

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

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

**March 26, 2014  
Regular Meeting: 7:30 p.m.  
Executive Session: *Immediately Following***

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Bill Kress *President*, Dr. Kimberly Case, *Vice President*, Mr. Graig Galef,  
Ms. Dana Levenberg, Ms. Lisa Murray, Mr. Frank Schnecker, 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 March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Trustee Lisa Murray led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Prouds**

Board President Bill Kress shared the following news:

- The OHS Girls Basketball Team are State Champions
- OHS students took top honors at a recent Westchester Science and Engineering Fair
- AMD students will receive tennis lessons from US Tennis Association beginning in April
- Business Services Supervisor Mr. Jack Mitchell received the *School District Leadership Award* from the Long Island Post
- The OHS Marching Band performed at local St. Patrick's Day parades
- Fourth-grader Dream Shepard was named *Grand Marshal* for Go the Distance Walk at Maria Fereri Children's Hospital
- OHS presents the musical *Legally Blonde* on April 3-5
- AMD had another successful *Dancing With the Staff*. They raised over \$2,100 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- The Living History Project presentation took place at OHS
- Claremont School held its 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- OHS held its annual Drive Safe/Drive Smart Night at OHS
- Brookside School is hosting Reading Week this week
- Park School held its Math Nigh event last night

**4. Comments from Proyecto ALCANCE**

Ms. Marcela Levin provided an update regarding Proyecto ALCANCE and the services provided to families for the success of all children. Proyecto ALCANCE works in collaboration with many community organizations

such as SEPTO and Communities that Care. Various programs and workshops are offered to families throughout the year to help empower Spanish-speaking families with information. The Hispanic Parent Leadership Conference, funded by the Elias Foundation and held at Manhattanville College was well-attended. Proyecto ALCANCE, in collaboration with Latino U. assist families with the college application process.

### **Comments from Ossining Cultural Arts Advocates**

Ms. Merrie Daitch provided an update regarding the Ossining Cultural Arts Advocates (OCAA). The OCAA is an organization which consists of parents, educators and students who support music, theater and the arts in the Ossining School District. OCAA also provides scholarships for seniors who have excelled in the cultural Arts. The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) recognized Ossining as a “best community for music education.”

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

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

- Our Girls' Basketball Team are State Champs!
- For a Science Research update:
  - OHS student Ben Ross qualified to present at the International Sustainable (Energy, Environment, and Engineering) World Project Olympiad from April 30-May 5, 2014
  - Ossining did very well at the upstate Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.
    - Maria Walsh-Regotti placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her category in poster
    - Dan Scantianu and Claudia Guinarsaca-Aguilar both placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their speaker rooms
    - Adam Illowsky and Ben Ross both placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their rooms.

They then presented a second time the next day for the entire fair. Adam Illowsky won 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and Ben Ross won 5<sup>th</sup> place. Both students have been invited to the National JSHS competition which will be held in Washington D.C in late April.

- On March 15<sup>th</sup> sophomores, juniors and seniors competed at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair. Winners were as follow:
  - Special Awards: Isabella Perez, Aiden Sheridan, Anandan Ray, David Leibert, Soon il Higashino, Chris Gallego, Byron Arevalo, Sade Tukuru, Adam Illowsky, Dan Scantianu, Johanna Quintasaca, Adam Krupinski, Rowan Thomas, Tess Halpern, Adriel Williams, Kim Badger, and Caroline Overacker
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place: Kalissa Sawyer, Nicole Ruiz, Paul Kleiman, Maria Walsh-Regotti, Emil Padikkala, and Rebecca Hannan
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Aaron Spring and Joselyn Saldana, Claudia Guinarsaca-Aguilar, Elizabeth Keeley, Katharine Abbot, Laj Mehta, and Stephanie Becker
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Emma Honcharski, Lucia Tonelli, Brinda Ramesh, Jared Annibale, Adam Illowsky, and Juliet Ivanov
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Alyson Winter and Abby Kamen, Ari Kanevsky, Ben Ross, Mitchell Radhuber, and Caitlin Piccirillo-Stosser
  - Ossining has the maximum number of projects being sent to the International Science Fair which will be held this year in Los Angeles from May 11-May 16. Ossining students attending this year are:
    - Alyson Winter
    - Abby Kamen
    - Ben Ross
    - Adam Illowsky
    - Ari Kanevsky.

- Three students have been recognized in the 2014 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards: Jessica Chambers, Honorable Mention in Jewelry and Silber Key in Photography; Malahni Banta, Gold Key in Poetry; and Maxine Charles, three honorable mentions.
- Aaron Spring, Sami Mughal, and Paula Ortiz all received The College of Westchester Student Success Awards in Business.
- Our marching band, led by Mr. Rodrigo Vargas, marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City last Monday.
- Last Thursday was our semi-formal, which was held at Ceola Manor. It was a wonderful and memorable event!
- Last Friday, students in art classes presented their living history projects, in which they interviewed veterans and created artwork to represent their veterans' stories.
- The Career Workshop presented by Eileen Fisher about careers in fashion and retail was rescheduled and took place this afternoon.
- Through the VITA Tax Program, students are preparing income tax returns free of charge for community members who earn under \$52,000 per year. This will continue on Mondays through April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- It is finally time for our spring musical! After months of rehearsing, next week, our drama club will put on its production of Legally Blonde! There is an open dress rehearsal at 4pm on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the regular shows will be at 7pm Thursday-Saturday.
- Also next week is our annual Senior Citizen Prom, which is run by the National Honor Society, and this year's theme is Hollywood! This will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and will begin after the seniors attend the dress rehearsal of Legally Blonde.

Ms. Piccirillo-Stosser announced that the next meeting would be her final meeting as Student Representative to the Board and stated that OHS student Ms. Charlotte Keeley would be taking over. Ms. Piccirillo-Stosser thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the past two years and stated that it was a memorable experience.

Board President Bill Kress thanked Ms. Piccirillo-Stosser and wished her well as she completes her senior year at Ossining High School and prepares to attend the University of Chicago in the fall.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez expressed his best wishes to Ms. Piccirillo-Stosser and wished her all the best in college.

## **6. Special Recognitions**

### **6.1 Ossining High School Middle States Accreditation**

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez provided background information regarding the prestigious Middle States Accreditation process. The criteria for Middle States accreditation are strict and Ossining High School was under review for several months. The Middle States Committee looked at the areas of finance, effectiveness, health and safety, staffing, and the District Long Range Plan, to name a few.

A brief video was shown wherein Mr. Ed Lazzari, a member of the Middle States Committee, explained the process, announced that Ossining High has met all of the criteria for

accreditation and that the Middle States Committee recommends that Ossining High School be re-accredited for another seven (7) years. There was a round of applause from members of the audience.

Ossining High School Principal Joshua Mandel thanked the Board of Education, Mr. Sanchez, Administration, teachers and staff who all partook in the process for Middle School Accreditation.

## 6.2 Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez announced that the Ossining High School Girls' Basketball Team are New York State Champions. The success of the team has earned them recognition in the newspapers and within the community and each player is an inspiration. A short video of the Girls Basketball Team was shown and enjoyed by all.

Athletic Director James Dennett congratulated the team, coaches, parents and the community. Mr. Dennett wished each member of the Girls Basketball Team 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, Class AA State Champions and New York State Scholar Athlete Team.

Head Coach, Dan Ricci, thanked the Board of Education, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Dennett, assistant coaches, parents and the community for their support. Mr. Ricci presented each member of the Girls Basketball Team with a certificate, including assistant coaches, Patrick Wheeler, Jose Ferrao, Stephanie Leveille, and Kelsy Vallach, and Trainer Luis Iglesias. Coach Ricci thanked the team for their hard work and dedication both on and off the basketball court.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
2	Gabby Ferrao	G
3	Stefanie Svoboda	G
5	Alicia Sanchez	G
11	Cyan Scarduzio	G/F
14	Alexis Bernardo	G
15	Moriah Cherry	G/F
21	Shadeen Samuels	G/F
23	Jenna Lividini	G
24	Sam Cozzolino	F
31	Madison Strippoli *	F/C
32	Helen Ishmael	C
33	Jalay Knowles - *	C
44	Abby Squirrell	F/C

*\* Denotes Captain*

The team received a standing ovation from the audience. Parents and family members had the opportunity to take pictures.

At this point during the meeting, Board President Bill Kress stated that resolution 13.1 would be moved up at this time.

Steve Wardwell moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolution 13.1.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Tenure Area	Date of Prob. Appointment	Tenure Date	Comments
Caruso	Rebecca	OHS	Special Education	4/4/2011	4/4/2014	Tenure

### 13.1 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.

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

Mr. Sanchez congratulated Ms. Rebecca Caruso on her tenure appointment. Ms. Caruso thanked the Board and Mr. Sanchez.

## 7. Work Session

### 7.1 Ossining Open Door – Update

Ossining High School Principal Joshua Mandel provided an update regarding the School Based Health Center Advisory Committee. The Committee is comprised of a Principal, student, teacher, parent and representatives from Open Door and has met several times, held a public forum and visited the Portchester School District Middle School and High School where a school based health center model was successfully implemented several years ago. The plan to implement a school based health center is not a new idea – it is included within the District’s Long Range Plan.

The Committee unanimously supports the opening of a School Based Health Center in collaboration with the Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc. at Ossining High School in September 2014 and is seeking approval by the Board of Education this evening.

Board discussion took place. At the conclusion of Board discussion, Mr. Kress asked for consensus from the Board. Consensus from the Board was unanimous.

***Consensus: 7-0***

Mr. Kress stated that resolution 10.7 would be moved up at this time.

Dana Levenberg moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolution 10.7.

### 10.7 Resolution Regarding Memorandum of Understanding with Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the President of the Board to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc.

***Carried: 7-0***

Mr. Mandel thanked the Board for this positive, beneficial and powerful initiative.

## **7.2 Continued Budget Discussions – Update**

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez provided a brief update regarding continued budget discussions and reviewed the Transportation Proposition which will be presented to the voters on May 20<sup>th</sup> along with the budget.

The Transportation Proposition will align transportation mileage limits for fourth grade students from one mile to a half mile limit at no additional cost to the District. Fourth grade students currently have a one mile limit and third grade students have a half mile limit. The Transportation Proposition will change the mileage limit for fourth grade students from one mile to a half mile which will be consistent with the mileage limit for the third grade students. Both grades will be consistent with a half mile limit and the District will not incur any additional expenses in making this change.

If additional State Aid is received by the District, the following would be considered:

- Improve teacher/student ratios in Kindergarten
- Support Special Education services
- Increase time for learning – extended day at the elementary levels

Mr. Sanchez thanked the community for their hard work in the area of advocacy with regard to Foundation Aid and encouraged the community to attend upcoming Board meetings. The administration will continue to provide updates at these meetings and make recommendations to the Board. It is anticipated that the Board will adopt the budget on April 22, 2014.

Board discussion took place.

### **Audience Recognition**

- Steven Smalley, Ossining

## **8. Public Hearings: Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption**

### **8.1 Public Hearings**

At 9:00 p.m., Board President Bill Kress declared the Public Hearings regarding the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption open.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez reviewed the PowerPoint presentation previously presented at the February 26, 2014 Board of Education Meeting and announced that Counsel was present this evening to address questions from the community.

Discussion took place. Counsel for the District, Emily Lucas, Esq. and Joseph DiPalma, Esq. addressed questions from the Board and from the Community.

### **Audience Recognition**

- Susan West, 229 Pinesbridge Road, Ossining
- Steve Smalley, 111 Orchard Road, Ossining
- Robert Wolf, 28 Ellis Place, Ossining

At 9:40 p.m., Board President Bill Kress declared the Public Hearings closed.

Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to close the Public Hearings regarding the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption.

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

Frank Schneckner moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolutions 10.1 through 10.5.

**10.1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption**

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill;

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Tax Assessor of the Town of Ossining and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared on or after June 1, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ossining Union Free School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL) §458-a.

**10.2 Resolution Authorizing the Basic Levels in the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption**

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Ossining Union Free School District is a high appreciation municipality as defined by Real property Tax Law section 458-a; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill and such resolution has been passed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the maximum exempt amounts shall be as follows:

\$12,000 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for under RPTL §458-a

\$6,000 for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a

\$30,000 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a.

**10.3 Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption to Gold Star Parents**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ossining Union Free School District does hereby adopt the expanded definition of the term “qualified owner,” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a to include a “Gold Star Parent” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a.

**10.4 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption to Cooperative Corporation Owners**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ossining Union Free School District does hereby allow a cooperative corporation to be eligible to review such exemption pursuant to RPTL §458-a(6)(d).

**10.5 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Veterans Tax Exemption to be Transferred by Owners Within the Ossining Union Free School District**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ossining Union Free School District does hereby allow a qualified veteran under RPTL §458-a to transfer, on a pro-rated basis, his exemption to another home purchased within the Ossining Union Free School District.

**Roll Call:**

- Graig Galef – Yes**
- Lisa Murray – Yes**
- Steve Wardwell – Yes**
- Kimberly Case – Yes**
- Frank Schneckner – Yes**
- Dana Levenberg – Yes**
- Bill Kress – Yes**

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

The District Clerk Ileana Ortiz will inform the Town of Ossining Tax Assessor Fernando Gonzalez of the Board’s decision.

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

None.

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

Steve Wardwell moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolutions 10.6 and 10.8 through 10.9. Resolution 10.10 will be addressed separately.

**10.6 Resolution Appointing 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>
Linda Conte	Storytelling trainer	To train student storytellers	\$3,500. [Grant Funded]



** Diane Cunningham, LCI Learner-Centered	Common Core Designer	To provide professional development in Curriculum Development to staff in grades 6-9.	\$7,500
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**10.8 Resolution Regarding Facilities Use Agreement with Pace University for the 2013-2014 School Year**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Facilities Use Agreement with Pace University.

**10.9 Resolution Regarding Facilities Use Agreement with Pace University for the 2014-2015 School Year**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Facilities Use Agreement with Pace University.

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

Dana Levenberg moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution 10.10.

**10.10 Resolution to Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment and Restore Our School Aid**

WHEREAS, the New York State Deficit Reduction Assessment was originally instituted in 2009 to reduce the state's \$10 Billion deficit, and

WHEREAS, for the past three years this reduction has gone under the name Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and has lowered State Aid in our area by 16% on average by taking \$586 Million of owed State Aid education monies and re-allocating it to other areas of the State Budget, and

WHEREAS, this state strategy to "seize" education dollars has happened at the same time that State-imposed financial demands on our school district have continued to grow, common core standards and new high-stakes assessments have been implemented, and the local tax levy has been capped, despite minimal State mandate relief and

WHEREAS, the NY State Budget now projects a \$2.2 Billion surplus while schools across the state have already cut 10,000 teachers in addition to other personnel, programs & services which support our students,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we demand an end to this grievous wrong by eliminating the GEA deduction from the final State Aid calculation for every school district in NYS. The NYS constitutional right of our children to a "sound basic education" has been seriously compromised for too long. Eliminate the GEA and Restore our School Aid.

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

Lisa Murray moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to move resolutions 10.11 through 10.14.

**10.11 Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a Transportation Proposition on the Ballot for a Special Vote**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of a transportation proposition on the ballot for the special vote to be held on May 20, 2014 which proposition shall read as follows:

**PROPOSITION**

“Shall the Ossining Union Free School District modify its public school transportation eligibility effective at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year for Grade 4 pupils only from the existing one (1) mile limit to a new one half (½) mile limit at no additional cost to the District?”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Clerk is directed to publish the text of the proposition in the Legal Notice for the Special Vote.

**10.12 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12, 2014**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12, 2014.

**10.13 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2014**

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2014.

**10.14 Motion to Approve the Revised Notice of the Annual Budget Hearing and Annual District Election**

**RESOLVED**, that the revised Notice calling for the Annual Budget Hearing and the Annual District Election of the Ossining Union Free School District found on the following pages be adopted.

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

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

Kimberly Case moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolution 11.1.

**11.1 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 February 21, 24, 25, 26, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 18 and direct the administration to arrange for the appropriate placement as set forth.

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

Steve Wardwell moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 12.1 through 12. 14. Resolution 12.15 is presented for *information only* and no action is required.

**12.1 Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report for October - December 2013**

I move that the Treasurer’s Report for December 2013 and the Student Fund Treasurer’s Report for October – December 2013 be approved and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**12.2 Motion to Approve Budget Report and Revenue Report for December 2013**

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

**12.3 Resolution Regarding Receipt of Transportation Funds**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts \$3,101 as reimbursement for transportation expenses, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the General Fund budget by this amount. The offsetting revenue code shall be A-2770.000, “Miscellaneous Revenue”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$3,101 be appropriated to the following budget codes:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-5543-401-11-0000	Cont. Transp. Field Trip OHS	\$980
A-5543-401-14-5050	Cont. Transp. Field Trip AMD	184
A-5543-401-13-5050	Cont. Transp. Field Trip BRK	1,937

**12.4 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Funds for Driver Education Program**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the receipt of \$13,560 for the Driver Education Program, and upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2013-14 General Fund budget as listed below in this amount. The offsetting revenue code shall be A-1335-000, “Other Student Fees and Charges”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$13,560 be appropriated to the following budget codes:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
A-2330-405-00-1900	\$11,160	Driver Education Consultant
A-2330-151-00-1900	1,937	Driver Education Salaries
A-9020-800-00-0000	315	Teacher Requirement TRS
A-9030-800-00-0000	<u>148</u>	Social Security
	\$13,560	

**12.5 Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Funds from Bank Street College of Education**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the funding of \$36,000 from Bank Street College of Education, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent

of Schools, hereby increases the 2013-14 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$36,000. The offsetting revenue shall be F-BANK-2770.000, "Revenue from Local Sources".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$36,000 be appropriated to the following budget code:

<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F-BANK-2330-150-00-O	Bank Street TLQP Salaries	\$36,000

**12.6 Resolution Regarding Tax Certiorari Payment for Antonio P. Chousa**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the tax certiorari payment of \$9,363.67, the increase of the 2013-14 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,898.64, and appropriates the funds from the Tax Certiorari Reserves in payment of the tax certiorari as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$6,898.64

**12.7 Resolution Regarding Tax Certiorari Payment for 26 South Highland Avenue**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the tax certiorari payment of \$41,461.57 as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-1964-404-0000	Refund Property Tax	\$41,461.57

**12.8 Resolution Regarding Tax Certiorari Payment for Stony Lodge Hospital**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the tax certiorari payment of \$68,161.21 as a reduction in current year tax revenue.

**12.9 Resolution Regarding Tax Certiorari Payment for Pocantico Hills Realty Corporation**

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Ossining Board of Education hereby authorizes the tax certiorari payment of \$4,133.49 as a reduction in current year tax revenue

**12.10 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfers**

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

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes  
 To: A-2110-145-00-0000 Long-Term Subs  
 Amount: \$20,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes  
 To: A-2110-140-12-0000 AMD Substitutes  
 Amount: \$15,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes

To: A-2110-140-13-0000 Brookside Substitutes  
 Amount: \$20,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay  
 From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes  
 To: A-2110-140-14-0000 Claremont Substitutes  
 Amount: \$25,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay

From: A-2110-140-00-0000 Substitutes  
 To: A-2110-140-15-0000 Park Substitutes  
 Amount: \$5,000  
 Reason: To cover substitute pay

From: A-9060-800-00-0000 Medical Hospital Insurance  
 To: A-9060-802-00-0000 HRA Card  
 Amount: \$50,000  
 Reason: To cover HRA card expenses for three months

From: A-2020-150-00-0000 Principal Salaries  
 To: A-2020-160-00-0000 Principal Clerical  
 Amount: \$11,000  
 Reason: To cover step increases for school secretaries

From: A-2110-120-13-0000 Teacher Salaries Brookside  
 To: A-2070-150-00-0000 In Service Training Salaries  
 Amount: \$20,000  
 Reason: Transfer due to personnel changes.

From: A-2110-121-14-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries Claremont  
 To: A-2110-121-15-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries Park  
 Amount: \$11,985  
 Reason: Transfer due to personnel changes

From: A-2110-121-16-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries Roosevelt  
 To: A-2110-121-15-0000 Teacher Aide Salaries Park  
 Amount: \$10,000  
 Reason: Transfer due to personnel changes

From: H-A-MS14-1620-299-12-14 AMD Track Repair Cont  
 To: H-A-MS14-1620-293-12-14 AMD Track Repair GC  
 Amount: \$6,655  
 Reason: To adjust funds for general construction: AMD and OHS Track Repair Bid was awarded to Copeland Coating Co. for \$246,815.00

From: H-A-HS14-1620-299-11-14 OHS Track Repair Cont  
 To: H-A-HS14-1620-293-11-14 OHS Track Repair GC  
 Amount: \$7,000  
 Reason: To adjust funds for general construction: Work at OHS = \$124,660

From: H-A-HS14-1620-299-12-14 AMD Track Repair Cont  
 To: H-A-HS14-1620-293-11-14 OHS Track Repair GC  
 Amount: \$12,160  
 Reason: To adjust funds for general construction: Work at AMD = \$122,155

From: A-2110-120-13-0000 Teacher Sal BRK  
 To: A-2070-151-00-0000 In Service Staff Sal

Amount: \$25,000  
Reason: Transfer to cover pay for Mentors

From: A-2810-150-12-0000 Guidance Sal - AMD  
To: A-2855-150-00-0000 Interscholastic Coaches  
Amount: \$22,832  
Reason: Transfer to cover pay for Coaches

**12.11 Resolution Regarding Participation in the 2014-15 Diesel Fuel Consortium Bid**

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the Ossining School District's participation in the 2014-15 Diesel Fuel Consortium Bid.

**12.12 Resolution Regarding Participation in the Nassau County BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Ossining School District to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County Cooperative Bidding Program for Commodity Musical Instruments and Supplies Blanket Purchase Agreements.

**12.13 Resolution Regarding Amended Agreement for the Sue MacDonald Memorial Scholarship**

RESOLVED: That the Ossining Board of Education accepts the amended Agreement for the Sue MacDonald Memorial Scholarship.

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

Board President Bill Kress thanked the Bank Street College of Education for their generous donation of \$36,000.

**12.14 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

**13. Regular Meeting: Personnel Matters**

Graig Galef moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 13.2 through 13.10. Resolution 13.11 is presented *for information only* and no action is required.

**13.2 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.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Resign./Term.	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Bello	Noreen	Brookside	Elementary	9/1/2002	6/30/2014	Perm Elementary	Resignation

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**13.3 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.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
D'Agostino	Ann Marie	AMD	Teaching Assistant	9/10/2013	3/28/2014	Continuing	Resignation

**13.4 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Resignation(s)**

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

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Resign./Term.	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Caterino	Albert	OHS	Head Custodial Worker	3/25/1974	7/3/2014 (revised date)	Permanent	Retirement

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

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

Last Name	First Name	Title or Tenure Area	Certif. Status	Degree Status	Step	Salary	Appt. Type	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Building	Fund Source	Staff Relation or Note
O'Brien	Nicole	Intern	Initial	n/a	n/a	\$8,800 (proated to \$2,698.67)	Annual	100%	3/31/2014	6/30/2014	Park	General	
Komlos	Greg	Home Instruction	Initial	n/a	n/a	\$16/hr.	Annual	As needed	3/27/2014	6/30/2014	District	General	Intern

**13.6 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 Professional Staff appointment(s) so noted.

Last Name	First Name	Cert. Status	Step	Salary	Appt. Type	Program	Building	% Time	Effective Date	Expir. Date
Rainey	Russell	Perm. Physical Education	1	48.31/hr.	Annual	Star	AMD	100%	1/21/2014	6/12/2014

**13.7 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 Civil Service Staff Before/After School Program appointment(s) for the person(s) so noted.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Appt. Type	Program	Building	Salary	% Time	Source	Effective Date	Expir. Date	Staff Relations
Oppedisano	Nancy	Clerical	Annual	Bookworms	Brookside	26.38/hr. (revised)	1 hr./wk	Grant	2/4/2014	5/13/2014	Brookside Clerical

**13.8 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
Bastone, Thomas	C	Music (All Schools)
Cartaginese, Cassandra	C	Teaching Assistant Only (All Schools)
DeJong, Demaree	C	Stu. w/ Dis. 1-6 (Bksd, Clmt, Roos)
O'Brien, Nicole	C	Teacher Intern (Park)

**13.9 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Removal(s)**

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

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Burke, Gwendolyn	C
Gallo, Christopher	C
Moran, Ellen	C
Ng-Luong, LiLai	C
Sapere, Nicholas	C
Zebelman, Erin	C

**13.10 Resolution Regarding APPR Accountability**

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Substitute appointments, for the purpose of APPR accountability, so noted.

Per Diem Sub Name	Building	Teacher Name	Start Date	Per Diem Sub Certification
Michelle Woerner	Brookside	Loredana Dedvukaj	1/3/2014	Students with Disabilities 1-6, Early Childhood B-2 & Elementary 1-6

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

**13.11 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.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Leave Start	Leave End	Reason
Esposito-Plotkin	Stephanie	Park	Elementary	9/1/2014	6/30/2015	CRL



Baio	Sara	Roosevelt	Special Education & Childhood 1-6	9/1/2014	6/30/2015	CRL
Karam	Julia	Roosevelt	Students with Disabilities 1-6 & Early Childhood 1-6	4/15/14 Anticipated	6/30/2014 Anticipated	FMLA

**14. For Information Only**

**14.1 Enrollment Report**

The matter is presented here for information only and no action is required.

**15. Audience Recognition**

- Ms. Lisa Rudley, Pheasant Ridge Road, Briarcliff Manor
- Ms. Beth Sniffen, Stormytown Road, Ossining

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

Board Trustees reported the following:

- Dana Levenberg attended a Village of Ossining Board meeting wherein a discussion took place regarding development of the Village and its impact on enrollment within the Ossining School District.
- Bill Kress shared that the track and field located at the Anne M. Dorner Middle School will be named after Coach John Covert.

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

Lisa Murray moved and Frank Schneckler seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

*No formal action was taken.*

**18. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting**

At 10:48 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of March 26, 2014.

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

**19. Adjournment**

At 10:49 p.m. Steve Wardwell moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of March 26, 2014.

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

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Ileana Ortiz  
District Clerk