

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

**Regular Meeting/Work Session**  
**Claremont School Cafeteria**

**January 22, 2014**  
**Regular 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. Frank Schneckner

**Others**

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

**Absent:** Mr. Steve Wardwell

**1. Call to Order – President**

Board President Bill Kress called the January 22, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:38 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Trustee Dana Levenberg led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Bill Kress shared the following news:

- *Gimme the Mic* students will perform Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library
- Ms. Kendall McFarlane, Ossining High School Guidance Counselor, was honored at the Martin Luther King Cooperative Scholarship Event
- Ossining Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez was featured in recent article in *Westchester Magazine* entitled “The Changing Face of Westchester”
- The Veteran’s Match events has been rescheduled to Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 p.m., OHS Gym
- The Claremont School Library is being renovated
- OHS students Daniel Scanteianu (trumpet), Nathan Holzberg (Vibes), and Marcus Roman (trumpet) have all been accepted to play in the Westchester All-County Jazz Band
- At a Recent Village Board Meeting, Mayor Hanauer honored our three Intel Semi-Finalists by declaring the following throughout the Village:
  - January 16- Abigail Kamen Day
  - January 17- Adam Illowsky Day
  - January 18- Caitlin Piccirillo-Stosser Day
- @Claremont\_News and @oufsdtech are our newest Twitter accounts
- Congratulations to our Scholar Athlete Teams:
  - 93.13 Girls Tennis
  - 95.65 Boys Cross Country
  - 95.30 Field Hockey
  - 94.69 Girls Swimming
  - 93.66 Girls Soccer
  - 89.60 Football
- OHS Girls Basketball were ranked #1 in *LoHud* as of January 12, 2014.
- OHS students Steven Orts, Sam Boucher and Ben Ross have their art on display at Concordia College's High School Art Show. Steven Orts received an *Award of Excellence* for his photography.

Mr. Kress announced that Mr. Sanchez is the newest member of the Ossining Rotary Club.

Mr. Kress also announced that Mr. Sanchez is approaching one year in the position of Superintendent and thanked Mr. Sanchez for his leadership and innovative approaches in communicating with the community, administration, staff and parents/guardians as well as his many accomplishments and projects undertaken during in his first year as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kress named a few of those projects/accomplishments:

- Budget mini-lessons
- Improved communication
- Bond facilities improvements at AMD and OHS
- 100 day entry plan
- Improved drop-off and pick-up of students at Roosevelt and Brookside Schools
- Intel Science Recognition
- Key Communicators at the schools
- Negotiating successful contracts
- Session with Dr. Zhao
- Administrative restructuring
- Work with Common Core
- APPR
- Tireless work with regard to Foundation Aid
- Teacher Effectiveness Grant
- Manhattanville College
- Ossining Learning Center
- Exc-EL Grant

Mr. Sanchez thanked Mr. Kress and the Board.

### **3. Comments from the Student Representative to the Board**

Ossining High School Student Representative to the Board, Ms. Caitlyn Piccirillo, provided the following report:

- OHS student Justin Davidov was named to the *LoHud'* Westchester All Star Football Team. On the second football team was named Alex Tejera and Michael O'Connor, James Johnson, and Christian Morales received honorable mentions. In addition, Gabriella Hagerman received a LoHud All Star Team Honorable Mention for Girls Varsity Soccer.
- A representative from IBM held a "Careers in Technology" workshop on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the OHS library to speak about the many career opportunities in technology.
- Mr. Bradley Morrison, Mr. Daniel Orban, the AMD Band Director, along with OHS students Benjamin Feinstein and Eli Hersh performed as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Tuba Christmas Concert at Rockefeller Center.
- Four Ossining High School students performed in the Westchester Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker*: Jessica Chambers, Amelia Harlow, Charlotte Keeley, and Lea Onayan.
- Ms. Susan Kafer and Gimme the Mic students performed at a concert at The Westchester in White Plains.
- Jewelry classes sold their work during their Holiday Charity Sale, as organized by Mr. Ronald Whitehead.
- The OHS American Red Cross Club had a very successful blood drive in December, and obtained enough pints of blood to help 147 patients.
- Three Ossining Science Research students were named Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalists: Adam Illowsky, Abby Kamen, and Caitlin Piccirillo-Stosser. They were featured in a Journal News article, an Ossining Patch article, and a clip on News 12. They were also honored by the mayor last Wednesday and each student had a day named for them. Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> was Abby Kamen Day, Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> was Adam Illowsky Day, and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> was Caitlin Piccirillo-Stosser Day.

- Ms. Shams' art students, Steven Orts, Ben Ross, and Samantha Boucher had their artwork displayed in the StArt High School Exhibit at Concordia College. Steven Orts won a certificate of excellence for his entry.
- The Girls Basketball team was ranked #1 by LoHud, and junior Jalay Knowles was featured in LoHud on January 14th. She is only a few points shy of 1,000 points as a high school player!
- Three OHS students were accepted to play in the Westchester All-County Jazz Band: Daniel Scanteianu, Nathan Holzberg, and Marcus Roman.
- Alex Delacruz was listed in the top three of the Eastern States Wrestling Seed.
- Yesterday was the high school's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Wrestling Match in honor of our local veterans.
- Today there was a career workshop with Eileen Fisher, and it went very well!
- The OHS Interact Club is collecting jeans for people in need through a program entitled "Teens for Jeans" sponsored by Aeropostale, and donation boxes are located in the OHS library until February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On Valentine's Day, members from the National Honor Society, as well as other students from other schools within the district, will organize a Senior Citizen Breakfast at the Ossining Community Center.

#### **4. Comments from Special Education Parents and Teachers Organization (SEPTO)**

Mr. Anthony Murray, Co-Chair of SEPTO, provided an update to the Board. The role of SEPTO is to build working relationships with parents of students with special needs and to provide support to those parents via monthly meetings, distribution of information, as well as involvement in community events. SEPTO advocates for students and parents via workshops, webinars and via the website. SEPTO is also working with Proyecto ALCANCE to provide support to our youngest learners.

- Upcoming meeting: February 7, 2014
- Hope for Michael event will be held in April 2014

#### **5. Comments from Ossining Parents Advocating Collectively for All of Our Children (OPACC)**

Ms. Lutonya Russell-Humes, Chair, provided an overview regarding the mission of OPACC. OPACC was formed over in 2005 to serve the unique needs of African American students in the Ossining School District. At that time, the achievement gap was a huge concern in the District. Parents are encouraged to gather and develop strategies and solutions to empower the community and enhance their role in providing support to families via lectures, workshops and community events.

#### **6. Special Recognition**

Board President Bill Kress announced that resolution 12.6 would be moved up on the Agenda and called for a motion.

Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolution 12.6.

#### **12.6 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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title or Tenure Area</b>	<b>Certif. Status</b>	<b>Degree Status</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Appt. Type</b>	<b>% Time</b>	<b>Effect. Date</b>	<b>Expir. Date</b>	<b>Bldg.</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Staff Relation or Note</b>
Roger Rowe	Winter Weight Room Intramurals	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,221	Annual	100%	11/25/13	2/28/14 (revised)	OHS	General	Active Retiree
Lauren Soohoo	English 7-12	Initial	MA	2	69,438	Probationary	100%	1/23/14	10/3/15	OHS	General	Regular Sub
Dennis Johnson	Assistive Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.71/hr.	Annual	As needed	9/1/13	6/30/14	N/A	Grant Funded	Active Retiree
Amy Scher	College Essay Editor	N/A	N/A	N/A	30/hr.	Annual	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS	Grant Funded	Former After School TA

**Motion carried: 6-0**

Mr. Kress welcomed Ms. Lauren Soohoo to the District. Mr. Sanchez said a few words on behalf of Ms. Soohoo and all of the new teachers. Ms. Miral Puello, ESL Director, also said a few words on behalf of Ms. Soohoo and welcomed her to the English Department at Ossining High School.

**7. Work Session**

**7.1 District Technology: Recommendations**

Director of Technology Mr. Jeremy Luft and Assistant Director for Technology Ms. Jennifer Forsberg used a Prezi presentation to provide a glimpse of technology in the classroom. The technology is student centered, allows students to be creative and innovative and programs/apps may be accessed anywhere. Skills such as critical thinking, teamwork and problem solving are just a few of the skills students learn through the use of technology. The presentation was interactive – teachers and students provided real time demonstrations of the technology being used.

- Claremont School (Elementary) – Ms. Hammer and 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Olivia Velardo on the use of Google Docs and Chromebooks.
- Anne M. Dorner Middle School – Ms. Dibari and two 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Jessica Hickey and Steven Souillard on the use of SCRATCH programming
- Ossining High School – Ms. Crocco and Mr. Shoenbart and one of their students Olivia Breglia on the use of Google Communities and other Google apps for education

With regard to the budget, current staffing levels will be maintained, cost effective and purposeful equipment will be purchased when appropriate, the current cycle of equipment replacement will continue, and data will be used to drive equipment deployment and purchases. The use of technology will continue to improve classroom instruction and assist in preparing for PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers.

Board discussion took place. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Luft and Ms. Forsberg for their interactive approach to demonstrate the value of technology in the classroom.

**Audience Recognition:**

Mr. Roddy Kopera, Budget Advisory Committee Member

## 7.2 District Budget 2014-2015

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Raymond Sanchez shared a few highlights regarding the District's recent visit to Albany to meet with legislators on January 28, 2014. Administrators, parents and community members met with legislators in Albany to share their thoughts and encourage legislators to take a look at the "Ossining Story." The Ossining School District is experiencing consistent increases in student enrollment while the majority of other school districts in the State have been experiencing little or no increase in student enrollment. The Ossining School District is underfunded by millions of dollars due to the freeze on foundation aid at 2007-2008 levels.

Mr. Sanchez provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget and what it means for school districts across the state. Although details are not yet available, the Governor's proposed budget allocates funds for pre-K education, the availability of bonuses to highly effective teachers, as well as funds to improve technology in classrooms. With regard to the Common Core Standards, the Governor announced that legislators will meet in a panel to review and there is no support for standardized tests for grades pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. At this time, it is too soon to tell how all of this will impact Ossining.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Alita Zuber shared preliminary information regarding estimates in State Aid. As soon as the Governor's proposed budget is in place, the District will have a better idea as to how it will impact the District's proposed 2014-2015 school year budget. The outcome will determine the recommendations which will be made to the Board of Education for consideration.

Board discussion took place. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Zuber for sharing preliminary State budget information with the community.

### **Audience Recognition:**

Mr. Roddy Kopera, Budget Advisory Committee Member

## 7.3 Mid-Year Status on Goals

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Raymond Sanchez provided an update regarding the mid-year status of the 2013-2014 District goals. With regard to the Common Core Standards and curriculum, those goals will always be "work in progress" goals not subject to completion.

### **Goal #1 - Curriculum:**

- All grade levels and departments will work on developing curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards. Within the context of the Curriculum Maps, Student Centered Instruction will be reflected. Additionally, technology will be embedded. ***In Progress***
- A review of the Mathematics PreK-12 programs will be conducted. The curriculum renewal shall consider a review of the Regents Mathematics program at Anne M. Dorner Middle School. ***In Progress***
- A committee of teacher, parents and administrators will continue its review of the elementary enrichment program. The review will focus on the possible implementation of the School-Wide Enrichment Model. ***In Progress***
- A committee at Ossining High School will be tasked to develop a blueprint, model, and recommendations for a formal Humanities Research Program. ***In Progress***
- At Ossining High School, a plan of action will be developed in order to introduce community service as a graduation requirement. Recommendations will be presented for potential implementation during the 2013-2014 school year. ***Completed.***

### **Goal #2 – Visioning Committee**

- The district will form a committee – students, parents, and staff – to review the existing Long Range Plan. The goal of the committee is to revisit the Long Range Plan to align it to the district's current and future needs. This will include updated timelines and content. ***In Progress***

**Goal #3 – Contracts: CSEA and Support Staff**

- It is the goal of the district to complete negotiations for fair, equitable, and sustainable contracts between and among the district and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) and the Ossining Support Staff (OSS). ***In Progress***

**Goal #4 – Fiscal Responsibility**

- Present an educationally sound district budget within current fiscal constraints. A Citizens Budget Advisory Committee will be formed to review ways the district can remain solvent. ***In Progress***

**Goal #5 – Facilities Improvements**

- Implement the Facilities Improvement Plan supported by through the Bond Referendum. In addition, a plan to address elementary enrollment will be developed. ***In Progress***

Board discussion took place. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Sanchez for providing an update with regard to the Board adopted goals.

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

None.

**9. Regular Meeting: Business of the Board**

Frank Schneckner moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolutions 9.1 and 9.3 through 9.4.

**9.1 Resolution to Appoint Additional Consultants for the 2013-2014 School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of the following consultants for the 2013-2014 school year at fees not to exceed the amounts 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>
Mary McInerney	Experienced enrichment consultant.	To provide professional development relative to enrichment to Districtwide staff.	\$4,500 [Grant Funded]
Mike Risko School of Music	Experienced music instruction.	To provide guitar lessons to Roosevelt School students.	\$1,230. [Grant Funded]
Bank St. College of Education	Experienced educational training.	To provide leadership seminars and professional development to administrators and teachers.	\$56,250 [Grant Funded]
Bob Petrocelli dba <i>Ten Seconds Will Change Your Life Forever</i>	Experienced driver safety trainer.	To provide students at OHS with safe driving instruction in March 2014.	\$900. [50% Grant Funded]
Dr. Nina M. Gottlieb dba <i>NGM Evaluation</i>	Experienced external evaluator.	To evaluate the Ossining School District Race to the Top Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness 2 Grant during the 2014 through 2015 school years.	\$15,000 per year \$30,000 [Grant Funded]

**9.3 Resolution to Accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2013**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2013.

**9.4 Motion to Adopt the Following Policies #4770 “Graduation Requirements,” #4773 Skill and Achievement Commencement Credential” and #6770-R “Purchasing Regulation” as First Readings**

On the following pages Board members will find copies of Board of Education Policies #4770 "Graduation Requirements," #4337 Skill and Achievement Commencement Credential," and #6770-R "Purchasing Regulation" as *First Readings*

**Motion carried: 6-0**

Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolution 9.2.

**9.2 Resolution to Accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 3, 2013.**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 3, 2013.

**Motion carried: 5-0  
Frank Schecker - Abstained**

**10. Regular Meeting: Curriculum and Instruction**

Dana Levenberg moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution 10.1.

**10.1 Motion to Accept Recommended Placements of Special Education Students**

I move that the Board of Education accept the recommended classifications, placements and related services recommended in the IEP for students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and Sub-Committees on Special Education in meetings held December 13, 18, 19, 20, 31, January 6, 7, 9, 10, 13 and direct the administration to arrange for the appropriate placement as set forth.

**Motion carried: 6-0**

**11. Regular Meeting: Business Office Matters**

Frank Schneckler moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolutions 11.1, 11.2 and 11.4 through 11.20. Resolution 11.3 is presented *for information only*.

**11.1 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2013.**

I move that the Treasurer's Report for October 2013 be approved and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**11.2 Motion to Approve Budget Report and Revenue Report for October 2013.**

I move that the Board of Education approve the Budget Report and Revenue Report for October 2013 as presented.

**11.4 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Bicycle Donations for OHS Bike Program**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Ossining High School Bicycle Club to accept donations of bicycles for the purpose of renovation and distribution to community members and other students.

**11.5 Resolution Regarding Donation of Spring Floor**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation from the Mahopac School District of a spring floor for use at the Anne M. Dorner Middle School.

**11.6 Resolution Regarding Donation to First Steps**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges with thanks a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Donald Manocherian, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the First Steps budget in this amount.

The funds will be accounted for in the Special Aid Fund. The offsetting revenue shall be FST3-2770-000, "Miscellaneous Revenue".

**11.7 Resolution Regarding Donation Acceptance to First Steps - \$70,000 from The Curran Foundation**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges with thanks a gift in the amount of \$70,000 from the John P. & Constance A. Curran Foundation, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the First Steps budget in this amount.

The funds will be accounted for in the Special Aid Fund. The offsetting revenue shall be FST3-2770-000, "Miscellaneous Revenue".

**11.8 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Target Field Trip Grant**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education thanks Target and accepts their \$700 field trip grant, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2013-14 General Fund in that amount. The offsetting revenue shall be A-2705.000, "Gifts and Donations".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$700 be appropriated as identified below.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A-2110-407-16-0000	Admissions - Roosevelt	\$700

**11.9 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Donations from General Mills Box Tops Program**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the General Mills *Box Tops for Education* Program for its donations totaling \$2,483, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2013-14 Special Aid Fund budget as detailed below. The offsetting revenue shall be F-BXTP-2770.000, "Miscellaneous".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount be appropriated to the following budget codes:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BXTP-2110-500-12-O	Box Tops – Supplies AMD	\$283
BXTP-2110-500-14-O	Box Tops – Supplies Claremont	463
BXTP-2110-500-15-O	Box Tops – Supplies Park	1,237
BXTP-2110-500-16-O	Box Tops – Supplies Roosevelt	<u>500</u>
		\$2,483

**11.10 Resolution Regarding Donation of Musical Instruments**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of musical instruments from Mr. Richard Gordon for use by our Cultural Arts Department.

**11.11 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Reimbursement from NYSIR**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby accepts reimbursement from NYSIR in the amount of \$6,913.39 for the cost of overtime related to the water damage at Anne M. Dorner Middle School in August 2013. The offsetting revenue shall be A-2690.000, "Compensation for Loss".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this amount be appropriated to the following budget code:



<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1621-161-12-9000	Disaster Cleanup – Hourly	\$6,913.39

**11.12 Resolution Regarding SEQRA Negative Declaration – OHS Water Main Replacement**

WHEREAS, said Capital Construction Projects at the Ossining Union Free School District are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, in the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (2); and WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the Environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the listed Capital Construction Projects and has determined that these Capital Construction Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c) (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Capital Construction Project as listed above is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this resolution to the New York State Education department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of these Capital Construction Projects from the New York State Education Department.

**11.13 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Contract for Excellence Audit Report**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Board Audit Committee, accept the Contract for Excellence Audit Report as prepared by O’Connor Davies, LLP.

**11.14 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfers**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute interfund transfers as specified below.

From: A-5540-401-00-0000 Contract Transportation  
 To: A-5510-161-00-0000 Dist Transportation OT  
 Amount: \$7,000  
 Reason: To cover cost of District Driver OT for two home-to-school runs (using District drivers instead of contract transportation saves the District approximately \$68,000)

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes  
 To: A-2110-145-00-0000 Long-Term Subs  
 Amount: \$25,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay

From: A-2250-153-00-0000 Spec Ed 1-to-1 Aide  
 To: A-2110-121-16-0000 TA Salaried Roos  
 Amount: \$32,975  
 Reason: To cover salary for personnel change

From: A-2110-131-12-0000 TA Salaries AMD  
 To: A-2110-131-11-0000 TA Salaried OHS  
 Amount: \$9,200  
 Reason: To cover salary cost of new school monitor hired on 9-1-13

From: A-2250-150-00-0000 Spec Ed Inst. Teachers  
 To: A-2253-150-00-0000 Spec Ed Speech & Lang Sal  
 Amount: \$7,700  
 Reason: To cover lane changes for three teachers

From: A-1620-161-00-0000 B&G Other Services  
 To: A-1620-162-00-0000 B&G Grounds & Cust. Pers.  
 Amount: \$14,520  
 Reason: To cover overtime cost

From: A-2110-120-15-0000 Instructional Salary - Park  
 To: A-2110-120-14-0000 Instructional Salary - Claremont  
 Amount: \$120,764  
 Reason: To cover personnel changes

From: A-2110-130-12-0000 Instructional Salary - AMD  
 To: A-2110-130-11-0000 Instructional Salary - OHS  
 Amount: \$122,394  
 Reason: To cover personnel changes

From: A-2110-120-13-0000 Teacher Salaries - Brookside  
 To: A-1240-405-00-0000 Consultants  
 Amount: \$15,000  
 Reason: Transfer is required to pay consultant for OCLC services rendered per Board resolution approved November 20, 2013

From: A-2815-500-00-0000 Nurses Supplies  
 To: A-2855-490-00-0000 BOCES  
 Amount: \$13,000  
 Reason: Not enough dollars in BOCES code for the school year

**11.15 Resolution Regarding 2013-14 Non-Resident Tuition Fees**

RESOLVED: That the following non-resident tuition fees be established for the 2013-14 school year.

Grade	Regular Education Tuition	Special Education Tuition
Full Day K- 6	\$13,732	\$60,878
Grades 7 through 12	\$14,439	\$61,585

**11.16 Resolution Regarding Resolution Rescission and Establishment of Club: Gay Straight Alliance Club**

RESOLVED: That Resolution 10.14, passed by the Board of Education on November 20, 2013 is hereby rescinded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the formation of the Gay Straight Alliance Club as a student-run organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That revenues and expenditures of the Gay Straight Alliance Club be accounted for in the Student Activity Fund Account.

**11.17 Resolution Regarding Rescission of Resolution**

RESOLVED: That Resolution C.10, passed by the Board of Education on November 20, 2013 is hereby rescinded.

**11.18 Resolution Regarding Senior Citizen Exemption – RPTL 467**

RESOLVED: That the Ossining Union Free School District hereby adopts the amendment to the income scale for the senior citizen exemption pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law according to the following annual income and percentage exemptions as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% Exemption</u>
\$0 to \$29,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5%
\$37,400	0%

**11.19 Resolution Regarding Out of Cycle Grant from Ossining MATTERS**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts with thanks the additional generosity of Ossining MATTERS for their gift of \$2,500 for the purchase of physical education equipment at Roosevelt School and by recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby increases the Special Aid Fund budget as detailed below. The offsetting revenue shall be F-OSSM-2770.000, "Miscellaneous Revenue."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this amount be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Purchase of PE equipment for Roosevelt School	F-OSSM-7645-200-16-O	\$2,500	Equipment

**11.20 Resolution Regarding Out of Cycle Grant from Ossining MATTERS**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts with thanks the additional generosity of Ossining MATTERS for their gift of \$50 to be used by the Ossining High School Photography Department and by recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby increases the General Fund budget as detailed below. The offsetting revenue shall be A-2705.000 "Gift and Donations."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this amount be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
OHS Photography Department	A-2110-500-11-5012	\$50	OHS Supplies - Art

**Motion carried: 6-0**

**11.3 Claims Audited and Paid – For Information Only**

The following funds have been duly audited and paid and are presented for Board of Education members' information. No action is requested.

1. General Fund - Fund A
2. School Lunch - Fund C
3. Special Aid Fund - Fund F

4. Capital Fund – Fund H
5. Trust Expendable - TE

Board President Mr. Bill Kress thanked the following for their generosity on behalf of the Board of Education: The John P. and Constance Curran Foundation for their gift of \$70,000 for the First Steps Program; Mahopac School District for the donation of a spring floor for the Anne M. Dorner Middle School; Mr. Donald Manocherian for the donation of \$5,000 to the First Steps Program; Target for their grant of \$700 for field trips; General Mills “Box Tops for Education Program” for their donation of \$2,483; and Mr. Richard Gordon for his donation of musical instruments for the Cultural Arts Department.

## 12. Regular Meeting: Personnel Matters

Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolutions 12.1 through 12.5 and 12.7 through 12.12. Resolution 12.13 is presented *for information only*.

### 12.1 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Tenure Appointment(s)

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education grant tenure to the Professional Staff member(s) so noted.

Name	Building	Tenure Area	Date of Prob. Appointment	Tenure Date	Comments
Kristen Lena	AMD	Special Education	1/24/13	1/23/14	Tenure

### 12.2 Resolution Regarding Administrative Staff Resignation(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation(s) of the administrative staff member so noted.

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Francine Jacobson	AMD	Assistant Principal	01/25/07	6/30/14	Tenured	Retirement

### 12.3 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Resignation(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation(s) of the Professional Staff members so noted.

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Erica Naughton	AMD	Mathematics 7-12	9/1/11	6/30/14	Tenured	Resignation from tenure area to continue AP position
Irene Unger	OHS	English 7-12	9/1/99	3/25/13	Tenured	Retirement

### 12.4 Resolution Regarding Confidential Staff Resignation(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the resignation(s) of the Confidential Staff member(s) so noted.

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Maria Catalina	Central Office	Secretary to School Administrator	5/23/94	7/4/14	Permanent	Retirement

### 12.5 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Resignation(s)

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the Support Staff resignation(s) so noted.

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
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Carol Schorr	Claremont	Teaching Assistant	9/1/78	6/30/14	Continuing	Retirement
Melissa DeMaio	Claremont	Teaching Assistant	1/19/11	1/15/14	Initial	Resignation

### 12.6 Resolution Regarding Confidential 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.

Name	Title or Tenure Area	Certif. Status	Degree Status	Step	Salary	Appt. Type	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Bldg.	Fund Source	Staff Relation or Note
Roger Rowe	Winter Weight Room Intramurals	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,221	Annual	100%	11/25/13	2/28/14 (revised)	OHS	General	Active Retiree
Lauren Soohoo	English 7-12	Initial	MA	2	69,438	Probationary	100%	1/23/14	10/3/15	OHS	General	Regular Sub
Dennis Johnson	Assistive Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.71/hr.	Annual	As needed	9/1/13	6/30/14	N/A	Grant Funded	Active Retiree
Amy Scher	College Essay Editor	N/A	N/A	N/A	30/hr.	Annual	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS	Grant Funded	Former After School TA

### 12.7 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Appointment(s)

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Confidential Staff appointment(s) so noted.

Name	Appointment Type	Job Title	Building	Salary	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Fund Source	Staff Relation
Lisa Calandro	Probationary	Senior Office Assistant (Aut. Sys.)	Central Office	\$68,000	100%	2/10/14	2/09/15	General	None

### 12.8 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s) – Before/After School Programs

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

Name	Appointment Type/Date	Job Title	Building	Salary	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Fund Source	Staff Relation
Monica Blalock	Probationary	Bus Attendant	District	13.00/hr.	25 hrs./wk.	1/6/14	N/A	General	None
Gina Cruz-Lopez	Probationary	Bus Attendant	District	12.00/hr.	25 hrs./wk.	1/6/14	N/A	General	Former Bus Attendant & Sch. Monitor

### 12.9 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Appointment(s) – Before/After School Programs

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Professional Staff appointment(s) so noted.

Name	Cert. Status	Step	Salary	Appt Type	Program	Building	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Staff Relation
Barbara Knowles	Prof. Span. 7-12, ESL	5	68.60/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - English	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS Teacher
Catharine Wager	Perm. Bio. 7-12	5	68.60/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - Living Environment	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS Teacher

Mayra Avila	Init. Math 7-12, Child Ed. 1-6	1	48.31/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - Int. Algebra	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS Teacher
Mirna Aguilar	Perm. Soc. Studies 7-12	1	48.31/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - Global	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	Regular Sub
Roxana Estrada	Init. Bio. 7-12	5	68.60/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - Living Environment	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS Teacher
Victor Velez	Perm. Soc. Studies 7-12	2	55.39/hr.	Annual	Regents Review - US History, Global	OHS	As needed	1/2/14	6/30/14	OHS Teacher

### 12.10 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Removal(s)

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Civil Service Staff Before/After School Program appointments for the person(s) so noted.

Name	Position	Appt. Type	Program	Bldg.	Salary	% Time	Source	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Relation
Nancy Oppedisano	Clerical	Annual	Bookworms	Brookside	21.05/hr.	1 hr./wk.	Grant	2/4/14	5/13/14	Brookside Clerk

### 12.12 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

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

Name	Certified	Subject
Abanto, Delia	C	ESL (Park and Brookside)
Adams, Joan	RN	Reg. Prof. Nurse
Barnes, Gregory	CP	Childhood Ed 1-6 & Special Ed (no OHS)
Christie, Kevin	NC	English 7-12
Dwyer, Michael	CP	Childhood Ed/Special Ed (No Park)
Edwards, Madeline	N/A	Clerical Substitute \$34.48/hr. (Revised)
Grasso, Regina	N/A	Clerical Substitute (\$34.71/hr.)
Kuney, Melody	C	Music (Claremont leave replacement)
Salonen, Brad	C	Childhood Ed & Stu. w/ Disabilities 1-6
White, Lindsay	C	Childhood Ed (Park, Bksd, Clmt)

**Motion carried: 6-0**

Board President Mr. Bill Kress thanked the retirees for their many years of service to the Ossining School District and wished them well.

### 12.13 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Request(s) for Leave of Absence

*(For Information Only)*

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

Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Leave Start	Leave End	Reason	Comments
Kimberly Cowan	Roosevelt	K-6	Anticipated 2/3/14	5/9/14	FMLA	None
Danielle Saldiveri	AMD	K-6	Anticipated 2/14/14	5/23/14	FMLA	None

## 13. For Information Only

### 13.1 Enrollment Report

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

**14. Audience Recognition**

None.

**15. Board Committee/Liaison Reports and Board Dialogue**

Board of Education members reported/shared the following:

- The Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association dinner event will be held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Purchase Elementary School.
- The Diane Raivitch Panel Discussion entitled “Reign of Error” held at Fox Lane H.S. on January 16, 2014 was well-attended.

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

At 10:40 p.m. Kimberly Case moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move into an Executive Session.

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

*No action was taken.*

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

At 11:12 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Frank Schneckner seconded the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2014 for the purpose of adjournment.

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

**18. Adjournment**

At 11:13 p.m. Frank Schneckner moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of January 22, 2014.

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

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Ileana Ortiz  
*District Clerk*