

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ossining Union Free School District
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Regular Meeting
Ossining High School Library

May 19, 2015
Regular Meeting: 7:30 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 19, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Dana Levenberg led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Prouds

Board President Bill Kress reported on the following:

- Budget Vote and BOE Elections
- Claremont's playground construction began
- Ossining High School Drama LOSERVILLE gets 5 Metro Award Nominations!
- The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) annually brings together the best in the world of high school science research for a weeklong extravaganza where over 1800 students from over 70 countries compete for millions of dollars in prizes. This year, 16 students composed the Westchester- Putnam County delegation. Ossining High School students had the largest number of students among this sweet sixteen with five.
- Students at Claremont are planting squash, corn, beans, sunflowers, herbs, tomatoes, lettuce and nasturtiums this week for the school's Colonial Garden. Claremont received a \$5,000 grant from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for the project.
- Eleven Ossining High School athletes will continue their sports careers at Division I and Division II colleges.
- Ossining HS Students Win Awards In 10-Day Film Challenge
- Ossining High School Intel Semifinalist to Receive Earth Day Award. Aaron Maxwell will be honored with a 2015 Earth Day Award
- Through Camp Kiwi, Claremont School, won the Gaga court competition and \$1,000
- The entire Roosevelt School participated in "mock trials" learning about the judicial system with County Clerk Catherine Borgia and her staff.
- The students at Park School enjoyed a Petting. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event.
- Brookside school created the new Story Walk with the help of Ossining MATTERS.
- Seniors at Boces in the Culinary Arts program who chose one teacher/counselor to honor who made a difference in their lives!
- Ossining's Abdul Byabusha repeats as Westchester County boys 400 champ in personal-best.
- OHS Photo students sweep the Westchester Amateur Photography Contest!!
 - 1st KodyBerger
 - 2nd DavidArias
 - 3rd Kevin Williamson

- OHS Band Chorus and Orchestra take 2nd place and excellent ratings at Music in the Parks Festival.
- OHS won Esprit de Corps award for outstanding spirit and character at Music in the Parks Festival.
- State Senator David Carlucci speaks to our social studies students and their about his position and what his job entails.

1.4 Report from the Student Representative to the Board

Ossining High School Student Representative to the Board Charlotte Keeley reported the following:

Events

- The Gimme the Mic concert was held on Monday, the 18th. Congratulations to everyone who performed! If you missed the performance, another one is being held on Wednesday!
- Ossining High school's OHS day is this Friday! Events include the annual powerduff game between the junior girls and the senior girls, soccer tournament, and Frisbee tournament!
- High school students have been taking advanced placement courses for the past two weeks, everyone is relieved they are now over
- A college workshop was held earlier today for first generation college students attending a four year project
- Senior prom will be held on June 1st!
- The third grade spring concert was held earlier today
- The high school junior book awards ceremony is this Thursday! Congratulations to everyone who received an award!
- The Anne M. Dorner Middle School band concert will be this Thursday at 7pm!
- This week is spirit week at the high school. Monday was America day, Tuesday was tacky Tuesday day, Wednesday is western day, Thursday is tie-dye day, and Friday is OHS spirit day!
- Next week, five Ossining students are traveling to Geneva, New York to compete in the envirothon state level competition. The team placed first in Westchester at the regional event and are preparing now for the two day state event.

Awards

- It has been an incredible month for science research
 - Juliet Ivanov, Elizabeth Keeley, and Chris Gallego traveled to Maryland to compete in the national JSHS competition as finalists! Congratulations to Juliet for winning first in the category Medicine and Health!!!
 - Ari Kanevsky and Elizabeth Keeley were selected to compete in the I-SWEEEP competition held in Houston, Texas! Both Ari and Elizabeth finished second in the world in their respective categories!!!
 - Brinda Ramesh, Nicole Ruiz, Stephanie Becker, Michael Earle, and Juliet traveled to Pittsburgh to compete in the worlds large pre-college science fair! Michael Earle finished third in his category and Juliet finished third in her category! Congratulations to them!
 - Science research is holding its annual symposium next Tuesday, May 26th! The symposium is an induction to the program for the freshmen, a celebration of the seniors' accomplishments during their three years in the program, and a time for all the students to present their work to the public! Everyone is welcome to attend!!!
- Congratulations to Abdul Byabusha for become the Westchester Boys Champ in the 400 meter for the second year in a row!!!
- Aaron Spring was honored by Rob Astorino for being an intel semi-finalist at the Westchester counties may 16th earth day celebration!!
- Congratulations to the winners of the first in family college prep scholarship! They are Nicole Castillo and Dainty Fordjour!

1.5 **Proyecto ALCANCE – Symbolic Vote**

Ms. Marcela Levin asked to address the Board of Education regarding the Ossining School District Budget Vote on behalf of Proyecto ALCANCE. The annual “Symbolic Vote” conducted by Proyecto ALCANCE is a representation by those within the community who cannot officially vote. These members of our community help make it thrive and are desirous of supporting the District’s goal to do what is in the best interest of our students. Proyecto ALCANCE promotes education and partners with parents and family members by encouraging them to participate in our schools, to visit with teachers, to learn what their children are learning in class each day, and to support the schools to whom they have entrusted the education and well-being of their children to.

2. **Work Session**

2.1 **Ossining High School Low Enrolled Courses**

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Sanchez stated that the Ossining High School administration annually reviews and finalizes the student course schedules for the forthcoming school year. Board of Education 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 the courses with low enrollment. Mr. Mandel provided an overview of the scheduling process and highlighted the courses which were low-enrolled as well as those which were of considerable interest to students at the high school. Mr. Mandel reviewed the following low enrolled courses:

- Creative Writing – 19 students
- AP US History – 18 students
- Pre-Calculus Advanced – 14 students
- AP Calculus BC – 19 students
- AP Statistics – 10 students
- SUNY Physics – 13 students
- SUNY Biology – 10 students
- Spanish for the Native Speaker 2 – 8 students
- Spanish for the Native Speaker 3 – 7 students
- SUNY French – 17 students
- College Level Italian 4 – 14 students
- College Level Italian 5 – 16 students
- Theatre Arts Lab – 9 students
- Introduction to Musical Theatre (new course) – 17 students

Mr. Mandel highlighted the courses students are interested in and stated that Board of Education support would be required for scheduling these courses for the 2015-2016 school year.

SUNY Program:

- Capstone for 10th Graders
- Community Service for Grades 9, 10 and 11

- SUNY Film – 84 students
- Hudson Pride – 44 students
- Unified Sports – 79 students
- Game, App Design and Coding – 80 students
- Introduction to Engineering – 106 students
- SUNY US History – 119 students
- SUNY College Algebra – 63 students
- Accounting 1 – 31 students
- Yearbook – 23 students
- Introduction to Dance – 74 students
- SUNY Health and Sports – 48 students

At the conclusion of the presentation, Board discussion followed. After discussion, Board President Bill Kress queried the members of the Board as to whether or not the Board would grant consensus to support the courses as presented by Mr. Mandel. The Board unanimously supported the recommendations provided by Mr. Mandel.

Consensus: 7-0

3. Audience Recognition – Agenda Items Only

None.

4. Regular Meeting: Business of the Board

Board President Bill Kress stated that resolution 4.1 would be acted upon separately.

Lisa Murray moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to move resolutions 4.1.

4.1 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 8, 2015

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 8, 2015.

**Motion carried: 6-0
Steve Wardwell – Abstained**

Dana Levenberg moved and Lisa Murray seconded the motion to move resolutions 4.2 and 4.3.

4.2 Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 14, 2015

I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 14, 2015.

4.3 Resolution Appointing Additional 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

Brandon Knowles
Lisa O'Callahan
Regina Rubenstein

Motion carried: 7-0

5. Regular Meeting: Curriculum and Instruction

Dana Levenberg moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolution 5.1.

5.1 Motion to Accept Recommended Placements

I move that the Board of Education accept the recommended classifications, placements and related services recommended in the IEP for students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and Sub-Committees on Special Education in meetings held on April 13, 16, 21, 28, 29 May 1, 4, 7 and direct the administration to arrange for the appropriate placement as set forth.

Motion carried: 7-0

6. Regular Meeting: Business Office Matters

Steve Wardwell moved and Kimberly Case seconded the motion to move resolutions 6.1 through 6.2. Resolution is presented for information only and no action is requested.

6.1 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2015

I move that the March 2015 Treasurer's Report be approved and placed on file with the District Clerk.

6.2 Motion to Approve Budget Report and Revenue Report for March 2015

I moved that the Board of Education approve the Budget Report and Revenue Report for March 2015 as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

6.3 Claims Audited and Paid – For Information Only

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. Regular Meeting: Personnel Matters

Board President Bill Kress stated that resolution 7.1 will be tabled to the next scheduled Board meeting on June 10th.

7.1 Resolution Regarding Administrative Staff Resignation(s) – Resolution Tabled

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

Steve Wardwell moved and Graig Galef seconded the motion to move resolutions 7.2 through 7.10. Resolutions 7.11 and 7.12 are presented for information only and no action is requested.

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

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education rescind(s) the appointment of the person(s) so noted.

7.3 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Appointment(s)

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

7.4 Resolution Regarding Bus Attendant Appointment(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Bus Attendant appointment(s) so noted.

7.5 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Appointment(s) –Before/After School Program

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

7.6 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointment(s) – Before/After School Program

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

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

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

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

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

7.9 Resolution Regarding APPR Accountability (Annual Professional Performance Review)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Substitute appointment(s) for the purpose of APPR accountability so noted.

7.10 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Per Diem Substitute appointment(s) for the person(s) so noted.

Motion carried: 7-0

7.12 Resolution Regarding Professional Staff Request for Personal Leave (For Information Only)

This matter is presented here for Board of Education information only and no action is necessary.

7.13 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Request for Personal Leave (For Information Only)

This matter is presented here for Board of Education information only and no action is necessary.

8. For Information Only

The matter is presented here for Board of Education information only and no action is required.

9. Audience Recognition

None.

10. Board Committee/Liaison Reports and Board Dialogue

None.

11. Motion Made to Enter into Executive Session

At 8:03 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Motion carried: 7-0

No formal action was taken

12. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting

At 8:31 p.m. Lisa Murray moved and Frank Schneckner seconded the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015 for the purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried: 7-0

13. Adjournment

At 8:32 p.m. Dana Levenberg moved and Steve Wardwell seconded the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015.

Motion carried: 7-0

Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk