

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

**Work Session/Special Meeting  
Roosevelt School Cafeteria**

**9 January 2013  
Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order – President**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Work Session**

- *Mid-Year Status Update on Goals*
- *Ossining School District Budget 2013-2014*

<i>Audience Recognition –Members of the audience will be invited to comment or raise questions regarding the above topics following each of the above-identified Work Session topics.</i>
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**IV. Special Meeting**

**Section A -- Business of the Board**

**A-1 Motion to Revise the Ossining High School Calendar for January 2013**

I move that the Board of Education hereby endorse the revised calendar for Ossining High School for January 2013, revised 9 January 2013, to reflect January 22, 2013 and January 23, 2013 as full days of instruction, and January 24, 2013 as a half day of instruction for students and express appreciation to the High School Leadership Team.

**A-2 Resolution Appointing Additional Consultants for the 2012-2013 School Year**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of the following consultants for the 2012-2013 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>
Linda Conte	Storytelling Trainer	To train student storytellers	\$3,600
Your Research Assistant – Pam Kuhens	Research Assistant	Statistical support for Ossining High School students in the Science Research Program	\$360

### A-3 Resolution Appointing An Additional Consultant for the 2012-2013 School Year

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<i>Name of Consultant</i>	<i>Brief Description of Expertise</i>	<i>Descriptive Need for Consultant</i>	<i>Consultation Fee</i>
Barry Keegan	Mr. Keegan is a museum consultant who makes authentic replicas of artifacts for display. He also conducts demonstrations of historic and prehistoric crafts at festivals, historic sites and nature centers.	Mr. Keegan will work with students to construct outdoor educational seating for the Claremont garden. The benches will be made from natural materials.	Not to exceed \$2,712.00  (Ossining MATTERS Grant)

### A-4 Resolution Regarding High Stakes Testing

WHEREAS, our nation's and New York State's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the culture and structure of the systems in which students learn must change in order to foster engaging school experiences that promote joy in learning, depth of thought and breadth of knowledge for students; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Ossining Union Free School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the State legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; and

**RESOLVED**, that that the Ossining Union Free School District calls on the U.S. Congress and Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act"), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

**A-5 Resolution to Support the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents (LHCSS) Statement in Response to the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut**

The Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District hereby supports the statement prepared by the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents (LHCSS) in response to the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and which is attached to this Resolution.

**A-6 Resolution to Certify Lead Evaluators**

**WHEREAS**, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of Lead Evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals named below have successfully completed training that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ossining Union Free School District certifies the following individuals as Lead Evaluators.

Maureen Boozang-Hill	Kate Mathews
Paul Bratcher	Bradley Morrison
Regina M. Cellio	Erica Naughton
Ann Dealy	Christopher Olson
James Dennett	Mirla R. Puello
Jennifer Forsberg	Dr. Corey Reynolds
Dr. Phyllis Glassman	Raymond Sanchez
Fran Jacobson	Ferzeen Shamsi
Lorraine Longing	Carrieann Sipos
Jeremy Luft	Carmen Soto
Joshua Mandel	Dr. Angela White
Deborah Mason	Alita McCoy Zuber

**A-7 Resolution Regarding Additional Responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent for Business**

**RESOLVED**, that based upon the assumption of additional responsibilities with respect to oversight of the Ossining School District Human Resources Department, Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Alita Zuber shall be paid an additional wage stipend in the amount of \$766.50 per check during the period of assumption of said additional duties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event that the press of School District business prevents Ms. Zuber from availing herself of the use of her vacation leave during the 2012-2013 school year, Ms. Zuber may accumulate and carry over a number of her unused vacation days to the 2013-2014 school year, upon the written approval of the Superintendent of Schools. The number of days that Ms. Zuber may carry over to the 2013-2014 school year shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools. Any such days must be utilized before the end of the 2013-2014 school year and may not be carried over to the succeeding school year.

**A-8 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

I move that the Board of Education hereby appoints the above Impartial Hearing Officer for Case ID #75688.

**A-9 Motion to Adopt the Following New Policy #5421 “Concussion Management Guidelines and Procedures” as a *First Reading***

I move that the Board of Education adopt the following new Policy #5421 “Concussion Management Guidelines and Procedures” as a *First Reading*

**Section C – Business Matters**

**C-1 Resolution Regarding Donation from the Ossining Athletic Booster Club**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education hereby accepts with thanks to the Ossining Athletic Booster Club the donation of a red LED strip lighting system for the two main Ossining High School gym backboards.

**C-2 Resolution Regarding Out of Cycle Grant from Ossining MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education hereby accepts with thanks the additional generosity of Ossining MATTERS for their \$1,000 gift for the purchase of books for the Roosevelt School library, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the Special Aid Fund budget as detailed below. The offsetting revenue shall be F-OSSM-2770.000, “Miscellaneous Revenue”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this amount be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>
F-OSSM-7630-461-16-O	\$1,000	Library Books - Roosevelt	Library Materials

**C-3 Resolution Regarding Award of RFP for Flex Benefits Plan Third Party Administrator**

**RESOLVED:** That upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the contract for a Third Party Administrator for the new Flex Benefits Plan to be awarded to WageWorks, Inc. at a cost of \$3.50 per participant per month, plus a monthly fee of \$50.

**C-4 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfers Within 2012-13 Budget**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute interfund transfers within the 2012-2013 budget as specified on the following chart.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute interfund transfers within the 2012-13 budget as specified below.

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Teacher Salary Substitutes  
To: A-2060-401-00-0000 R/E Other Expenses  
Amount: \$23,000  
Reason: Transfer of funds to pay for math scoring

From: A-1480-401-00-0000 Pub Info Other Publications \$5,750  
From: A-1480-500-00-0000 Pub Info Supplies \$2,090  
To: A-1480-490-00-0000 Pub Info BOCES  
Amount: \$7,840  
Reason: Transfer of funds to cover budget survey costs through BOCES

From: A-2805-160-00-0000 Attendance  
To: A-1460-160-00-0000 Records Mgmt Salary  
Amount: \$25,243  
Reason: To reallocate the budget due to a personnel change.

From: A-2110-120-13-0000 Teacher Salaries BKS  
To: A-2110-120-14-0000 Teacher Salaries CLR  
Amount: \$48,186  
Reason: Transfer to cover a Literacy Instructional Coach's salary whose primary work is with Claremont teachers.

From: A-2110-121-15-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries Park  
To: A-2110-121-14-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries CLR  
Amount: \$18,000  
Reason: To reallocate the budget for teacher aide salaries based on students' needs.

**Section D - Personnel Matters**

**D-1a 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.

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

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

**D-2 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointments – Before/After School Programs**

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

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

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

**D-4 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointments – Before/After School Programs**

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

**D-5 Resolution Regarding Approval of School Volunteers**

I move that the persons listed on the following page be appointed by the Board of Education as school volunteers for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

**D-7 Resolution Regarding a Support Staff Request for Leave of Absence**  
*(For Information Only)*

**V. Adjournment**