

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at School #4, 3210 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mrs. Schoell at 6:10 p.m. to move into executive session in the Cafeteria at School #4 to discuss personnel matters.

In attendance: President Transom, 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. Mr. Maresca was not in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. Schoell at 7:22 p.m. to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance: President Transom, 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. Mr. Maresca was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Martina Eulau, School #4 Student.

(Mr. Transom noted that Martina just became a United States citizen this past January along with her sister and her father became a citizen last January).

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

Budget Workshop #1 – Administration and Capital – Mr. Transom stated that Mr. Van Cott would be presenting specific budget pages to the community this evening. The Board would have an opportunity to ask questions on each page and the audience would then have an opportunity to ask questions as well.

Dr. Harrington introduced Mr. Van Cott who provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached to the records of this meeting). He explained that the State Education Department requires school districts to present their operating budget in a three-part format consisting of Administrative, Program and Capital. He also explained that the numbers presented are preliminary numbers and may be changed as we go through the budget process. Mr. Van Cott advised that the maximum allowable tax levy increase is .34% with an increase of less than \$500,000. Mr. Van Cott then reviewed the budget pages for this evening’s meeting as follows:

Page 1 – Board of Education/District Meetings - This page reflects a decrease primarily due to one-time costs associated with the use of optical scanning machines. No changes were recommended.

Page 2 – Office of the Superintendent – This page reflects expenses for the Superintendent’s office. Dr. Harrington advised that a new conference was added (Annual Celebration of Teaching & Learning). This conference was moved from New York City to Washington, D.C. The Board requested a list of periodical subscriptions. No changes were recommended.

Page 3 – Business Administration/Auditing/Financial Services – This page reflects reduced advertising bids due to the use of a cooperative purchasing service, a reduction in postage cost due to greater reliance on digital usage as well as an increase in the subscription fee for the cooperative purchasing service. A question was raised concerning the increase in non-instructional and clerical salaries. No changes were recommended.

Page 4 – Legal Services/Personnel/Public Information - This page reflects costs for our legal counsel. We are required to place this in the administrative program. Components for this appear on page 8. Recruitment costs are down due to the use of on-line services reducing the need to place ads in the newspapers. No changes were recommended.

Page 5 – District-Wide printing/Central Data Processing/Special Items/Administration Charge BOCES/Unallocated Insurance – Mr. Van Cott explained that the reduction in district-wide printing is the result of having negotiated new copier leases and using less paper. BOCES internet services have been moved to a different code. The page also reflects higher flood insurance premiums as a result of Super storm Sandy. No changes were recommended.

Page 8 – Legal Services

Legal Expenses – These costs are reflected in the Administrative and Program components.

Page 19 – Pupil Transportation/District Services/Contract Services

Mr. Van Cott explained that the bus matron code has decreased based on student needs. A resident questioned why we have so many different bus companies. Mr. Van Cott explained that we participate in a number of cooperatives so that we get the best price. No changes were recommended.

Page 20 and 21 – Department of Community Activities

Increases are reflected as a result of purchasing air conditioning for the DOCA office. There is also an increase in credit card processing fees. Mr. Van Cott noted a significant decrease in DOCA expenses resulting in a savings of \$129,000. No changes were recommended.

Page 23 – 26 - Operation of Plant/Personnel Services

Mr. Van Cott explained that these pages outline expenses such as maintenance repair of our buildings, and the contractual operation of our plant. Mr. Van Cott introduced Mr. Bonacasa, chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, who presented the Buildings & Grounds Committee Report (as attached to the records of this meeting).

Mr. Bonacasa extended condolences to the Buarotti family, who has been long-time members of the committee. Mr. Bonacasa explained that Jan Buarotti passed away earlier this year and the family has been going through a difficult time. He stated that he hoped in the future they may decide to again participate in this committee. Mr. Bonacasa presented the report, as submitted, stating that the report represents the committee's activities for the 2015/2016 school year and reflects exterior and interior inspections made by the committee as well as input from committee members and school district staff. The committee found no major concerns and many of the items were taken care of by the Buildings and Grounds staff as soon as reported.

Page 28 – Undistributed Expense – Debt Service/Principal

Mr. Van Cott explained this page covers principal and interest costs associated with debt services. The district estimates borrowing \$27 million in Tax Anticipation Notes as well as costs for installment purchases for continuing the iPad initiative. Mr. Van Cott also noted that at a previous meeting the Board approved the establishment of a Repair Reserve Fund, which will allow the district to save funds towards

capital improvements (such as, refurbishing the high school turf field). Mr. Van Cott provided information on the upcoming budget workshops, budget hearing and budget vote.

Construction Report – Mr. Van Cott -- As Submitted

Superintendent's Reports:

Enrollment – As Submitted

Overnight Field Trips and Professional Development – As Submitted

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

ITEMS FOR ACTION

APPROVAL OF ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the formal election resolutions, as copy attached.

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ELECTION TIMETABLE

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the timetable for the annual election May 17, 2016, as copy attached.

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION

On motion made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>
School 9E Parent Teacher Association	(21) Wall-mounted fans valued at \$609.00
Jason Bradshaw Race Cars in Deer Park	Sheet Metal Brake to the OHS Technology Dept. valued at \$250.00

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, use of facilities is granted to Joseph Pumo at School #7 on March 14, 2016 for the Harlem Wizards, as outlined in the recommendation filed with the records of this meeting provided that the requester has supplied all required information to the Department of Community Activities.

(A correction was noted to the form. The event is taking place at School #7)

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 – 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio

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 February 9, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 - 0

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

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

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

RESIGNATIONS:

JENNIFER CONNOLLY, Social Worker, effective at the close of business on 6/30/16. Personal reasons.

REQUEST FOR PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

CHRISTINA OLSON, Elementary teacher (School #2), request a personal leave of absence from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

ALLISON KRYDER, Math teacher (School #9M), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, returning November 7, 2016.

JENNA HOELZER, Math teacher (School #9M), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, returning November 1, 2016.

SARAH GILBERT, 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 March 28, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS:

ELAINE SACKS Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant
Effective: 2/1/16
1st Year of a 4-year Probationary Period
Probationary Period: 2/1/16-1/31/20 (subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure)*
Salary: \$30,393 Per Annum
Certification: Literacy
Assigned To: School #9M/#7

TENURE RECOMMENDATION:

YA FENG TSAO Tenure Area: World Language
Effective: 2/3/16
Assigned To: School #9M/#7

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 – 0

HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern

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

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Joseph P. Albert	B&G Summer Help	9/18/2014
Christopher Carr	B&G Summer Help	9/17/2015
Vincent J. Iaquina	B&G Summer Help	8/21/2014
Conner J. Johnson	B&G Summer Help	9/18/2014
Thomas Kiesche	B&G Summer Help	7/8/2014
John H. Lampasi	B&G Summer Help	8/21/2014
John A. Mule	B&G Summer Help	9/4/2014
Robert W. Pedian	B&G Summer Help	1/9/2014
Jonathan Ramirez	B&G Summer Help	7/8/2014

Lucas Schloth	B&G Summer Help	10/2/2014
Steven Trejo	B&G Summer Help	8/7/2014
Patrick Wagner	B&G Summer Help	2/5/2015
Joseph A. Zaccarelli	B&G Summer Help	8/7/2014
Christa Fucci	Food Service Worker PT	12/17/2015
Mildred Ferraro	Typist Clerk PT Substitute	12/30/2015
Adelita Henriquez	Teacher Aide Part Time	2/5/2016

END OF APPOINTMENTS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Arlene Parmelee	Per Diem Substitute Nurse	1/15/2016
Marlen Yacoub	School Monitor Part Time	1/26/2016
Madgy Decembre	Per Diem Leave Replacement	2/12/2016
Emily Bogart	Per Diem Leave Replacement	2/26/2016

APPOINTMENTS:

School Monitor Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Cheryl Ango	1/25/2016	\$9.00/hour

Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Maria Capone	1/22/2016	\$9.50/hour

Typist Clerk Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Elizabeth Virzi	1/25/2016	\$9.00/hour
Tracy Pfeifer	2/2/2016	\$9.00/hour

Teacher Aide Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Location	Rate of Pay
Marlen Yacoub	1/27/2016	7	\$12.00/hour

Per Diem Substitute Nurse - \$90/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Karen Greene	Registered Professional Nurse	1/21/2016

Permanent Substitute Nurse - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Marilyn Walsh	Registered Professional Nurse	2/8/2016

Permanent Substitute Teacher - \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Geetika Nainani	Childhood 1 – 6	1/11/16-5/31/2016

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Victor Lam	Family & Consumer Sci.	9M	10/19/15-6/30/2016
Jana Schwarting	Speech	9M	2/10/16

Homebound Tutor - \$49.27/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Jean Carey	Childhood 1 – 6	1/12/2016
Kristan Duffy	Childhood 1 – 6	1/12/2016
Christina Cedrone	Childhood 1 – 6	1/12/2016
Yelitza Ynoa	Childhood 1 – 6	1/12/2016

DOCA Programs

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Donna Bruzzo	1/29/16	\$15.00/hour

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL OF CO-CURRICULAR STIPENDS

On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern **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
Stephanie Bragman	Sports Night Blue	#7	0	0
Breanne Elsesser	Habitat for Humanity (full year to 1/2 year)	#7	\$656.50	Payroll Voucher

Additions:

Teacher	Activity	Location	Stipend	To be paid by
Kristin Hohorst	Sports Night Blue	#7	\$656.50	Payroll Voucher
Julia Nappi	Habitat for Humanity (1/2 year only)	#7	\$656.50	Payroll Voucher

Corrections:

Teacher	Activity	Location	Stipend	To be paid by
Mallory Hotholt	Director Assistant Pay	#5	\$978	Payroll Voucher

MOTION APPROVED 6 – 0 -0

(The following resolution was added to the agenda and read by Mr. Transom)

APPROVAL OF HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

On motion made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. Schoell

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves homebound instruction for a child identified in Confidential Attachment “A” through June 30, 2016 based upon the medical documentation provided to the Superintendent.

MOTION APPROVED 5 – 0 – 1 (Mrs. Garrity voted Nay)

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Harrington advised that the Oceanside school district, along with other Nassau County school districts, is participating in a countywide lawsuit against LIPA and Nassau County to recoup tax payments billed by the County. She stated that the district recently received \$1.1 million (representing one-half of the first payment) and is waiting for the second half of the payment. She stated that our attorneys are scheduled to attend a meeting on February 29th concerning the lawsuit.

Dr. Harrington referred to a topic discussed at the last meeting concerning times when the Parent Portal is closed and unavailable for parents to use. She explained that the timeline has been reviewed for next year. The portal will be closed for five full days so that our teachers can utilize it and day 6 will be used to verify information. After that, the portal will be open for parents and students. During Regents weeks, the teachers will require some additional time to input grades.

Dr. Harrington referred to a discussion which took place at the last meeting concerning physical education and music for kindergarten students. Meetings were held with the faculty to develop creative ways of shifting staff so that we can build these programs into the kindergarten program.

Dr. Harrington also advised the community that the State Education Department of Special Education will be auditing our special education department during the next few weeks. This is a standard operating procedure to assess the district's compliance with Federal and State laws. An introductory meeting was held which went very well.

Dr. Harrington also advised that a special election and vote for state senator will take place on April 19th and voting will take place in our buildings throughout the school day. Security is very important to all of us and, as a result, the Board has approved the hiring of a security company with uniformed personnel in each voting site to help monitor people coming in and out of our buildings to vote.

Dr. DeRosa advised that this summer from August 15 – 19 (at the conclusion of the Summer Recreation Program), we will be offering a summer program titled "Camp Intervention. This is a very exciting program and information is available on the district website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY - A question was raised concerning the number of Oceanside students who attend BOCES Barry Tech. The response was that 37 high school students attend the program and these students do very well.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk