

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, NY

Executive Session/Work Session/Special Meeting
Roosevelt School Cafeteria

February 6, 2013
Executive Session: 6:45 p.m.
Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: 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*; Dr. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services*, Ms. Alita Zuber, *Assistant Superintendent for Business*

I. Call to Order

Board President Bill Kress called February 6, 2013 Board of Education meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Frank Schneckner moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Motion carried: 6-0

Cindy Winter arrived at 6:55 p.m.

No formal action was taken.

III. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting

At 7:25 p.m. Steve Wardwell moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of February 6, 2013.

Motion carried: 7-0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Kimberly Case led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Bill Kress shared some good news with the audience.

- Congratulations to Caleb Hersh who has been chosen as a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program
- Saniya Chong has been selected to play in the 2013 Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School All American Game. Only 20 high school seniors were selected.
- Digital Learning Day took place at Ossining High School today
- County Executive Rob Astorino met with Business Class students at Ossining High School on Tuesday, January 29th
- The Ossining High School Talent Show will take place on Friday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. to benefit Hurricane Sandy efforts
- Ossining students played at the 6th Annual Rivertown Music Festival on Saturday, February 2nd
- Two new videos have been posted on the District Web Site: www.ossiningufsd.org

Mr. Kress announced that due to a scheduled ice hockey game, many parents were unable to attend the

January 23, 2013 Board of Education meeting at Claremont School. Mr. Kress invited parents and students in the audience to be recognized and to share their thoughts and concerns pertaining to the budget.

Audience Recognition:

- Nick Lema – Ossining High School Student
- Jackie Kopera, Locust Road, Briarcliff Manor
- Greg Kane, Cedar Lane, Ossining
- Reid Saunders, Ossining High School Student
- Matt Derick, Ossining High School Student
- Joey Abreau, Ossining High School Student
- John Ross, Ossining High School Student
- Zach Yonkler, Ossining High School Teacher

Mr. Kress thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting and providing their feedback to the Board. Interim Superintendent Raymond Sanchez thanked the members of the audience for expressing their thoughts and for their commitment and dedication to the sport.

Members of the Board also thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts and concerns with the Board of Education.

V. Work Session

- ***District Technology Committee: Recommendations and Budget***

Jeremy Luft, Director of Technology and Jennifer Forsberg, Assistant Director for Technology presented their recommendations pertaining to technology. The Prezi presentation outlined the recommendations relative to curriculum and how the integration of technology enhances the learning experience.

At the elementary level, students are using programs and tool that allow them to create avatars and online posters. Students will continue to use these programs and will be introduced to the iPad.

At the secondary level, students will continue to use tools and interactive programs that enhance learning. The implementation of programs such as “Scratch” (a tool developed by M.I.T.) can be used by students to create sounds and special effects both at school and at home.

- District communications will be enhanced
- Key Communicators (parents) at each school will assist the Principal in disseminating information
- Online Registration will be implemented to streamline the student registration process for parents
- An APPR Data Registry will be used to transfer required information to the New York State Education Department
- PARCC is an unfunded mandate by New York State which will have budget implications; the State is clear on the type of devices approved for testing.

Board discussion took place at the conclusion of the presentation. Board members thanked Mr. Luft and Ms. Forsberg for their informative presentation.

Audience Recognition:

Mary Jean Cavanaugh, Briarcliff Manor
Roddy Kopera, Briarcliff Manor

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

Interim Superintendent Raymond Sanchez provided a review of the topics discussed at the January 9, January 16, and January 23 Board meetings. The topics presented for discussion at those budget meetings were in the form of “Mini Lessons” in order to inform the community of the items the District was considering to either cut back on or eliminate. These “Mini Lessons” provided the community the opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns with the Board.

One topic of the budget discussions was the possibility of changing the student transportation mileage limits in order to save the District anywhere from \$400,000 to over \$500,000 depending on the option the Board would present to the community for a referendum vote. Mr. Sanchez stated that the Board will need to decide at the February 20, 2013 Board meeting which option will go before the voters on April 16, 2013.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Alita Zuber presented an update pertaining to State Aid. Ms. Zuber reviewed the preliminary information released by New York State for the 2013-2014 school year. The details of the Governor’s proposed budget and its impact on school districts are not known at this time. The Governor is expected to adopt the budget by April 1, 2013.

A random survey of the community was conducted in order to gain insight into what is important to the community. The District will take the results of that survey as well as the input from the community at the budget meetings into consideration before presenting the proposed 2013-2014 budget to the community on March 6, 2013.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the budget timeline and invited everyone to the District’s All Day Budget Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2013 in the Ossining High School Library beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Board will need to adopt the school district budget on April 23, 2013. The annual District budget vote and elections is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Ossining High School gymnasium.

Board discussion took place. Discussion circled around the change to the transportation mileage limits and the options the Board would consider presenting to the voters on April 16, 2013.

Audience Recognition:

Marcela Levin, Park School
Mary Jean Cavanaugh, Briarcliff Manor
Stacy Wittekind, Ossining
Isabel Magalhaes, Park School

Members of the Board thanked Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Zuber.

<p><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></p>

VI. Special Meeting

Section A – Business of the Board

Kimberly Case moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to move resolutions A-1 through A-4

A-1 Motion to Adopt the Revised Policy and Exhibit #9550.1 “Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent(s) Salaries and Fringe Benefits” as a Second Reading

I move that the Board of Education adopt the following Policy and Exhibit #9550.1 “Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent(s) Salaries and Fringe Benefits” as a *Second Reading*

A-2 Motion to Adopt the Following Policy #5695 “Students and Personal Electronic Devices” as a *Second Reading*

I move that the Board of Education adopt the following Policy #5695 “Students and Personal Electronic Devices” as a *Second Reading*

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of the following consultant for the 2012-2013 school year at fees not to exceed the amount 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>
Mark Sterner Campuspeak, Inc.	Presenter	Mr. Sterner will be providing a powerful DUI lesson for Ossining High School’s “Safe Driving Night” on March 14, 2013	\$2,000 (general fund)

A-4 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 a fee not to exceed the amount noted below.

<i>Name of Consultant</i>	<i>Brief Description of Expertise</i>	<i>Descriptive Need for Consultant</i>	<i>Consultation Fee</i>
Phylisha Villanueva	Ms. Villanueva is a program specialist for extended curriculum- based programs through Girls Inc.	Ms. Villanueva will facilitate the Healthy, Educated and Independent (HEI) program for AMD students in an after-school program	No cost to District. Paid by Girls Inc. Grant
Teatown Lake Reservation (Phyllis Boch)	Ms. Boch is trained and certified in Environmental Education and is the Director of Education at Teatown.	Ms. Boch will bring animal and plant expertise to the Changes in Our Schoolyard program at Brookside School.	Not to Exceed \$400 (Ossining MATTERS Grant)

Motion carried: 7-0

Section C – Business Matters

Frank Schneckler moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to move resolution C-1.

C-1 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfers Within the 2012-13 Budget

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the following interfund transfers within the 2012-13 budget:

From: A-2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Specialized Serv
 To: A-2110-405-13-0000 Consultant - Brookside
 Amount: \$5,625
 Reason: To reallocate the budget to consultant service for the SPLASH program that used to be run by BOCES.

From: A-2252-471-00-0000 Special Ed Tuition
 To: A-2060-490-00-0000 Scoring of ELA Tests
 Amount: \$13,000
 Reason: Funds are being transferred to support the scoring of Grades 3 – 8 NYSED ELA tests by LHRIC.

Motion carried: 7-0

Section D – Personnel Matters

Frank Schneckner moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions D-1 through D-8. Resolutions D-9 and D-10 are *for information only*.

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>
Marjorie Donahue	Claremont/Roosevelt	Library Media Specialist	9/1/94	7/1/13	Tenured	Retirement

D-2 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Resignations

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the Support Staff resignations 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>
Daphne Gribetz	Brookside	Teaching Assistant	9/1/08	12/21/12	Level 3	Resignation
John Carnes	AMD	Teaching Assistant	9/1/07	2/1/13	Continuing	

D-3 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointments

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept 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>
Kristen Lena	Special Education	Init. Stud. w/ Dis. 1-6, Child. Ed. 1-6	MA	D-3	71,391	Probationary (revised)	100%	1/24/13	1/23/14 (revised)	AMD	General	Ms. Lena's appointment has been changed to a Probationary position. One-year Tenure period due to previous 2 years as Reg. Sub
Irene Cruz-Tierney	K-6	Perm. N-6, ESL, Bi-Lingual (Elem.)	MA+60	J-13	116,882	Probationary	100%	9/1/12	8/31/14	Brookside	General	Two-year tenure - Previously tenured in ESL

D-4 Resolution Regarding a Civil Service Staff Appointment

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appointment Type/Date</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>Staff Relation</i>
Yessenia Florian	Probationary appointment effective 2/11/13 to become permanent 2/11/14, unless otherwise terminated	Bus Attendant	N/A	12.00/hr.	1-5 hrs./day	2/11/13	2/10/14	General	None

D-5 Resolution Regarding a Support Staff Appointment

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cert. Status</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Step</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Staff Relation</i>
Lucette Masci	N/A	School Monitor	Brookside	1	18,238 (\$9,456 Revised)	.5185% (3.5 hrs./day Revised)	General	2/4/13	6/30/13	Ms. Masci was BOE appointed on 1/23/13. She will now assume the additional responsibility (1/2 hr./day) assisting with morning student drop-off

D-6 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.

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Cert. Status</i></u>	<u><i>Step</i></u>	<u><i>Salary</i></u>	<u><i>Appt Type</i></u>	<u><i>Program</i></u>	<u><i>Building</i></u>	<u><i>% Time</i></u>	<u><i>Effect. Date</i></u>	<u><i>Expir. Date</i></u>	<u><i>Staff Relation</i></u>
Cynthia Bardwell	Prof. Stud. w/Dis. 1-6, Lit. Elem.	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	<u>Brookside</u> Changes in Our Schoolyard	Brookside	1.5 hrs./ wk.	3/8/13	6/30/13	Brookside Teacher
Justinna Porcelli	Init. 1-6	2	54.52/hr.	Annual	Changes in Our Schoolyard	Brookside	Sub as Needed	3/8/13	6/20/13	Brookside Teacher
Barbara Rink	Perm. N-6	1	47.55/hr.	Annual	Changes in Our Schoolyard	Brookside	Sub as Needed	3/8/13	6/28/13	Brookside Teacher
Jonathan Dobelle	Perm. Bio. 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	<u>OHS</u> Regents Review - Science	OHS	1-8 hrs.	1/2/13	1/25/13	OHS Teacher
John Azabache	Prof. Math 5-9, 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - Math	OHS	1-10 hrs.	1/2/13	1/25/13	OHS Teacher

D-7 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Sub Appointments

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

Certified	Name	Subject
NC	Fridkin, Brian	AMD
C	Grossman, Samantha	English (OHS)
C	Levine, Maria	Biology & Technology (AMD)
C	Murphy-Higgs, Adeyemi	Middle Childhood Education (AMD)
C	Santini, Jeffrey	Social Studies (AMD)
RN	Sharkey, Janis	Grades 5-12
N/A	Velez, David	Security Aide (OHS)

D-8 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Volunteer Title</u>	<u>Type</u>
Aaron Mace	Non-Parent/Brookside	“Changes in Our Backyard” Program

**D-9 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Requests for Leave of Absence –
For Information Only**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Bobbi Lampron	Claremont	Special Education	Anticipated 3/8/13	6/10/13	FMLA	None
Shiloh Burks	Park	K-6	11/7/12	2/13/13	FMLA	None
Patrick Horan	Claremont	K-6	12/19/12	3/15/13	FMLA	None
Giovanna Abbate	Claremont	Remedial Reading	1/2/13	4/21/13	FMLA	None
Sara Baio	Roosevelt	Special Education	9/1/13	8/31/14	Child Rearing Leave	None
Deyon Amato	OHS	English 7-12	1/24/13	4/25/13	FMLA	None

**D-10 Resolution Regarding a Support Staff Request for Leave of Absence –
For Information Only**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Wesley Lucky	OHS	Security Aide	1/17/13	4/18/13	FMLA	None

Motion carried: 7-0

Board President Bill Kress thanked the volunteers for their time and dedication.

VII. Adjournment

At 11:08 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to adjourn the February 6, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk