

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, NY

Special Meeting
Roosevelt Education Center

April 10, 2013
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, *Superintendent of Schools*; Dr. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services*, Ms. Alita Zuber, *Assistant Superintendent for Business*

I. Call to Order -- *President*

Board President Bill Kress called the April 10, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:36 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Special Presentation

▪ ***Girls Basketball Team***

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez announced that the Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team are New York State Champions. The members of the team are an inspiration to the entire community. The success of the team has earned them recognition in the newspapers and within the community. Mr. Sanchez stated that several members of the community are present in the audience and would like to recognize the Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team this evening.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef congratulated the team and presented them with a New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit. Assemblywoman Galef's grandson, Daniel Galef, also congratulated the team.

Mayor William Hanauer expressed his congratulations to the members of the team for their historic accomplishments and presented them with a Proclamation which he read out loud designating April 11, 2013 as the Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team Day.

Town of Ossining Councilman Peter Tripoli congratulated the team for their academic and athletic accomplishments and presented the team with two Proclamations: one for the entire team and one for the coaches. Mr. Tripoli also presented Town of Ossining pins to the team.

Athletic Director James Dennett congratulated the team, coaches, parents and the community. Mr. Dennett stated that each member of the team is a role model for current and future students and wished them continued success. In addition to being State Champions, following are a few of the team's other accomplishments: League Champions,

Class AA Sectional Champions (3 straight years), Class AA Regional Champions (2 straight years) , Class AA State Champions and New York State Scholar Athlete Team.

- Saniya Chong - All League, All Section All state, Section One Coaches Assoc., Player of the Year, NYS Gatorade Player of the Year, NYS Coaches Association Ms. Basketball, Journal News Player of the Year, MSG Varsity Tri State Player of the Year, Section One All Time Leading Scorer, MVP of the State Tournament & named a WBCA All American
- Jalay Knowles - All League, All Section, All State. Named to the State Tournament All-Tournament Team
- Andra Espinoza-Hunter, All League, All Section, All State
- Danielle Gervacio - All League, All Section, Named to the Section One All Tournament Team, Awarded the sportsmanship award at the State Tournament.
- Shadeen Samuels - All Section Honorable Mention
- Alexandra Crsitello - Awarded the Sportsmanship Award at the Federation Tournament
- Christine Kopera - Awarded the Academic Award at the Rose Classic Tournament

Mr. Sanchez introduced the Dan Ricci, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Patrick Wheeler, Jose Ferrao, Stephanie Leveille, and Kelsy Vallach, and Trainer Luis Iglesias. Mr. Sanchez presented each member of the coaching team with a certificate in recognition of their accomplishments. Coach Ricci thanked the Board, the Superintendent, administrators, parents, and the community for their support. Coach Ricci expressed his pride in the students on the team and thanked them for their hard work and dedication and invited each student to the podium and presented each one with a certificate in recognition for their success on and off the basketball court.

No.	Name	Position
2	Andra Espinoza-Hunter	G
3	Danielle Gervacio - *	G
4	Stefanie Svoboda	G
11	Maria Estupinan	F
12	Saniya Chong - *	G
14	Daniella Ferrao - *	F
15	Valerie Andujar	G
20	Alexandra Cristello	G
21	Shadeen Samuels	F
23	Kathryn Polletta	F
30	Melanie Silverstein	G
31	Lydia Davis	C
32	Madison Strippoli	F
33	Jalay Knowles	C
34	Christine Kopera	C/F
44	Abby Squirrell	C/F

The team received a standing ovation from the audience. Members of the audience had an opportunity to take photos of the team and coaches.

Immediately following the special presentation of the Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team, Board President Bill Kress shared the following good news:

- Ossining High School presents the musical “Rent” from Thursday, April 11th through Saturday, April 13th. Admission is free and all are welcome!
- The 2013 Young Finalists Award finalists are: Jessica Fleischman and Pamela Brigleb.
- Ossining teacher Cynthia Bardwell is the recipient of the 2013 Science Award for Excellence in Inquiry-Based Science Teaching.
- A “Listen and Learn” session with Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez is scheduled for April 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Roosevelt School cafeteria.
- Ossining High School students have been selected to compete in the 2013 Hudson Valley Regional Envirothon.
- Members of the Technology Department presented at the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center Tech Expo on April 5th.
- Ossining celebrates its 200th birthday! There are many wonderful events taking place in the Ossining community in celebration.

IV. Special Meeting

Section A – Business of the Board

Dana Levenberg moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to move resolutions A-1 through A-4.

A-1 Resolution Designating the Officials to Act at the Special District Meeting
RESOLVED, that the resolution designating the officials to act at the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 found on the following page be adopted.

A-2 Resolution Regarding Side Letter of Agreement
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Side Letter of Agreement.

A-3 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 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>
Tara Whalen	Chaperoning parent	To chaperone an overnight stay at the Madden Outdoor Center in June.	\$90
Pedro Ospina	Experienced mural artist/instructor.	To work with Claremont School children on garden mural regarding sustainability during May.	\$1,500
Karen Senior	Youth worker	To facilitate the AMD STAR after school program	\$0 (Westchester County grant funded)

A-4 Resolution Appointing an Additional Official to Act at the Special District Meeting
RESOLVED, that the additional Assistant Clerk named below is appointed to act at the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Ms. Capitola Young

Motion carried: 7-0

Section D – Personnel Matters

Steve Wardwell moved and Frank Schneckner seconded the motion to move resolutions D-1 through D-6.

D-1 Resolution Regarding an Administrative Staff Resignation

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation of the administrative 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>
Carmen Soto	Claremont	Principal	8/1/12	6/30/13	Probationary	Resignation

D-2 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>
Yesenia Peralta	Brookside	K-6	9/1/12	4/15/13	Probationary	Resignation
James Temps	AMD	Industrial Arts/Technology Education	9/20/10	6/30/13	Probationary	Resignation

D-3 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>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>
Barbara Anderson	Perm. Rdg. Tchr.	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Yoga	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
Virginia Greenwood	Perm. Math 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Algebra Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
Judith Tracey	Perm. Math 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Algebra Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
Joseph Macaluso	Perm. N-6, Earth Sci. 7-12, Gen. Sci. 7-9 Ext.	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Earth Science Review	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
Lauren Soo-Hoo	Init. Eng. 7-12	2	54.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Focus on Success	AMD	1 hr./wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
Pamela Godinho	Prof. Math 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Algebra Review	AMD	Sub as needed	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher
William Nugent	Init. Earth Sci. 7-12	5	67.52/hr.	Annual	STAR - Earth Science Review	AMD	1 hr./ 2 days/wk.	4/9/13	6/13/13	AMD Teacher

D-4 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute 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
C	Flores, Felix	Per Diem Assistant Principal - \$600/day
C	Moussa, Emil	Social Studies (AMD)
C	Salgado, Carmen	TESOL Pre-K-Gr. 8
C	Sheehy, Gregory	Physical Education (All Schools)
C	Wallinger, Elizabeth	Per Diem Assistant Principal - \$600/day

D-5 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Request for Medical Leave of Absence

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the medical leave of absence for the employee so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start Date</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Deborah Graham	Park/Claremont	Special Education	4/1/13	6/13/13	Medical	None

D-6 Resolution Regarding a Support Staff Request for Medical Leave of Absence

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the medical leave of absence for the Support Staff member so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start Date</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Wesley Lucky	OHS	Security Aide	4/19/13	6/30/13	Medical	None

D-7 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Request for Leave of Absence

(For Information Only)

The matter is presented here for Board of Education information and no action is necessary.

Motion carried: 7-0

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez thanked the members of the Ossining Teachers Association (OTA) regarding the agreement reached and referred to in resolution A-2.

Board President Bill Kress stated that the Board meeting scheduled for April 17, 2013 will be dedicated to discussions regarding the proposed budget. The discussions will take into account the results of the upcoming Transportation Referendum scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and how the outcome will affect the proposed budget. Options will be presented to the Board and to the community in the event the Transportation Referendum is defeated, but will not affect the classroom. The Ossining School District was fortunate enough to receive an additional \$362,000 in State Aid. Discussions will continue on April 17th and all are encouraged to attend.

V. Motion To Enter Into An Executive Session

At 8:13 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Motion carried: 7-0

No formal action was taken

VI. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting

At 9:40 p.m. Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to reconvene the Work Session/Special Meeting of the Board of Education of April 10, 2013 for the purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk