

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

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

**13 April 2011**  
**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, 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*

**Absent:** Ms. Amanda Curley, Ms. Alice Joselow

**I. Call to Order – President**

President Cindy Winter called to order the 13 April 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:44 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Board President Cindy Winter began the meeting with some good news:

- 4<sup>th</sup> graders visited Manhattanville College recently
- 2011 College acceptances are still off the charts
- OHS Spring Musical of Les Miserables was last week
- Senior Citizens Prom and dinner on Friday. They also had a dinner theatre of Les Miserables
- OHS Principal Josh Mandel will be honored by the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on May 12th
- AMD Career Day had over 40 visitors. Each student was able to experience the day.
- Park School had a Literacy Fair

**III. Work Session**

• ***Presentation of School Report Card***

Dr. Glassman introduced the School Report Card presentation and presenters, Deputy Superintendent Mr. Raymond Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Angela White, and all six Principals.

Deputy Superintendent Mr. Raymond Sanchez was joined by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Angela White to present a PowerPoint presentation regarding The School Report Card. Elementary and Secondary Principals, Assistant Principals, and Directors were also in attendance.

Following the presentation there were comments and questions from the Board.

The following audience members were recognized:

- Zoila Tazi – Park School Principal
- Ann Dealy – Brookside School Principal
- Felix Flores – Claremont School Principal
- Jeremy Luft – Director of Technology
- Regina M. Cellio – AMD Principal
- Elizabeth Wallinger – Roosevelt School Principal
- Josh Mandel – OHS Principal
- Frank Schnecker – Revolutionary Rd.
- Howard Kranitz – Croton Dam Rd
- Kim Jeffrey – Morningside Drive
- Steve Wardwell – Ramapo Rd
- Graig Galef – Overton Rd
- Kalissa Sawyer – Charter Circle

At this time 4 high school freshman students asked to speak on behalf of the “No Bell” system being attempted at the high school after Spring Recess. The following students were recognized:

- Daniel Scanteiann – Pinebrook Rd
- Ben Eidem – Marshall Pl
- Daniela Alvarez – Laffayette Ave
- Kalissa Sawyer – Charter Circle

The following audience member was recognized:

- Lisa Rudley

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

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

Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to move Resolution A-1.

##### **A-1 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>
Your Research Assistant – Pam Kuhens	Research Assistant	To support students with their Science Research Projects.	\$900 (grant funded)

Mr. Sanchez asked that the Board make an amendment to the resolution to include the wording “grant funded.”

Dana Levenberg made a friendly amendment to add “grant funded” to the resolution.

***Motion carried: 5-0***

## **Section B – Curriculum and Instruction**

Bill Kress moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move Resolution B-1.

### **B-1 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the School Report Card**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, I move that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the *Ossining School District Report Card* for the 2009-2010 school year as accessed from the nySTART system and that said document be made available for public review.

The Board thanked everyone who worked on the School Report Card for all their efforts.

It was also mentioned by the Board that the School Report Card should be used to start the Board “Talking Points” this year.

***Motion carried: 5-0***

At this time President Cindy Winter added Board Dialogue to the agenda to discuss the Bond Referendum next steps. The following was mentioned:

- When or if to put up the Bond again
- The community’s feedback
- Possibly putting out a line by line cost for the Bond as is done for the Budget
- Too much information vs. not enough information
- Bring back the Facilities Advisory Committee
  - The community should hear directly from them and our students
- Should the same Bond be put up or a different Bond?
- Engage people who voted down the Bond
- Question was asked to Dr. Glassman, “what are the next steps?”
  - Need to deal with the budget first
  - Legally we need 45 days notice to put up another Bond
- Survey Monkey
- Factual data needs to be communicated

The following audience members were recognized:

- Howard Kranitz – Croton Dam Rd
- Lisa Rudley
- Graig Galef – Overton Rd
- Ginny Loughlin – Ryder Rd
- Steve Wardwell – Ramapo Rd
- Myrna Forney – Croton Dam Rd
- Frank Schneckner

### **V. Motion Made to Enter into Executive Session**

Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a student matter.

***Motion carried: 5-0***

*No formal action was taken.*

**VI. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting (Come Out of Executive Session)**

At 12:07 a.m. Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of 13 April 2011.

*Motion carried: 5-0*

**VII. Adjournment**

At 12:10 a.m., Bill Kress moved and Charles Cooks seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of 13 April 2011.

*Motion carried: 5-0*

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Vanessa Muro  
District Clerk