

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, New York

Special Meeting/Annual Budget Workshop
Ossining High School Library

March 8, 2014
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Others

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

I. Call to Order

Board of Education President Mr. Bill Kress called the Special Meeting/Annual Budget Workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the All Day Board of Education Budget Workshop meeting of March 8, 2014.

Mr. Kress invited Ms. Lisa Murray to lead all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Library at Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York, County of Westchester.

II. 2014-2015 Budget Workshop

Board President Mr. Bill Kress began the meeting by expressing the Board's appreciation to the Administration and staff. Following his introductory remarks, Mr. Kress introduced Superintendent of Schools Mr. Raymond Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez reminded Board of Education members of the previous Board of Education meeting conducted on March 5, 2014 wherein members of the Board and community were provided with an overview of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, including the budget development process and budget priorities. Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Alita Zuber presented the financial aspects of the Proposed Budget and Ms. Maureen Boozang-Hill presented the Proposed Pupil Personnel and Special Education budgets.

Following the introductory remarks, Mr. Sanchez introduced Dr. Angela White, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. White provided a review of the instructional portion of the budget and outlined budget considerations and proposed expenditures for the forthcoming school year on a page-by-page, line-by-line basis of Section II, Instructional Programs. Throughout the presentation members of the Board of Education and community raised questions and shared comments. In addition, Principals and Directors were present and provided insights and information relative to their respective budgets.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Board of Education discussion took place. Principals and Directors in attendance provided comments and the community raised questions and provided input.

The audience and participants included the following:

Principals, Directors, President and Vice President of the Ossining Association of Administrators and Supervisors, Secretary and Immediate Past President of the OTA, President of the Civil Service Employees Association and community members.

At 11:30 a.m., members of the Board of Education and Administration recessed for lunch.

At 12:00 p.m. the Annual Budget Workshop reconvened.

- ***Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Funds***

Mr. Kenneth Waldron, Director of Operations and Maintenance and Ms. Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for Business reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to operations, maintenance, and capital funds. Ms. Zuber reviewed and explained each budget page and the line items contained therein. During the presentation, members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- ***Board of Education, District Clerk, Superintendent, District Meetings, and Public Information***

Mr. Raymond Sanchez, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to the Board of Education, District Clerk, Superintendent, District Meetings and Public Information. Members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- ***Human Resources***

Ms. Joan Garone, Executive Assistant for Human Resources reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to Human Resources. Members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- ***Business Operations and Legal Services***

Ms. Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to the above items. Members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- ***Transportation***

Ms. Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to Transportation. Members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- ***Undistributed, Employee Benefits, and Debt Services***

Ms. Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reviewed the Proposed Budget pertaining to employee benefits and debt services. Members of the Board of Education raised questions and shared comments.

- **Board of Education Budget Discussion**

Following considerable Board of Education discussion pertaining to the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, the Board of Education requested that the Superintendent be prepared to provide the Board of Education with additional information at the March 13, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Education.

III. Audience Recognition:

The following community residents, audience members, and staff were recognized at various intervals throughout the day:

- Beth Sniffen
- Lisa Rudley

IV. Adjournment

At 3:45 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Budget Workshop Meeting of March 8, 2014.

Motion carried: 7-0

Raymond Sanchez
Superintendent of Schools