

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

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

**January 8, 2014  
Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Bill Kress *President*; Dr. Kimberly Case, *Vice President*, Mr. Graig Galef, Ms. Dana Levenberg, Ms. Lisa Murray, Mr. Steve Wardwell

**Others**

**Present:** Mr. Raymond Sanchez, *Superintendent of Schools*, Ms. Alita Zuber, *Assistant Superintendent for Business*, Dr. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction*

**1. Call to Order – President**

Board President Bill Kress called the January 8, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:37 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Board President Bill Kress announced the following:

- Just announced - OHS has 3 Intel Semifinalists:
  - Adam Illowsky
  - Abigail Kamen
  - Caitlin Piccirillo-Stosser
- New videos have been posted to our Web site:
  - Capital Bond Update
  - Thinking Maps Video
  - Studio 204a
  - O-Nation 4
  - Mr. Fridkin's Globe Project
- The District is now on Instagram! Follow us @oufsd
- The Charles Brieant Community Center will be hosting a fundraiser for AMD & OHS on January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- OHS Student Shadeen Samuels named "2014 Athlete to Watch" by LoHud
- Free Educational Apps were submitted by parents/guardians over the holiday recess. Please check our Web site for full listing of free apps.
- Congratulations to OHS Programmer Dan Scanteianu, whose Andoid app "Vibratimer" was published
- OHS student Justin Davidov made the Football Golden Dozen 2nd Team
- OHS student Abdul Byabusha came in First Place in the 600 yard dash
- Claremont School's Math & Science Fair was a huge success
- OHS is holding its annual blood drive
- OHS Newspaper The Current is now online

- Brookside School held its annual *Holiday Festival*
- Park School held its *Many Holidays Celebration*
- The Ossining School District participated in a competition and received a \$15,000 Grant for Anaphylaxis Awareness

### 3. Work Session

#### 3.1 Facilities Improvements

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez provided an overview via a PowerPoint presentation of the facilities improvements taking place within the District as well as those that have been completed. Mr. Joseph Fuller and Mr. John D'Angelo, of Fuller & D'Angelo Architects were present as was Mr. John P. Jackson of Arris Contracting Company. Mr. Sanchez reviewed the scope of work at the Anne M. Dorner Middle School and at Ossining High School.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the timeline for the various bond projects which has been impacted by the recent arctic weather.

Phase I of the work has been completed for boiler upgrades at Park School, Claremont School and Roosevelt School.

The entire bond scope of work in Phase I for the Anne M. Dorner Middle School includes the following:

##### **RENOVATION**

Music Rooms - COMPLETED  
 P.E. Locker Room Consolidation – ALMOST COMPLETED  
 Cafetorium Upgrade  
 Library  
 Science Rooms  
 Consolidated Classrooms  
 Seryery  
 Central Administration Offices Consolidation  
 Nurses Office

##### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Corridor Locker Replacement - COMPLETED  
 Roof Replacement - COMPLETED  
 Window Replacement  
 Masonry Restoration Main Building - COMPLETED  
 Life Safety  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bathroom Ada Upgrades  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Unit Ventilators  
 Boiler/Emergency Generator Replace

Phase II and III projects will go out to bid soon.

The entire bond scope of work in Phase 1 for Ossining High school includes the following:

##### **ADDITIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Science Labs / Classrooms – ALMOST COMPLETED  
 Physical Education Addition/Renovation

##### **RENOVATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Corridor – ALMOST COMPLETED  
 Stairwell and Elevator to Lower Level  
 Nurse Office  
 Auditorium – ALMOST COMPLETED

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Life Safety  
Art Room Exits  
Annex Window Replacement  
Emergency Power Panels/ Feeders  
Replace Kitchen Exhaust/ Ventilation  
Unit Ventilators  
New Boiler/ Fuel Tanks

Several Phase II and III projects will go out to bid in late spring 2014 and others in late winter 2014. The Ossining High School auditorium is scheduled to reopen early next month. The event is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the community is invited to attend.

Board discussion took place.

## **Audience Recognition**

None.

### **3.2 District Budget 2014-2015**

Assistant Superintendent for Business Alita Zuber provided an overview of the 2014-2015 budget outlook.

#### **Major Revenues Outlook**

##### **Tax Levy Cap:**

- Consumer Price Index: (≈1.6%)
- Capital Exclusions: dependent upon BOE approval
- Pension Exclusions: \$0
- Tax Base Growth Factor: 1.0038

##### **Foundation Aid/ NY State Aid:**

- Working with local legislators and NYS Budget administrators to remove the hold harmless provision for Ossining since we are experiencing increased student enrollment; poverty & needs.
- Governor to provide State of the State Address on January 8, 2014,
- OUFSD parents & staff members plan to attend Albany rally on January 14, 2014

##### **Federal Funds:**

- Reviewed salaries & expenses budgeted in Grants to make proactive budget decisions.

#### **Major Expenses Outlook**

##### **Personnel**

###### **Instruction:**

- Teachers & Administrators Contracts: 0% increase
- CSEA & Support Staff Contracts: Expired/ In negotiations

###### **Administration:**

- Re-aligned duties of (2) Central Office positions & did not fill (1) position
- At all time low as a percentage of total budget

##### **Employee Benefits:**

###### **Pension**

Employee Retirement System (ERS): 3.8% decrease from an AVG contribution rate of 20.9% to 20.1%  
Teachers Retirement System (TRS): 9% increase from an employer contribution rate of 16.25% to 17.75%

###### **Health**

- 2013 expenses at 2009 levels
- \$4 million reduction from 2012 to 2013
- Impact of Affordable Care Act: may increase number of staff eligible for health benefits

**Transportation:**

- 2012-13 & Projected 2013-14 expenses at 2007-08 levels for Contracted Services

Ms. Zuber reviewed other reductions/cost avoidances which will not impact the classroom and result in a total of \$12.8 million. The District avoided significant cuts based on actions taken last year. The proposed budget is contingent upon revenues generated. Budget discussions will continue through May. The community is invited to attend future Board of Education meetings and to provide the Board and administration with feedback.

Board discussion took place. Board President Bill Kress commended Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Zuber for their leadership during the budget process. Mr. Sanchez thanked his administrative team.

**4. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only**

None.

**5. Special Meeting: Business of the Board**

Lisa Murray moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to move resolution 5.1.

**5.1 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s)**

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Professional Staff appointment(s) 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>
Nanesha Nunez	N/A	Ch. Ed 1-6	BA	1	55,702 (33,421)	Regular Sub	100%	1/2/14	6/30/14	Brookside	General	None

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

**6. Motion to Enter into an Executive Session**

At 9:15 p.m. Steve Wardwell moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

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

*No formal action was taken.*

**7. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting**

At 10:55 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of January 8, 2014 for the purpose of adjournment.

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

**8. Adjournment**

At 10:57 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of January 8, 2014.

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

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Ileana Ortiz  
District Clerk