

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ossining Union Free School District
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Special Meeting/Mandatory Budget Hearing
Ossining High School Library

May 12, 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 May 12, 2015 Special Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board President Bill Kress requested a moment of silence in memory of Veronica Fernanda Chaca Morocho who passed away yesterday morning in a tragic automobile accident on the Taconic Parkway.

2. Prouds

Board President Bill Kress shared the following:

- Claremont School's Reading Carnival to celebrate *Reading Week* - 100,000 minutes of reading in nine days
- The Daily Ossining highlighted OHS Veteran's Artwork.
- Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity and Ossining Superintendent of Recreation Chris Soi shared information regarding this Saturday's "Stash the Trash" community clean up event with Park School students.
- *Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers* honored the Ossining School District, including Dr. Angela White, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services
- All four films produced by students in the OHS film course and submitted for the 10 Day Film Challenge made it to regional and OHS had two films make the top 10 and won many other awards
- Thank you to Ossining MATTERS and Ms. Cynthia Bardwell for the *Story Walk Tour* held at Brookside School

Ms. Dana Levenberg arrived at 7:04 p.m.

3. Work Session

3.1 Mandatory Budget Hearing: Proposed 2015-2016 School District 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 7:05 p.m. Board President Bill Kress declared the Mandatory Budget Hearing open.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez and Assistant Superintendent for Business Alita Zuber provided an overview, via a PowerPoint presentation, regarding the proposed budget process and budget priorities. Ms. Zuber 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.

Mr. Sanchez reminded everyone that the Annual District Budget Vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in the Ossining High School gymnasium. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m.

Following the presentation there were Board comments.

At 7:35 p.m., Board President Bill Kress declared the Budget Hearing closed.

4. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

5. Special Meeting – Business of the Board

Dana Levenberg moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 5.1 through 5.4.

5.1 Motion to Elect Members to the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following candidates to serve as Officers for a one year term on the WPSBA Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 year:

As Officers for a one year term:

- President – Stephen Jambor (*Brewster CSD*)
- Vice President – Victoria Tipp (*Chappaqua CSD*)
- Treasurer – Jennifer Rosen (*Briarcliff Manor UFSD*)
- Secretary – Lisa Tane (*Greenburgh Eleven UFSD*)

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following candidates to continue serving as Directors on the WPSBA Board of Directors with their terms expiring in 2018:

As Continuing Directors with terms expiring in 2018:

- Louis Conte (*Pleasantville UFSD*)
- Matthew Evans (*Elmsford UFSD*)
- Frank Hariton (*Ardsley UFSD*)
- Abby Mendelsohn (*Harrison CSD*)

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following candidate to serve as a new Director on the WPSBA Board of Directors with a term expiring in 2018:

As a new Director with a term expiring in 2018:

- Frank Schneckner (*Ossining UFSD*)

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following candidate to serve as a new Director on the WPSBA Board of Directors with a term expiring in 2016:

As a new Director with a term expiring in 2016:

- Judah Holstein (*Eastchester UFSD*)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following candidates to serve as Nominees for elected seats on the WPSBA Nominating Committee:

As Nominees for elected seats on the Nominating Committee:

- Wendy Naidich (*Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD*)
- Abby Mendelsohn (*Harrison CSD*)

5.2 Resolution to Accept an Agreement Regarding Instructional Council Meetings for 2015-2016 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ossining School District authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement.

5.3 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 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>
Dr. Gerald P. Ardito	Tech Professional Development	PACE work with tech teachers on using MIT App Inventor the Maker Space Grant: June 1, 2015 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. June 26, 2015 for 3 hours to work with teachers.	\$600 [Maker Space Grant – Ossining MATTERS]

5.4 Resolution Designating Officials to Act at the Special District Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Assistant Clerks named below are appointed to act at the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Linda Nickelson
Sandy Mirsky
Leah Ramkaran

Motion carried: 7-0

6. Special Meeting – Business Office Matters

Lisa Murray moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to move resolutions 6.1 through 6.3.

6.1 Resolution Regarding IPA With Southern Westchester BOCES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education empowers and directs the President to execute the attached Installment Purchase Agreement with Southern Westchester BOCES.

6.2 Resolution Regarding Acceptances of Funds for Field Trips

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts funds in the amount of \$32,342.20 for the purpose school field trips and upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby increases the 2014-15 General Fund in that amount. The offsetting revenue code shall be A 2770.000 Miscellaneous Revenues

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the total amount of \$32,342.20 be appropriated as identified below

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A 5543-401-00-0000	Cont. Transportation – Field Trips	\$32,342.20

6.3 Resolution to Accept Gift of a JVC Television from The Charles L. Brieant Community Center

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts with thanks the generous gift of a 40" JVC flat panel television valued at approximately \$449.00 for use at the Ossining High School.

Motion carried: 7-0

Board President Bill Kress thanked the Charles L. Brient Foundation for their generous donation.

7. Special Meeting – Personnel

Kimberly Case moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolution 7.1.

7.1 Resolution Regarding Administrative Staff Resignation(s)

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

Last Name	First Name	Building	Category or Tenure Area	Current Hire Date	Eff. Date of Resign./Term.	Current Appt. Status	Reason
Forsberg	Jennifer	Central Office	Assistant Director for Technology	8/20/2007	6/28/2015	Tenured	Resignation

Motion carried: 7-0

8. Audience Recognition

None

9. Adjournment

At 7:38 p.m. Frank Schneckner moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting/Mandatory Budget Hearing of May 12, 2015.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk