

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ossining Union Free School District
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Special Meeting
Ossining High School Library

March 4, 2015
Special Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Bill Kress, Board President, Kimberly Case, Vice President, Graig Galef,
Dana Levenberg, Lisa Murray, Frank Schneckner, Steve Wardwell

Others

Present: Raymond Sanchez, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Angela White, Assistant
Superintendent for Administrative Services, Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for
Business

1. Call to Order – Board President

1.1 Call to Order

Board President Bill Kress called the March 4, 2015 Special Meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Kimberly Case led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Bill Kress requested a moment of silence in memory of Ossining School District teacher, Ms. Mary Ceccolini.

1.3 Prouds

Board President Bill Kress shared the following:

- Girls Basketball wins 5th consecutive Gold Ball
- Jalay Knowles named a finalist for Miss New York Basketball
- 100 Days of School celebrated at Park School last week
- OHS Production of Loserville takes place March 19-21 at 7:00 p.m. in the OHS Auditorium
- Dr. Seuss Day celebrated at Park School last week
- AMD Students participated in Saturday Science Academy at Pace University
- OHS student artwork on display at Katonah Museum of Art
- Brookside Black History Dinner took place last week
- OHS Sophomore Parent Night took place last week
- Save the Date- April 18th- Hike with Superintendent Sanchez at Teatown
- Reminder- Vote for America's Best Girls Basketball Program by USA Today! Only 5 chosen in NY--Ossining-\$1000 for OHS Athletics. Link can be found on our Web site.
- 2015-2016 calendar has been posted on our Web site

Frank Schneckner arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Graig Galef arrived at 7:45 p.m.

2. Work Session

2.1 Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2015-2016 Budget, Proposed 2015-2016 Technology Budget and Proposed 2015-2016 Special Education Budget

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Raymond Sanchez and Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Alita Zuber provided an overview of the Superintendent's proposed 2015-2016 budget.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the proposed fiscal education plan priorities:

- Solvency
- Security
- Space
- Professional Learning

Mr. Sanchez reviewed projected enrollment, class size, academic support services, safety and security and stated that the proposed budget maintains programs and attempts to address class size

Ms. Zuber stated that until New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo releases the State Budget information, the District cannot submit a complete budget. Ms. Zuber encouraged the community to continue its advocacy efforts. Budget discussions will continue and as soon as the State releases its budget information, that information will be taken into consideration in the proposed budget and the community will be informed.

Board discussion took place.

Director of Pupil Personnel Services Ms. Maureen Boozang-Hill presented the 2015-2016 budget proposals as they pertain to the District's special education programs. Ms. Boozang-Hill reviewed the "framework" of the proposed budget on a page-by-page basis:

- Vision
- Budget-to-budget increases
- Records Management Officer
- Tuition – Other Districts
- Instructional
- Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Tuition and Related Services
- Speech/Language and Hearing Impaired Services
- BOCES Placements
- Resource Room/Consultant Teacher and Teacher Support
- Psychological Services
- Registration/Attendance
- Social Worker

The proposed Special Education Budget maintains supports and services for students, continues to meet State mandates regarding timeliness of evaluations and re-evaluations, continues to meet responsibilities by Federal and State regulations, ensures student success within the District curriculum and is within all legal mandates.

Board discussion took place.

Director of Technology, Mr. Jeremy Luft, and Assistant Director, Ms. Jennifer Forsberg, provided an overview of the proposed District Technology budget, including the Library Media budget. The proposed 2015-2016 Technology Budget supports districtwide technology initiatives and focuses on student achievement, raises the bar, provides

feedback, supports research and staff development. The proposed budget supports the Long Range Plan, staffing, materials, equipment, infrastructure, library services, online resources, student information and data, administrative programs, and document retention services.

Board discussion took place. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Sanchez, Ms. Zuber, Ms. Boozang-Hill, Mr. Luft and Ms. Forsberg.

3. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

4. Special Meeting – Business of the Board

Steve Wardwell moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 4.1 through 4.7.

4.1 Resolution to Abolish a Central Office Administrative Position

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received from the Superintendent of Schools recommendations for the reorganization of Central Office Administration for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the Ossining Union Free School District to effectuate said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, based upon those recommendations the Board of Education determined that there is an operational need to eliminate the position of Director of Teaching and Learning, effective July 1, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2015, the Board of Education herewith abolishes the full-time position of Director of Teaching and Learning.

4.2 Resolution to Abolish a Central Office Administrative Position

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received from the Superintendent of Schools recommendations for the reorganization of Central Office Administration for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the Ossining Union Free School District to effectuate said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, based upon those recommendations the Board of Education determined that there is an operational need to eliminate the position of Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, effective July 1, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2015, the Board of Education herewith abolishes the full-time position of Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services.

4.3 Resolution Regarding Compensation for Per Diem Substitute

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board of Education Policy 9270.1, the Board at its reorganization meeting on July 1, 2014, established the per diem substitute rate for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said rate, June Hedley has been earning \$225.00 as a leave replacement for the District since December 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances the District wishes to extend the leave replacement position of June Hedley beyond February 13, 2015; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith extends the current leave replacement position of June Hedley to on or about March 12, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon said extension, Ms. Hedley shall continue to earn \$225.00 per day.

4.4 Resolution Regarding an Agreement Between the Ossining Union Free School District and The Children’s Aid Society National Center for community Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District hereby approves the Agreement with The Children’s Aid Society National Center for Community Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Counsel the Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute said Agreement.

4.5 Resolution Regarding an Agreement By and Between the Ossining Union Free School District and Ossining Support Staff Association Concerning Unpaid Personal Leave

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

4.6 Resolution Calling for the Annual Budget Hearing and Annual District Election

RESOLVED, that the 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.

4.7 Resolution Appointing an Additional Consultant for the 2014-2015 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to engage the services of the following consultant for the 2014-2015 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> |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren | Public Speaking | Speaking event at Ossining High School on Friday, March 27, 2015 | \$5,200 [Grant Funded] |

Motion carried: 7-0

5. Special Meeting – Personnel Matters

Frank Schneckner moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolutions 5.1 through 5.4. Resolution 5.5 is for information only and no action is requested.

5.1 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 |
|-----------|------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Whelan | Margaret | OHS | Speical Education | 9/1/2002 | 7/1/2015 | Tenured | Retirement |

5.2 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s)

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

| Last Name | First Name | Tenure Area | Certif. Status | Degree Status | Step | Salary | Appt. Type | % Time | Effect. Date | Expir. Date | Bldg. | Fund Source | Staff Relation or Note |
|----------------|------------|--|----------------|---------------|------|------------|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|
| Heila-Clemmens | Lisa | STLE-D Participants in Collaborative Inquiry | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$1,000.00 | Annual | 100% | 2/26/2015 | 6/30/2015 | District | Grant | Park Teacher |
| Epstein | Jennifer | STLE-D Participants in Collaborative Inquiry | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$1,000.00 | Annual | 100% | 2/26/2015 | 6/30/2015 | District | Grant | Brookside Teacher |
| Delseo | Scott | Baseball JV Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$4,663.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| Boozang-Hill | Meaghan | Girl's Spring Track Varsity Head Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$6,715.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| Wisniewski | Michael | Boy's Lacrosse Assistant Varsity Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$5,855.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| DiCioccio | Nick | Golf Varsity Head Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$4,225.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| Rowe | Roger | Spring Weight Room | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$2,221.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |

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|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------|------|----------|----------|-----|---|-------------------|
| Hill | Randy | Boy's Spring Track Varsity Head Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$7,100.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| Carretta | Dean | Modified Baseball Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$4,252.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | AMD | A | |
| Hallinan | Mark | Boy's Lacrosse Varsity Head Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$7,304.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | |
| Casey | William | Baseball Varsity Head Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$7,047.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | Roosevelt Teacher |
| Dwyer | Michael | Baseball Assistant Varsity Coach | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$5,330.00 | Annual | 100% | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | A | Claremont Teacher |

5.3 Resolution Regarding Approval of School Volunteers

I move that the persons listed be appointed by the Board of Education as school volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year.

| Last Name | First Name | Volunteer Title | Start | End | Building | Type |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| LaPadula | Matthew | Non Parent/Guardian | 3/9/2015 | 6/1/2015 | OHS | Baseball Coach |

5.4 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Removal(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the removal of the Per Diem Substitutes so noted.

| Name | Certified |
|--------------|-----------|
| Rabel, James | C |

Motion carried: 7-0

Board President thanked Mr. Matthew LaPadula for volunteering at Ossining High School as a baseball coach.

5.5 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Request(s) for Leave of Absence – For Information Only

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

| Last Name | First Name | Building | Category or Tenure Area | Leave Start | Leave End | Reason |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Battista | Robert | Roosevelt | Physical Education | 2/23/2015 | 5/22/2015 | FMLA |
| Gagliardi | Gina | Roosevelt | Elementary | 4/13/2015 (Anticipated) | 9/8/2015 (Anticipated) | FMLA |
| Gomez | Omayra | OHS | Mathematics | 4/13/2015 (Anticipated) | 9/8/2015 (Anticipated) | FMLA |
| Vaccaro | Vanessa | Roosevelt | Elementary | 2/23/2015 | 5/22/2015 | FMLA |

6. Audience Recognition

None.

Prior to adjourning the Special Meeting, a brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Board of Education to consider changing the day of the week for its Board meetings from Wednesdays to Thursdays. A decision will be made at a future date.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez thanked the community for their continued advocacy efforts regarding Foundation Aid and the State Budget.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the course description for a proposed new ½ credit course at Ossining High School for grades 10-12 entitled, “Unified Sports.”

Unified Sports bring together athletes with and without varying disabilities to train and compete on the same team. Throughout the year, in a variety of sports ranging from basketball to volleyball, Unified Sports athletes will improve their physical fitness, sharpen their skills and have the unique opportunity to participate in sports with students from our outstanding Life Skills program. Students will also have the chance to volunteer at Special Olympic events such as our Pioneer League.

At the conclusion of Board discussion, unanimous consensus was reached by the Board regarding the proposed new course.

Consensus: 7-0

7. Adjournment

At 8:27 p.m. Lisa Murray moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of March 4, 2015.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk