

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

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

**May 13, 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. Frank Schneckner and 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 May 13, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 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:

- OHS student Taylor Beato was nominated for The Metropolitan Youth Theater Award for Best Supporting Actress.
- OHS student Ben Ross was nominated for The Metropolitan Youth Theater Award for Best Comedic Performance
- Park Family Game Night was held last week
- The PTA Sponsored Budget Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Ossining Community Center
- The Roosevelt School DARE Graduation Ceremony was held last Friday
- AMD Presentation “*Getting to Know Your Emerging Teen*” will take place tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. for 5th – 8th graders at AMD
- The Ossining School District received \$750 for its participation in the *Get Moving Contest*.
- Roosevelt School students Rebecca Galindo, Brandon Farewell and Emily Rocco received a certificate of recognition from The New York State Senate for their submissions to the Earth Day Poster Contest.
- Congratulations to OHS teacher Adam Schoenbart who won the 2014 Lower Hudson Regional Information Center Pioneer Award - Distinguished Technology Teacher
- Ms. Micolucci, an Art teacher at Roosevelt School, took eight of her fifth grade students to participate in the annual NYSATA Portfolio Project. The event took place at SUNY Purchase College on Saturday April 26th.
- The AMD Spring Concerts took place last week
- Claremont School held a Tough Kids Triathlon
- OHS held its 2nd Pioneer Game last week
- Roosevelt students enjoy working in the Roosevelt School Garden
- OHS Girls Basketball Team was honored by Senator Carlucci in Albany last week
- The Districtwide Art Show was a succes
- OHS senior Ben Ross receives international recognition in the ISWEEEP Competition. He took home the 2nd place award for top *Environmental Science Research Project* in the world
- Congratulations to Ossining High School Spring Scholar Athlete Teams:

- Girls Track - 93.519
- Boys Lacrosse - 93.024
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- Golf - 92.035
- Softball - 91.999
- Baseball - 91.776
- Girls Lacrosse - 90.339
- French students visit OHS French Language students
- Congratulations to OHS senior Adam Illowsky who won first place in the entire country at JSBS and will receive \$12,000.

3. Work Session

3.1 Ossining Reassessment 2016

Town of Ossining Tax Assessor Mr. Fernando Gonzalez provided an overview regarding the upcoming reassessment of properties in Ossining. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the last assessment in Ossining took place in 1972 and as a result, property values are not accurate. Tyler Technologies will be conducting property reassessments of approximately 80,000 properties beginning in June 2014 for one year. It is expected that Tyler Technologies will collect the data, provide an analysis of the data, conduct informal meetings with property owners and provide a detailed final report of its findings to Mr. Gonzalez in time for the 2016 property tax rolls.

Mr. Gonzalez introduced Ms. Melissa Baer, Project Supervisor, of Tyler Technologies. Ms. Baer provided an overview of the process involved in reassessing the properties in Ossining over the next year. The phases of reassessment included:

- Data collection
- Pre-data collection mailing
- Exterior measurements
- Interior inspections
- Data mailers and quality control
- Data analysis
- Sales validation, analysis, and income/expense evaluation
- Neighborhood delineation
- Valuation modeling

At the conclusion of the data collection and interviews with property owners, a report will be prepared. If a property owner believes that the information is incorrect, a grievance day will be set.

Board discussion took place. Board President Bill Kress thanked Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Baer for their informative presentation.

3.2 Mandatory Budget Hearing

- ***Proposed 2014-2015 School Year Budget***

Consistent with New York State Law pertaining to School District Budget Votes, the Board of Education must provide a public presentation of the Proposed School District Budget at least seven (7) days, but not more than fourteen (14) days prior to the Budget Vote.

At 8:00 p.m. Board President Bill Kress declared the Mandatory Budget Hearing open.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez and Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Alita Zuber provided an overview, via a PowerPoint presentation, regarding the proposed budget process and budget priorities. Ms. Zuber further reviewed the Tax Levy Freeze Credit, Foundation Aid and the sustainable savings realized within the District. Ms. Zuber also reviewed the Budget Notice which was mailed to residents. The District is experiencing a revenue problem. The Tax Cap is 2.48% and the proposed Tax Levy is 2.38%.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the Transportation Proposition which will be included on the ballot for the community to consider which would reduce the mileage limit for grade four students from one mile to a half mile. Mr. Sanchez reminded everyone that the Annual District Budget Vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the gymnasium at Ossining High School. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m.

Following the presentation there were Board comments.

The following audience member was recognized:

- Beth Sniffen, PTA Council President

At 8:36 p.m., President Bill Kress declared the Budget Hearing closed.

4. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

5. Special Meeting – Business of the Board

Frank Schneckler moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolution 5.1 through 5.5.

5.1 Resolution Regarding Family Engagement Night Side Letter of Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Side Letter of Agreement.

5.2 Resolution to Accept Hearing Officer’s Decision

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is in receipt of a Hearing Officer’s decision dated April 29, 2014 concerning Employee #03804 and hereby accepts said decision and its findings contained therein, effective immediately.

5.3 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 amount 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>
Mirla Morrison	Curriculum development instructor	To provide professional development in summer curriculum writing.	\$2,175
Kim Purcell	Author and creative writing instructor	To provide students with a creative writing workshop and review her book.	\$500 [Grant Funded]

Tao Porchon-Lynch	Certified Yoga Instructor	Will provide students and staff with Yoga instruction.	\$350 [Grant Funded]
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5.4 Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

5.5 Resolution to Approve Affiliation Agreement with LIU-Hudson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Affiliation Agreement.

Motion carried: 7-0

6. Special Meeting – Business Office Matters

Frank Schneckner moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution 6.1.

6.1 Resolution Regarding Harbor Square Crossings, LLC Initial Payment

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts \$50,000 as partial payment from Harbor Square Crossings, LLC pursuant to the Agreement approved by the Board of April 9, 2014, and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2013-14 Capital Fund in that amount. The offsetting revenue shall be H-GIN1-2770.000, “Misc. Revenue”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$50,000 be appropriated as identified below.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H-A-GIN1-1620-293-15-GB	General Construction	\$50,000

Motion carried: 7-0

7. Special Meeting – Personnel Matters

Frank Schneckner moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 7.1 through 7.4.

7.1 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Appointment(s)

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

Last Name	First Name	Appointment Type	Job Title	Building	Salary	% Time	Effective Date	Expir. Date	Fund Source	Staff Relation
Viera	Maritza	Probationary	Sr. Office Assistant - Spanish Speaking - 12 months	Brookside	\$52,858	100	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	A	Office Assistant - 10 months @ AMD

7.2 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	Staff Relations
Casey	Michael	Physical Education	1	48.31/hr	Annual	Star	AMD	1 hr/1 day a week	1/21/2014	6/12/2014	Teacher
Nugent	William	Earth Science 7-12	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Star	AMD	1hr/1 day a week	4/8/2014	6/12/2014	Teacher
Macaluso	Joseph	Earth Science 7-12	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Star	AMD	1hr/1 day a week	4/8/2014	6/12/2014	Teacher
Mannarino	Katherine	Social Studies 7-12	5	68.60/hr	Annual	After School AP and Regents Review	OHS	As Needed	4/28/14	6/25/14	Teacher

7.3 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	Certified
Belluzzi, Jena	C
Calamari, Lisa	NC
Gallagher, Kristin	N/A
Hendershot, Maureen	C
Morris, Karen	C
Torsiello, Kimberly	RN

7.4 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
Madden , Lauren	C	ELA 7-12 (OHS)
Maio, Lisa	C	Childhood Ed 1-6 (Bksd, Clmt, Roos)
Sabia, Alaina	C	Childhood Ed 1-6 (Park, Bksd, Clmt)
Tremblay, Meghan	CP	Childhood Ed & Special Ed (Pre-k -Gr. 5)

Motion carried: 7-0

8. Audience Recognition

- Joyce Brooks, CSEA President

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9. Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m. Kimberly Case moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of May 13, 2014.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk