

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of School #9M, 186 Alice Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mrs. Schoell at 6:15 p.m. to move into executive session in the library at School #9M to discuss personnel matters.

In attendance: President Transom, Vice President Maresca, Mr. Blau, Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mrs. Garrity, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mrs. Schoell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents DeRosa, Fenter and Van Cott.

A motion was made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 7: 28 p.m. to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: President Transom, Vice President Maresca, Mr. Blau, Mr. D’Ambrosio, Mrs. Garrity, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mrs. Schoell. Also in attendance: Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents DeRosa, Fenter, Van Cott and District Clerk Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Vincent Staffa, School #4 student.

HONORS – The Board of Education recognized two staff members, Ramona D’Aulisa and Betsy Weinman, who have achieved the highest level of professional recognition, National Board Certification. A community member, Jill Bonacasa was recognized by Nassau Region PTA for her service to the larger mission of PTA. In addition, students were recognized for achievements in Science Research, Model United Nations, Fine & Performing Arts, Athletics and Physical Education.

Dr. Harrington presented awards from the New York State School Boards Association to three Board members – Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern, Mrs. Garrity and Mrs. Schoell.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a page from the minutes of this meeting be set aside to record these accomplishments along with continued best wishes for success.

The meeting recessed for refreshments and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Mr. Maresca to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting, the December 1, 2015 Special Meeting and the December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting for file.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT – A motion was made by Mr. D’Ambrosio to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the Transfer of Funds Report and the Internal Claims Auditor Review of Warrants Report for file.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Dr. Harrington provided clarification to the community concerning the \$2.1 billion Governor referred to in his recent speech. She stated that this does not mean anything for the Oceanside schools. We still have an upward battle to ensure that we get our fair share of state aid. Foundation aid will still remain flat as it has for the past eight years. Our ability to increase our levy has been limited by the tax cap. GAP aid is still down and we are hoping it will be restored. Oceanside will get \$475,000 of that 1.5 million referred to. We are a long way off and we must get the word out to our legislators that they must work to get a fair amount of money back to the Oceanside school district.

Overview of Upcoming Budget Process – Mr. Van Cott provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached to the records of this meeting) which explained the process used in developing the Oceanside school district budget. He reviewed topics for discussion: Factors & Statistics, Budget Development Process, Budget Basics, the Consumer Price Index, Tax Cap Information and the Tax Levy. He explained the impact the tax cap will have on the budget, how it is calculated as well as the Consumer Price Index. Mr. Van Cott also provided information on the dates of future budget workshops, the budget hearing and the budget vote.

Social Emotional Literacy – Youth Development Survey – Mr. Fenter advised that Social Emotional Literacy is one of the district’s goals and, as a result, the district is administering a state-wide anonymous student survey at the secondary level re drugs and alcohol. The Drug and Wellness Council (DAWC) is a long-standing and very effective committee dedicated to combatting the use of drugs by our youth. Mr. Fenter thanked members of the Board of Education and the committee who continue to find ways to do the job better. Mr. Fenter introduced Mr. Risener and Ms. Dowler, members of DAWC, who presented information on the Youth Survey (attached to the records of this meeting).

Mr. Risener advised that all families with children in grades 6 – 12 receive a booklet which provides a guide for prevention of alcohol, drug and tobacco use; banners are displayed at all schools with the message, “We are All Responsible” and the district participates each year in cooperation with the Nassau County Police Department in “Operation Medicine Cabinet”. Our district, working with Nassau County, has provided NARCAN training to interested families. In addition, our PTA sponsors Dawn Delirium, a drug-free post-prom event. Mr. Risener turned the meeting over to Ms. Dowler who provided information on the Youth Survey.

Ms. Dowler explained that the Youth Survey was distributed to students in grades 7 – 12. Parents were notified in advance that the survey would be anonymous and voluntary. Parents had the option to not have their children participate but were asked to notify their child’s principal in writing. The purpose of the survey is to improve the district’s understanding of students’ experiences in school and to evaluate safety, bullying and drugs.

Construction Report - As submitted. Mr. Van Cott advised that a page was added to the back of the construction report which lists the projects planned for this summer. He also referred to a resolution contained in the agenda requesting approval to establish a Repair Reserve. This is a legal requirement which will become part of the budget development process after the budget has been approved.

Superintendent’s Reports:

Enrollment - As Submitted

Professional Staff Development & Overnight Field Trips – As Submitted

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – A question was raised concerning Approval of Reserve for Repairs. Mr. Van Cott stated that if the community approves the budget in May, this then becomes part of the budget. Questions were raised concerning “Approval to Authorize Legal Action”. Mr. Transom stated that the matter is confidential based on advice from the district attorneys. Dr. Harrington will follow up with our attorneys and report back to the Board.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

APPROVAL OF RESERVE FOR REPAIRS

On motion made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the creation of a Repair Reserve as prescribed under General Municipal Law. The fund will be utilized to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements and equipment. The Repair Reserve is to be funded through a general fund appropriation and presented for voter approval by means of the annual budget process.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF BID AWARD/ GENERATOR INSTALLATION

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Maresca

WHEREAS, the Oceanside Union Free School District has solicited and received sealed bids for the installation of a generator at Oceanside High School. Costs for installation will be submitted to FEMA as part of District's existing Super Storm Sandy claim.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oceanside Union Free School District hereby accepts the following bid proposals and awards the respective purchase contracts to the following bidders:

Oceanside School 7; Generator Installation: \$ 118,900
Eldor Contracting Corp.
30 Corporate Drive
Holtsville, NY 11742

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a \$1,690.26 donation from the Milano Family to fund the purchase of computer equipment and accessories in support of the Special Education program.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL ACTIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Maresca

BE IT RESOLVED, that District counsel be and is hereby authorized and directed to commence litigation against any of the parties identified in Confidential Schedule A and such other parties as counsel may deem necessary or appropriate, regarding the matters delineated in the said schedule and such other matters as counsel may deem necessary or appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any actions taken by District counsel in connection with or furtherance of the foregoing authorization of the Board of Education be and hereby are ratified and confirmed.

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 1 – 0 (Mr. D'Ambrosio abstained)

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES

On motion made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Nadine Jacoby, Sydne Jacoby Foundation be granted the use of school facilities at School #7 on June 4, 2016 for a Tennis Tournament, as outlined in the recommendation filed with the records of this meeting.

Approval is contingent upon the requester providing required information to the Department of Community Activities.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

BE IT RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the attached items be declared Surplus.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE Chairperson, the Board of Education hereby approves recommended placements and/or services as recommended in CSE/CPSE meetings held on the dates so indicated in the Committee Recommendations for Board of Education Review with Details, dated January 19, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Professional Personnel Items be approved.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

ROCIO SABORIDO, Math teacher (School #7), request for childrearing leave of absence without pay, following childbirth, for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

KRISTIN COUNTESS, Math teacher (School #9M), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, through June 21, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS:

GABRIELLA EISENDORF Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 12/21/15
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 12/21/15-12/20/19 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: School Counselor
Assigned To: School #7

REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS:

JILL ANDERSON Regular Substitute (Special Education)
Effective: 1/11/16
Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
Salary: 1 MA (\$37,000) Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Assigned To: School #3

KELLY SPEICHER Regular Substitute (Special Education)
Effective: 1/04/16
Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
Salary: 1 MA (\$35,000) Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

SALARY ADVANCEMENT:

SUSAN COMERFORD, Reading teacher, (School #4), from MA60 to MA75, effective 1/01/16.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Civil Service Personnel Items be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

ARLENE SESSA, Administrative Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 2/26/16.

WILLIAM SHAPIRO, Cleaner, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 1/08/16.

APPOINTMENT:

VICTORIA GARRETT Typist Clerk, Grade 1, Step 1
12 Months, Probationary
Effective 12/21/15
Salary: \$35,635 Per Annum
Assigned To: District Office

MARY DIGIOVANNA Typist Clerk, Grade 1, Step 1
12 Months, Probationary
Effective 1/04/16
Salary: \$35,635 Per Annum
Assigned To: School #7

STEPHANIE LEONARDO Typist Clerk, Grade 1, Step 1
12 Months, Probationary
Effective 1/04/16
Salary: \$35,635 Per Annum
Assigned To: District Office

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 1 – 0 (Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern abstained)

Dr. Harrington congratulated Arlene Sessa and William Shapiro on their retirement and welcomed Mary Giovanna to the district.

HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATION

On motion made by Mrs Schoell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the names of the new hourly employees, as filed with the records of this meeting, be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Kenneth Verity	Motor Vehicle Operator PT Substitute	12/9/2015
Maria P Cascavita	Teacher Aide	12/18/2015
Victoria Garrett	Typist Clerk PT Substitute	12/20/2015
Sandra Schumer	Teacher of the Deaf	12/22/2015
Donna Lynch	School Monitor PT Substitute	12/23/2015
Kristina Seidenstein	School Monitor PT Substitute	12/30/2015
Ines Saugsted	Teacher Aide PT Substitute	12/30/2015
Dara Prata	Teacher Aide PT Substitute	12/30/2015
Motty Ben-Aderet	C.A.R.E.S. Counselor	7/11/201
Christopher Caputo	C.A.R.E.S. Counselor	7/11/2015
Zachary Droblas	C.A.R.E.S. Counselor	7/11/2015
Nicholas Comesana	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Kevin M. O’Donnell	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Diego Martinez	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Trey Stegner	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Stephen G. Daskalakis	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Alex Frondelli	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Scott J. Bauman	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Daniel C. Johnston	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Anthony M. Battaglia	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015

Robert W. Lake	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Zachary Matzelle	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Kyone R. Murphy	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Levon Ozfurunca	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Michael M. Schilling	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Nicholas Daskalakis	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015
Jesse A. Kravitz	B&G Summer Help	8/31/2015

APPOINTMENTS:

Motor Vehicle Operator Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Armando Rodriguez	12/21/2015	\$10.00/hour

Food Service Worker Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Donna Lynch	1/4/2016	\$10.00/hour

Part Time Cleaner:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Eric Matsil	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour

School Monitor Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Donna Lynch	12/14/2015	\$8.75/hour
Giovanna Acampora	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Giovanna Acampora	1/7/2016	\$10.00/hour
Priscilla Croce	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Regina D'Amato Flynn	1/4/2016	\$9.50/hour
Andrea Failla	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Zuzann Napolitano	1/4/2016	\$9.50/hour

Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Nancy Barron	1/4/2016	\$10.00/hour
Jeanette Butta	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Cecelia Farley	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Arlene Gargano	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Susan Jacobs	1/4/2016	\$9.50/hour
Veronica Mellon	1/4/2016	\$9.50/hour
Susan Palotta	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Karen Rubin	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Sheryl Ryba	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour

Typist Clerk Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Caryn Briguglio	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Julie Calabrese	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Janis Itkin	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Kathleen Molloy	1/4/2016	\$10.00/hour
Darlene Sperico	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour
Wendy Swords	1/4/2016	\$9.00/hour

Per Diem Substitute Nurse:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Angela Moreno	12/21/2015	\$90/day
Arlene Parmelee	1/4/2016	\$225/day

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Lauren Kagan	Music	8	12/18/2015
Nicholas Monioudis	Mathematics 7 - 12	7	1/4/16-6/30/16
Melissa Bricker	Mathematics 7 - 12	7	1/4/2016

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$200/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Lauren McGloin	Music	3	5/2/2016

Per-Diem Substitute Teachers - \$90/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Stephanie Osgood	Childhood Ed 1 – 6	12/14/15-6/30/16
William Howe	Social Studies 7 – 12	12/16/15-6/30/16
Christopher Blair	English 7 – 12	12/18/15-6/30/16
Samantha Champagne	Childhood Ed 1 – 6	1/4/16-6/30/16
Natalie Suckow	Childhood Ed 1 – 6	1/5/16-6/30/16
Erica Joseph	Childhood Ed 1 – 6	1/8/16-6/30/16
Kristie Kosinski	Social Studies 7 – 12	1/19/16-6/30/16
Ashley Castanio	Mathematics 7 – 12	1/12/16-6/30/16

Per-Diem Substitute Teachers - \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Lauren McGloin	Music	12/21/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Hayley Mackler	Math 5-9, Childhood Ed 1-6	9M	12/14/15-5/31/16

Homebound Tutor - \$49.27/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Sari Weber	Special Ed, Reading, N, K, 1-6	10/28/2015
Theodor Ehrman	Social Studies 7 – 12	12/17/2015

DOCA Programs

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Fran Cuomo	12/7/2015	\$25.00/hour
Casey Block	1/6/2016	\$20.00/hour
Justin Rosenthal	1/1/2016	\$9.00/hour
Victoria Vazquez	1/1/2016	\$9.00/hour
Angelo Maffettone	1/1/2016	\$9.00/hour

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL OF 2015/2016 CO-CURRICULAR STIPENDS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following co-curricular stipends be approved for the 2015/2016 school year.

Deletion:

Teacher	Activity	Location	Stipend	To be paid by
Kerri Greisheimer	Gardening Club	#4	\$1,313	Cancelled
Sara Eisenberg	Director Assistant Play	#5	\$120	Payroll Voucher
Lori Martinez	Spine Crackers (Full Year -Cancelled)	#9M	\$262.56	Payroll Voucher

Additions:

Teacher	Activity	Location	Stipend	To be paid by
Mallory Hotholt	Director Assistant Play	#5	\$1,098	Payroll Voucher
Shannon Simpson & Zachary Richter	Patriot Club (adding 2 nd half-year)	#9M	\$656.50	Payroll Voucher
Pearl Greenfield	SADD (adding 2 nd half-year)	#9M	\$656.50	Payroll Voucher

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT – Dr. Harrington commented on the honors presentations and how wonderful it is to recognize our students and teachers. She noted that two of our students have been honored – Emma McLaughlin was named a semifinalist in the Intel Competition and Nicholas Tasarouhtsis was recognized by BOCES Barry Tech for Automotive Technology. All County students were welcomed at C.W. Post by Dr. Harrington. Oceanside hosted rehearsals for All County. The middle school students will be performing “Hit the Deck” later this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Mr. D’Ambrosio announced that he will be seeking reelection to the Board and asked for the community’s support. Mr. Transom announced that he will also be seeking reelection to the Board.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY – A discussion took place concerning the Parent Portal being shut down from December 16 through the beginning of January. Dr. Harrington explained the reasons but advised that she would look into the possibility of handling it differently and report back.

A discussion also took place concerning art and physical education for kindergarten students. Dr. Harrington stated she has spoken with the kindergarten principal who advised that these activities are built into the program but additions to these programs would be something that could not be handled fiscally at this time. She stated that they will continue to embellish these opportunity in a variety of ways.

Mr. Roschelle, representing the Oceanside Federation of Teachers, reminded everyone that the Kiwanis Super Bowl breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 7th, and the funds are used to send children to Kamp Kiwanis during the summer. He stated that the OFT believes strongly in this event and they have donated a check in the amount of \$550 to sponsor a child for Kamp Kiwanis.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Maresca at 9:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk