

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

Work Session/Special Meeting
Ossining High School, Barnes Library

May 20, 2014
Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Others

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

1. Call to Order – President

At 7:30 p.m. President Bill Kress called the May 20, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Trustee Frank Schneckner led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

4. Work Session

- ***Review of Recommended High School Courses for the 2014-2015 School Year: Low Enrolled Courses***

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez shared that annually the Ossining High School administration finalizes the student course schedules for the forthcoming school year. Board Policy states that all high school courses with fewer than 20 students enrolled in it must be approved by the Board of Education before it can be offered for the forthcoming school year.

Mr. Sanchez invited Ossining High School Principal Joshua Mandel to provide an overview of those courses with low enrollment. Mr. Mandel provided an overview of the scheduling process and highlighted the courses that were of considerable interest to students.

Mr. Mandel reviewed the following low enrolled courses and stated that Board of Education support would be required for scheduling these courses for the 2014-2015 school year. Board of Education members were previously provided with a description of each course.

- SUNY Statistics
- Advanced Placement Statistics
- SUNY College Algebra: Functions and Models
- Topics in English
- Italian I Course
- Spanish for the Native Speaker 2
- College Level Italian V
- Living Systems of the Hudson River
- AP Environmental Science
- Earth Science of New York
- SUNY Biology Course
- SUNY Chemistry
- Creative Writing
- Theatre Arts Lab
- Topics in American History
- Global History & Geography I
- Global History & Geography II
- World Issues
- The Wizard Yearbook Production
- Intensive English
- English for the Content Area
- Semestered Global I and II
- U.S. History & Government
- SUNY Music Theory I
- SUNY: The Black Experience through History and Literature
- SUNY Crossing Borders: A Transnational Examination of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
- Advanced Placement in the Studio Arts I
- SUNY Portfolio Preparation/Presentation
- Chamber Orchestra

Board discussion took place. After discussion, Board President Bill Kress queried the Board as to whether or not the Board would give consensus to support the courses as presented by Mr. Mandel. The Board unanimously supported the recommendations provided by Mr. Mandel.

5. Audience Recognition

None.

6. Adjournment

At 8:13 p.m. Kimberly Case moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the May 20, 2014 Special Meeting.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Mr. Raymond Sanchez
Superintendent of Schools