

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ossining Union Free School District
Ossining, NY**

**Work Session/Special Meeting
Ossining High School Library**

**April 8, 2015
Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Executive Session *immediately following***

MINUTES

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

Others

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

Absent: Steve Wardwell

1. Call to Order – Board President

1.1 Call to Order

Board President Bill Kress called the April 8, 2015 Special Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Graig Galef led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Prouds

Board President Bill Kress shared the following:

- The winter O-Gram has been posted to our website and social media sites
- Ossining High School student Abby Squirrell was named Con Edison's ***Player of the Week***
- Career Day at the Anne M. Dorner Middle School was a success
- Staff vs. Harlem Magic Masters will take place this Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the OHS gymnasium – this event is sold out.
- The hike with the Superintendent at Teatown will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 11:00 a.m.
- The Ossining High School Interact Club is working with the Ossining Rotary Club to collect donations for cancer research.

Board President Bill Kress announced that personnel resolution 7.4 will be moved up on the Agenda.

Lisa Murray moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolution 7.4.

7.4 Resolution Regarding Administrative Staff Appointment(s)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education herewith appoints Sherri Goffman as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, effective 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016 at a salary of \$170,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sherri Goffman will be appointed as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon approval from New York State Education Department pursuant to Retirement and Social Security Law 211.

Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez shared a few highlights regarding Ms. Goffman's leadership and educational background and members of the Board welcomed Ms. Goffman to the District.

3. Work Session

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez stated that Work Session topic 3.1 regarding the curriculum update for Dual Language will be deferred to a future Board meeting.

3.1 Curriculum Update: Dual Language – *Deferred to a future Board meeting*

3.2 EXCEL Grant: Update

Anne M. Dorner Middle School Dean of Students Craig Dreves provided an overview, via a Prezi presentation, regarding the outstanding work being done at the Middle School and at Ossining High School as a result of the EXCEL grant.

Under the grant, a team of educators are able to meet weekly to plan strategies to assist English Language Learners. Constructive conversations and dialogue to share techniques and ideas which can be utilized in the classroom on a daily basis. There is a dual focus on co-teaching and the new Part 154 requirements.

Through this grant, students can expand their educational horizons and learn outside of the classroom by taking trips to places such as El Museo del Barrio, Central Park, The Met and participate in the Cultural Saturday Academy. Students are provided instruction in English prior to each scheduled visit. These experiences bring students together and provides them with opportunities for dialogue with each other. Other programs offered through this grant are: Parent University and the ESL Summer Camp Instructional Academy. Local partnerships with organizations such as The Jacob Burns Film Center, Westchester Community College, Pace University and Latino U, just to name a few, provide educational opportunities for staff and students.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Board discussion took place. Board members thanked Mr. Dreves for providing background information about the grant and for highlighting the positive impact the goals under this grant have provided for our students.

3.3 Continued Budget Discussions

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez stated that there will be no formal presentation regarding the proposed 2015-2016 school district budget – only a conversation to review New York State Aid and its impact on the proposed budget. This is the first opportunity to conduct such a conversation now that the New York State Budget has been approved and State Aid information has finally been released to school districts.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Alita Zuber reviewed the proposed budget and stated that there will be no impact to the tax levy. With the additional State Aid amount of \$1.4 million, the District will look at the proposed budget and make recommendations at its next Board meeting.

Board discussion took place. The community is encouraged to continue its advocacy efforts pertaining to Foundation Aid. Mr. Sanchez announced that there will be an additional Board of

Education meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. to review the Superintendent's recommendations which will be incorporated into the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

4. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

5. Special Meeting – Business of the Board

Lisa Murray moved and Frank Schneckler seconded the motion to move resolutions 5.1 through 5.4.

5.1 Resolution Designating Officials to Act at the Special District Meeting

RESOLVED, that the resolution designating the officials to act at the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 be adopted.

5.2 Resolution Appointing Additional Consultants 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 consultants for the 2014-2015 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>
Dr. Ronald Ferguson & Associates LLC	Training	The work will entail presentations and meetings with multi district officials and local stakeholders both in and out of schools, to plan ways of raising achievement levels while reducing achievement gaps, and generally, organizing to achieve <i>excellence with equity</i> . The work will build on existing efforts that are already ongoing in the district.	Not to exceed \$10,000 STLE-D Grant Funded
Michael Rettig School Scheduling Associates	Michael Rettig, Professor Emeritus, James Madison University is a nationally recognized consultant on school scheduling.	Present practical principles of good elementary master scheduling and apply those concepts to the mission, staffing and students for our elementary schools.	Not to exceed \$3500 STLE-D Grant Funded
K.A. Productions (a/k/a Kwame Alexander)	Author – Newberry Award Medal Winner	Presentation to Ossining High School students regarding the importance of reading and writing and the inspiration for his new book "The Crossover" which won the Newberry Award Medal.	Not to exceed \$2,000 Grant Funded by Ossining MATTERS

5.3 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.

5.4 Resolution to Approve the Amended Notice Calling for the Annual District Budget Hearing and Annual District Election

RESOLVED, that the Amended Notice calling for the Annual Budget Hearing and the Annual District Election of the Ossining Union Free School District be adopted.

Motion carried: 6-0

6. Special Meeting – Business Office Matters

Frank Schneckner moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolutions 6.1 through 6.4. Resolution 6.5 is for information only and no action is requested.

6.1 Resolution Regarding Cooperative Bid with Eastern Suffolk BOCES

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Ossining Union Free School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Eastern Suffolk Board of Educational Services, Suffolk County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of Carpentry Services:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 30, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in East Suffolk and the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the *Journal News* in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

6.2 Resolution Regarding Questar III's OPEB Accrual Liquidation Plan

BE IT RESOLVED: As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts Questar III's OPEB liquidation plan as approved by the New York State Department of Education. And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges a credit of \$1034.51 which will be used towards Questar III program purchases annually until exhausted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement.

6.3 Resolution Regarding Disposal of Outdated Audio Visual Equipment at Park School

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the sales of disposal of the audio visual equipment listed above located at the Park School. Any funds received from the equipment sales will be recorded in A 2670.000, "Sale of Property".

6.4 Resolution Regarding Interfund Transfer

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

From: F EXCE 2110 151 00 O \$10,300.00 Instructional Salary Hourly
 To: F EXCE 5541 404 11 O \$3,500.00 Transportation
 To: F EXCE 2110 401 00 O \$500.00 Other Expenses
 To: F EXCE 2110 500 00 O \$1,300.00 Supplies
 To: F EXCE 2110 405 00 O \$5,000.00 Consultant

Reason: Funds are needed to provide bus transportation for Project Excel students to attend various enrichment trips, support after school activities, purchase instructional supplies that support project Excel Classes/programs and support the Jacobs Burns Center

6.5 Resolution to Accept Agreement with Alcott School to Provide Special Education Services

RESOLVED: At the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Alcott School to provide preschool special education services to Ossining resident pre-kindergarten students within the district facilities.

Motion carried: 6-0

6.6 Claims Audited and Paid

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

7. Special Meeting – Personnel Matters

Lisa Murray moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolutions 7.1 through 7.3 and 7.5 through 7.10. Resolution 7.11 is for information only and no action is requested.

7.1 Resolution Regarding Creation of Professional Position(s)

RESOLVED, that the annual position of Westchester Community College Transition Coordinator be created, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective March 1, 2015 the position of Westchester Community College Transition Coordinator at Ossining High School shall be established with a stipend of \$1,200.00.

7.2 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Termination(s)

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

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Effective Date	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Stanulewich	Charles	Buildings & Grounds	Maintenance Mechanic - Plumber	1/5/2015	4/8/2015	Probationary	Termination

7.3 Resolution Regarding Bus Attendant Resignation(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation(s) of the Bus Attendant members so noted.

Last Name	First Name	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Resign./Term.	Reason
Matos	Aurelia	10/7/2013	3/12/2015	Resignation

7.5 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s)

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	Title or Tenure Area	Certif. Status	Degree Status	Step	Salary	Appt. Type	% Time	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Building	Fund Source	Staff Relation or Note
Griffin	Mary	Westchester Community College Transition Coordinator	School Counselor Perm	n/a	n/a	1,200.00	Annual	100%	3/1/2015	6/30/2015	Ossining High School	EXCEL	OHS Guidance Counselor
Schoenbart	Adam	Set Construction	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,500.00	Annual	100%	12/16/2015	4/30/2015	Ossining High School	A	OHS Teacher

7.6 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s) – Summer School Program

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	Fund	Effective Date	Expir. Date	Staff Relations
Lena	Kristen	Student w/ Dis 1-6 aProf, Child Ed 1-6 Prof	5	68.60/hr	Annual	AMD Extended School Year Program	AMD	3 hr, 4 days/week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Anne M. Dorner Middle School
Margolis	Lisa	Special Ed Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	AMD Extended School Year Program	AMD	3 hr, 4 days/week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Anne M. Dorner Middle School
Moran	Heather	Student w/ Dis 7-12 Initial	2	55.39/hr	Annual	AMD Extended School Year Program	AMD	3 hr, 4 days/week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Anne M. Dorner Middle School
Sutton	Rebecca	Special Ed Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	AMD Extended School Year Program	AMD	3 hr, 4 days/week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Anne M. Dorner Middle School
Trager	Wendy	N-6 Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Park School
Rosas	Christine	N-6 Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Park School
Schnapp	Emily	Child Ed 1-6 Initial	2	55.39/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Brookside School

Variano	Marcie	N-6 Permanent, Eng to Spkrs of Oth Lang Prof	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Brookside School
Cruz-Santiago	Natalia	Child Ed 1-6 Initial, Bi-Lingual Elementary Prof	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Brookside School
Carey	Susan	N-6 Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Brookside School
Vaccaro	Vanessa	Pre K-6 Permanent, Eng to Spkrs of Oth Lang Initial	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Roosevelt School
Orta	Victoria	Special Education Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Roosevelt School
Irizarry	Melinda	Eng to Spkrs of Oth Lang Prof	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Ossining High School
Cambareri	Michell	N-6 Permanent	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Brookside School
Nardella	Andrea	N-6 Permanent, Special Ed Permanent, Literacy Elem Professional	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Claremont School
Larm	Thomas	Student w/ Dis 1-6 Initial, Child Ed 1-6 Initial	2	55.39/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Claremont School
Dwyer	Michael	Student w/ Dis 1-6 Initial, Child Ed 1-6 Initial	2	55.39/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Claremont School
Moreno-Patrisi	Yolanda	Child Ed 106 Professional, Bi-Lingual Professional	5	68.60/hr	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	3.75 hrs/5 days a week	A	7/6/2015	6/30/2015	Claremont School

7.7 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Appointment(s) – Summer School Program

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
Lizardo	Luz	Clerical	Annual	Elementary Summer Academy	Park	17.37/hr	5 hr/5 days a week	A	7/1/2015	7/31/2015	Claremont TA

7.8 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointment(s) – Summer School Program

I move that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Support Staff appointment(s) for the persons so noted.

Last Name	First Name	Certif. Status	Job Title	Building	Step	Salary	Program	% Time	Appt. Type	Effect. Date	Expir. Date	Staff Relation or Note
Schuster	Kim	Continuous	Teaching Assistant	Park	5	17.19/hr	Elementary Summer Academy	3.75 hr/5 days a week	Annual	7/6/2015	7/30/2015	Park School
Yan	Claudia	Level III	Teaching Assistant	Park	6	17.32/hr	Elementary Summer Academy	3.75 hr/5 days a week	Annual	7/6/2015	7/30/2015	Park School
Calderon	Patricia	Continuous	Teaching Assistant	Park	6	17.32/hr	Elementary Summer Academy	3.75 hr/5 days a week	Annual	7/6/2015	7/30/2015	Park School
Mako	Tracy	Level III	Teaching Assistant	Park	6	17.32/hr	Elementary Summer Academy	3.75 hr/5 days a week	Annual	7/6/2015	7/30/2015	Roosevelt School

7.9 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
Brianne Walter	AMD	Allison Bacon	2/23/2015	English 7-12 Initial
Danielle Riccardi	Roosevelt	Robert Battista	2/23/2015	Physical Education Initial, Pre K-6 Permanent

7.10 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
Hirsch, Toni Anne	RN	Registered Professional Nurse
Tucci, Cheryl	C	ESL (OHS only)
Lopez, Aisha	C	Childhood Education Grades 1-6 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 Bilingual Education Extension

Motion carried: 6-0

7.11 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Request for Personal Leave(s)

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
McFarlane	Kendall	OHS	Guidance Counselor	3/11/2015	6/9/2015

McGonigal	Julia	AMD	English	5/12/2015 (Anticipated)	10/5/2015 (Anticipated)
Mora	Rafael	Roosevelt	Social Worker	3/18/2015	6/16/2015

8. Audience Recognition

None.

Board President Bill Kress announced that prior to adjourning this meeting, there will be a brief discussion regarding the proposed signage by the Village of Ossining at Ossining High School.

Board discussion took place. Members of the Board requested further clarification and edits to the proposal and Mr. Frank Schneckler will reach out to the Village and provide a report at a future Board meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez shared that last night's event with Ron Ferguson regarding building partnerships and the importance of dialogue with parents and stakeholders within the community was well attended.

7. Motion Made to Enter into Executive Session

At 9:15 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Motion carried: 6-0

No formal action was taken.

12. Motion to Reconvene the Special Meeting

At 10:37 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of April 8, 2015 for the purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried: 6-0

13. Adjournment

At 10:38 p.m. Lisa Murray moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of April 8, 2015.

Motion carried: 6-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk