**C-12 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfer**

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

From: A-2110-400-11-0000 Staff Development –OHS  
To: A-2110-501-11-0000 Duplicating Supplies – OHS  
Amount: \$10,000  
Reason: Transfer of funds for the purchase of copy paper

**C-13 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Reserve – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby increases the 2010-2011 General Fund budget in the amount of \$153,161 and appropriates the funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve as follows:

Code	Description	Amount
A-1620-162-00-0000	B&G Grounds & Cust. Pers.	\$52,418
A-2020-160-00-0000	Principal Clerical	13,428
A-2110-110-00-5019	Teacher Salaries, K-12 Music	8,760
A-2110-110-00-5020	Teacher Salaries, K-12 PE	12,420
A-2110-120-14-0000	Teacher Salaries, Claremont	11,700
A-2110-120-16-0000	Teacher Salaries, Roosevelt	13,215
A-2110-130-11-0000	Teacher Salaries, OHS	7,140
A-2250-150-00-0000	Special Ed Inst Teachers	3,750
A-2251-150-00-0000	Special Ed Committee Sal – Adm	5,388
A-2252-150-00-0000	Tuition and Rel. Serv. Sal	2,388
A-2253-150-00-0000	Special Ed Speech and Lang. Sal.	3,390
A-2810-150-12-0000	Guidance Salaries – AMD	12,000
A-2820-150-00-0000	Psych Serv. Salaries Sys.	7,164
Grand Total		153,161

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**C-14 Claims Audited and Paid – For Information Only**

**Section D - Personnel Matters**

Bill Kress moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move Resolutions D-1-D-6.

**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>
Lauren Post	AMD	Special Education	10/27/08	7/1/11	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.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Certif. Status</i>	<i>Degree Status</i>	<i>Step</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Appt. Type</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>Staff Relation or Note</i>
Maria Riveiro	School Counseling and Guidance	Provisional School Counselor	MA	D-1	59,536	Probationary	100%	10/13/10	10/13/13	OHS	General	Ms. Riveiro has served as a Regular Sub since 10/13/10

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Appt Type</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Effect. Date</u>	<u>Expir. Date</u>	<u>Staff Relation</u>
<b><u>AMD</u></b>										
Carol Haims	Perm. Math 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	STAR -Algebra Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/4/11	6/24/11	AMD Teacher
Pamela Barcia	Prof. Math 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	STAR- Algebra Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/4/11	6/24/11	AMD Teacher
William Nugent	Init. Earth Sci. 7-12	4	59.00/hr.	Annual	STAR - Earth Science Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/4/11	6/24/11	AMD Teacher
Joseph Macaluso	Perm. N-6, Earth Sci. 7-12, Gen. Sci. 7-9 Ext.	3	54.64/hr.	Annual	STAR - Earth Science Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/4/11	6/24/11	AMD Teacher
<b><u>OHS</u></b>										
Mark Scinta	Perm. Earth Sci. & Gen. Sci. 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Joseph DiCarlucci	Perm. Math 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Christopher Straub	Perm. Bio. & Gen. Sci. 7-12, Chem. & Gen. Sci. 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Ronald Heath	Perm. Soc. Studies 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Kelly Hanrahan	Perm. Eng. 7-12	4	59.00/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Dawn Bayer	Perm. Eng. 7-12	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Michael Tiner	Init. Soc. Studies 7-12	3	54.64/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher

Donna Love	Perm. Span. 7-12	4	59.00/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Rocco Passanante	Perm. Italian 7-12	3	54.64/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Carolanne Florkowski	Perm. Math 7-9 & 7-12, N-6	5	63.33/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher
Rachel Wile	Init. Soc. Studies 7-12	3	54.64/hr.	Annual	AP Review	OHS	1-2 hrs./ 1-2 days/v	4/4/11	5/13/11	OHS Teacher

**D-4 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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Certification</b>
Egerman, Heather	C
Walther, Stacy	C
Evans, Heather	NC
Gallagher III, William	NC
Murphy, Thomas	NC
Shakin, Matthew	NC
Zeoli, Jaime	NC

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

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Per Diem Substitute appointments for the persons so noted.

<b>Cert.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject or Grade Level</b>
C	Cunningham, Lauren	Grade 5-12 & TA Sub
C	Zeitler, Elisha	K-12 Art
NC	Larm, Thomas	Student Teacher Brk. & Clmt.
NC	Monroe, Stephen	Brookside & Claremont & TA Sub
NC	Recine, Ariana	Student Teacher Brk. & Clmt.

**D-6 Resolution Regarding School Volunteers**

I move that the persons listed on the following page be appointed by the Board of Education as school volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Volunteer Title</b>	<b>Type</b>
Veronica Felicione	Non-Parent/Claremont	General
Lizbeth Gonzales	OHS Student	HEROES Program
Derek Gonzales	AMD Student	HEROES Program
Brian Purdy	Parent/AMD	STAR Program
Joseph Hazen	Non-Parent/OHS	Assist in Coaching Varsity Baseball

The Board thanked the Volunteers.

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

**D-7 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Requests for Leave (For Information Only)**

**VIII. Audience Recognition**

None



## **IX. Board Committee/Liaison Reports and Board Dialogue**

- OBlast Flyer regarding communications
- Honk Jr. Musical Production last weekend
- Ossining MATTERS Gala Fundraiser – March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Live and Silent auctions
  - Raised \$46,000
- Communications Committee
- Discipline Committee – dignity act
- Policy Committee met
- Call for applications to apply for grants through Ossining MATTERS
- Ossining Community Action Program Meeting (CAP)
  - “Helping People Changing Lives” slogan
  - Food Pantry helped serve 473 households
  - 60 individuals for Emergency Services
- Breakfast for PTA WPSBA – Amanda Curley sat on their panel
- Drive Safe Drive Smart Program at OHS
- Teachers Center Meeting
- Library had their budget meeting – Library Vote, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Library
  - 2 seats open on library board
  - They are electing their board for the first time through the voters
- Bond Referendum reminder
  - OHS Gym on April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7am-9pm
  - Voter Registration until March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Absentee Ballots until April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
  - No electioneering in the polling place

## **X. Adjournment**

At 10:50 p.m. Alice Joselow moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to adjourn the 23 March 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

*Motion Carried: 7-0*

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Vanessa Muro  
District Clerk