

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Special Meeting
Ossining High School Library

May 21, 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 May 21, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board President Bill Kress shared the following good news:

- OHS student Sheida Takmil finished 4th place in Biochemistry, while the team of Sania Khalid and Amrita Ramesh placed 3rd in the same category. OHS Senior Claudia Mimoso earned 3rd place finish
- OHS Band and Orchestra both took 1st place in their category at a music festival in Hershey, PA
- The International Sustainable World (Energy Engineering Environment) Project Olympiad (ISWEEEP) Award Winners:
 - Daniel Scanteianu, Junior, Bronze Medal
 - Jessica Fleischman, Senior, Gold medal
 - Edward Aryee, Senior, Gold medal
- 4th Annual Westchester County Amateur Photo Contest Ossining Winners:
 - 1st PLACE: Kara Milstein
 - 3rd PLACE: Kayla Lees
 - Honorable Mention: Matt Forman
- Ossining Receives 4 Metro Nominations for RENT:
 - Outstanding Featured Ensemble Member: Claudia Tesoro
 - Outstanding Student Instrumentalist: Alice Burla
 - Outstanding Scenic Design: Ron Whitehead and Adam Schoenbart
 - Technical Merit: Jessica Fleischmann
- OHS Senior Saniya Chong was selected as *Parade Magazine's* 2012-2013 Girls Basketball Player of the Year
- Ossining High School's Gimme the Mic Concert was a success
- Internet Safety Parent Evening takes place Thursday night, May 23rd at OHS at 6:30 p.m.
- OHS Art Students visit Storm King

III. Work Session

- ***Review of Recommended High School Courses for the 2013-2014 School Year: Low Enrolled Courses***

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez stated that during this time of the school year the Ossining High School administration begins to finalize the student course schedules for the forthcoming school year. When students select courses for the upcoming school year, there will usually be a number of courses that administration would like to include for the forthcoming school year which attract limited enrollments.

Board of Education Policy provides that all high school courses with fewer than 20 students must be approved by the Board of Education prior to being scheduled for the forthcoming school year. Mr. Sanchez introduced Ossining High School Principal, Mr. Joshua Mandel, who highlighted those courses which had 20 or fewer students currently enrolled. In addition, Mr. Mandel provided an overview of the Ossining High School scheduling process acknowledging courses that had attracted considerable interest and high enrollments.

The low enrolled courses for which Mr. Mandel was seeking Board of Education support for scheduling during the 2013-2014 school year included the following which are listed below.

- Italian 1 - 19
- Spanish for the Native Speaker 2 - 13
- SUNY Spanish 2 - 16
- AP Spanish Language - 18
- Living Systems of the Hudson – 15
- AP Environmental Science – 15
- Earth Science of New York – 5
- Environmental Chemistry – 15
- SUNY Physics – 13
- SUNY Chemistry – 17
- Gender Ideology – 17
- Drama 2/SUNY Theatre/Theatre Arts Lab – 9
- Topics in American History – 2
- World Issues – 4
- Yearbook – 19
- ESL Intensive English – 10
- Algebra – 8
- Topics in English – 5
- SUNY Black History 13/SUNY Latin American Caribbean Culture – 17
- Photo 4 – 18
- Chamber Orchestra - 9

The courses listed below are new courses for the 2013-2014 school year.

- SUNY Racism, Classism, Sexism – 110
- SAT/ACT Review – 164
- Gimme the Mic! – 86
- AP World History – 84
- AP Computer Science – 27
- AP Biology – 65
- SUNY French - 24

Board discussion took place. Mr. Bill Kress asked the Board whether or not it would provide consensus to support the courses as presented by Mr. Mandel. The Board of Education unanimously supported the recommendations provided by Mr. Mandel.

IV. Special Meeting

Dana Levenberg moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution A-1.

A-1 Resolution Regarding the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds

RESOLVED: That Petty Cash Funds be established pursuant to Section 170.4 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the location, amount and custodian of each fund be as follows:

OHS	\$ 100	Joshua Mandel
AMD	\$ 100	Regina M. Cellio
Roosevelt	\$ 50	Dr. Corey Reynolds
Brookside	\$ 100	Ann Dealy
Claremont	\$ 100	Carmen Soto
Park	\$ 75	Carriann Sipos
Roosevelt Administration	\$ 100	Raymond Sanchez
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 100	Kenneth Waldron
Roosevelt Business Office	\$ 100	Alita Zuber
Transportation	\$ 100	James Minihan

Motion carried: 7-0

Section D – Personnel Matters

Board President Bill Kress announced that items D-2 and D-3 would be moved up.

Frank Schneckler moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions D-2 and D-3.

D-2 Resolution Regarding An Administrative Staff Resignation

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that 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>
Kathryn Mathews	AMD	Assistant Principal	7/1/09	6/30/13	Tenured	Resignation

D-3 Resolution Regarding An Administrative Staff Appointment

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Tenure Area</i>	<i>Certif. Status</i>	<i>Degree Status</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</i>
Kathryn Mathews	Principal	Perm. SDA, Music	N/A	151,000	Probationary	100%	7/1/13	6/30/16	Claremont	General	AMD AP

Motion carried: 7-0

Steve Wardwell moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to move resolutions D-1 through D-3.

D-1 Resolution Regarding a Civil Service Staff Termination

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the termination of the Civil Service staff members so noted.

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Term.	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Arturo Pacheco	OHS	Cleaner	8/2/10	5/30/13	Permanent	Termination

Motion carried: 7-0

V. Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to adjourn the Work Session/Special Meeting of the Board of Education of May 21, 2013.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk