

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

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

**16 January 2013**  
**Executive Session: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Bill Kress, *President*; Ms. Dana Levenberg, *Vice President*; Dr. Kimberly Case, Mr. Graig Galef, Mr. Frank Schneckner, Mr. Steve Wardwell, Ms. Cindy Winter

**Others**

**Present:** Mr. Raymond Sanchez, *Interim Superintendent*, Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services*, Ms. Alita Zuber, *Assistant Superintendent for Business*, Dr. James T. Langlois, *District Superintendent, Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES*, and Mr. John McCarthy, *Assistant Superintendent, Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES*

**I. Call to Order -- *President***

Board President, Bill Kress, called the January 16, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

Steve Wardwell moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter.

***Motion carried: 6-0***

Dana Levenberg arrived at 6:15 p.m.

*No formal action was taken*

**III. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting**

At 12:15 a.m. Kimberly Case moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of January 16, 2013.

***Motion carried: 7-0***

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

Cindy Winter led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Bill Kress shared good news with the audience:

- Assemblywoman Sandy Galef Recognizes Ossining in Albany for Intel Star Innovator Award
- Successful Junior Parent Night at OHS on Tuesday Evening
- Please view our new video: I Love the Ossining Schools Because...on our District Web Site

- Brookside Teacher Cynthia Bardwell Received One of the Delta Education/CPO/Frey Scientific Awards for Excellence in Inquiry-based Science Teaching
- Saniya Chong Featured on MSG Varsity – View our Facebook Page for the Link
- OHS Graduate Omar Herrera Featured in Ossining Patch in Article Entitled “Ossining’s Diversity Inspires Borgia Aide”
- Three OHS Students Chosen to Participate in the All-County Jazz Band:
  - Caleb Hersh- Trumpet
  - Nathan Holzberg- Vibes
  - Marcus Roman-

**V. Administration of the Oath of Office**

Ms. Ileana Ortiz, District Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Raymond Sanchez, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Sanchez thanked the Board of Education and the Ossining community for the opportunity to serve as the Ossining School District Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**VI. Work Session**

- ***Ossining School District Budget 2013-2014***

The “Mini Lesson” topics for discussion during the budget presentation were:

- Ossining High School Electives/Teachers/Cultural Arts
- Support Staff, Guidance, and Related Services
- Class Size – Elementary
- Summer School and Before/After School Programs

The presentation pointed out advantages and disadvantages of reducing or eliminating certain programs and positions for each of the topics addressed. The District will need to find creative ways to continue to offer supports to instructional programs with less revenue due to the tax levy cap.

Mr. Sanchez presented the scenario for possible increases in class size in order to preserve more programs across the district as well as the scenario for possible reduction and/or elimination to related services such as guidance counselors, social workers, speech language and student assistance services.

Ossining High School Principal Joshua Mandel presented the scenario for possible reduction and/or elimination of electives. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Angela White presented the scenario for possible reduction and/or elimination of summer school/after school programs and services.

Possible scenarios regarding changing the transportation mileage limits were reviewed. Changes to the mileage limits must be presented to the community for a vote. The Board of Education and the Administrative Team will continue discussions in this regard and continue to request community input prior to making the decision as to which scenario would be supported by the community.

Board discussion took place at the conclusion of the presentation.

### **Audience Recognition**

Lorraine Longing, Director of Guidance at Ossining High School (OHS)  
Regina Cellio, Principal, Anne M. Dorner Middle School (AMD)  
Gloria McQuaid, Parent  
Johannah Moran, Guidance Counselor at OHS  
Rosio Enriquez, Guidance Counselor at OHS  
Valerie Weinstein, Guidance Counselor at AMD  
Marybeth Griffin, Guidance Counselor at OHS  
Ellen Campion, Social Worker at OHS  
Marie Fristedt, Bilingual Social Worker at OHS  
Gwen Lymon, Social Worker  
Caleb Hersh, OHS Senior  
Tal Mintz, OHS Senior  
Jessica Fleischman, OHS Senior  
Eitan Rude, OHS Senior  
Akiera Gilbert, OHS Senior  
Kristina Alcantara, OHS Student  
Faton Cisse, OHS Student  
Victoria Frigo, OHS Student  
Lisa Murray, Parent  
Latoya Langley-McKnight, Parent  
Danielle Jackson, OHS Teacher  
Jessica Dunn, OHS Senior  
David Barry, Parent  
Debra Jacoby, OHS Teacher  
Felix Flores, Parent  
Myrna Forney  
Irwin Ridgeway  
Mary Catherine Hillman, Kindergarten Teacher  
Olivia Shaw, OHS Senior  
Evan Rodriguez  
Melissa Shandroff  
Roslyn Wertheimer, Alumni  
Daniel Aviles, OHS Student  
Paris Beato, OHS Student  
Janine McLear, Parent  
Carina Scorcia, Alumni  
Jonathan Lubell, OHS Science Teacher  
Joshua Mandel, OHS Principal  
Bradley Morrison, Director of Cultural Arts

Board discussion continued. The community was encouraged to become part of the budget process by sharing thoughts, ideas, and suggestions at Board meetings. Mr. Sanchez invited everyone to attend the next Board of Education meeting at Claremont School on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Audience Recognition – continued**

Miguel Garcia, OHS Student  
Will Gillman, OHS Student  
Roddy Kopera, Parent  
Evan Janush  
Beth Sniffen, President of the PTA Council

Mr. Kress thanked everyone for attending and sharing in a dialogue with the Board.

**VII. Special Meeting**

Graig Galef moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution A-1.

**A-1 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby rescind Resolution A-8 dated January 9, 2013 appointing Impartial Hearing Officer #84 for Case ID #75688; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints the above-referenced Impartial Hearing Officer #87 for Case ID #75688.

**VIII. Adjournment**

At p.m. 11:20 p.m. Frank Schneckner moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to adjourn the January 16, 2013 meeting of the Board of Education.

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Ileana Ortiz  
District Clerk