

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop #4 of the Oceanside Board of Education, duly called and held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of School #6, 145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 6:10 p.m. to move into executive session in the Board Room of the District Office 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 Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mr. D’Ambrosio at 7: 22 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Hayley Moskowitz, a School #4 Student. A moment of silence was observed for the son of an Oceanside employee who was killed as a result of an automobile accident as well as for the Oceanside family whose home was destroyed by fire on Easter Sunday and for the recent horrific terrorist acts in Europe.

Dr. Harrington provided information on two topics raised at a previous meeting. The first topic had to do with the request by the Thespian students to consider finding dedicated space where they can work and rehearse. Mrs. DeCarlo had an opportunity to meet with the students and advised them that the district is committed to finding space for them but it is still a work in progress. The students indicated that they want the program to expand even if the space is not found immediately. Mrs. DeCarlo advised that she will continue exploring improved space for their organization and will be working with the students to this end.

The second topic had to do with a boys swim team. Dr. Harrington advised that she met with members of the JCC and their first offer was too high but they did come back with what we consider to be a fair offer of a facility fee of \$5,000 which includes the use of their pool twice a week and a meet on Saturdays. Mr. Risener has done a great job to ensure that we can support a coach and a swim team and we feel we can absorb the \$5,000 facility fee within our existing budget. Dr. Harrington did indicate that while we support the swim team, we will have to review the financial aspects as they impact our budget in the future.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Budget Workshop #4 – Staffing, Revenues, Tax Levy –Dr. Harrington advised that this evening’s meeting will focus on staffing. She advised that our projections are driven by the Board guidelines which are watched very carefully and by enrollment which has decreased in two different elementary schools. As a result, we are anticipating four less sections than last year. Six teachers will be retiring and all will be replaced except for one Foreign Language teacher. School #4, grade 4 is the only grade we are looking at carefully. Dr. Harrington referred to the staffing chart (attached to the records of this meeting). We are anticipating a reduction of four teachers at the elementary level, an increase in ESL, Art, Foreign Language, Occupational Ed/Technology and Permanent Substitute Teachers and a decrease in Special Education Aides and an increase of six permanent substitute teachers and an additional .2 teacher in the theater program at the high school.

Dr. Harrington turned the meeting over to Mr. Van Cott who provided information on revenue and the tax levy. Mr. Van Cott provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached to the records of this meeting).

Summary of Employee Benefits - Mr. Van Cott advised that benefits are increasing as a result of an increase in Medicare B reimbursement for those individuals who receive it, as well as an increase in health insurance for 2016 and a projected increase for 2017.

Three-Part Expenditure Budget – Mr. Van Cott reported that the proposed 2016-17 expenditure budget represents an increase of 1.97% over 2015-16. The budget is distributed across the three-part format as follows: 79% program, 11% capital and 10% administrative.

Mr. Van Cott advised our tax levy increase is 0.43% and is tax cap compliant. The other sources of revenue include state aid and “other” which consists of PILOTs, DOCA fees, reimbursable billings, etc. State aid figures are not yet finalized but we have used the Governor’s numbers plus a conservative estimate of additional aid.

Questions were raised concerning Reserve Funds. Mr. Van Cott stated that we are not using any reserve funds and this is the first time in a number of years that we have not used these funds. Our goal is to come off the State’s Susceptible Stress Schools List so that we will be able to enjoy a better interest rate through Mooney’s rating. In the past we have used these funds as they are meant to be used but now it is time to build them up so that we are prepared should it be necessary in the future. A resident asked what we would do with any additional state aid funds we might receive. Mr. Van Cott stated that it would be discussed with the Board and possibly used to increase reserves. Mr. Van Cott advised that it is still too early to determine what the tax bills will be next year for homeowners since the STAR exemption could change and there is still a three-year tax rebate program in place.

Salaries – Mr. Van Cott advised that salary increases are based on contractual agreements.

A question was raised concerning the library budget which Robin Green responded to.

Mr. Van Cott reviewed the upcoming Board of Education/Budget Meetings. April 12th is a regular meeting, May 10th is a regular meeting and a budget hearing and May 17th is the budget vote and trustee election.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR ACTION

APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE 2016/2017 BUDGET

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Oceanside Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2016/2017 school year in the amount of \$147,241,588.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF BUDGET PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that the statement of estimated expenses of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year 2016/2017 for school purposes shall be presented at the Annual Election of May 17, 2016 to the qualified voters of the district for their approval, and that the proposition for said budget shall appear on the voting machines in the following condensed form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

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

RESOLVED, that the statement of estimated expenses (budget) presented by the Board of Education of Oceanside Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, for the School Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$147,241,588 for the purposes stated, be and same is approved, and said total amount, exclusive of public monies

and other lawful income shall be raised by the levy on the taxable property within the school district and collected during the ensuing year as provided by law.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – LIBRARY BUDGET:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Oceanside Union Free School District shall increase its contract with the Oceanside Library Association for the period July 1, 2016 to and including June 30, 2017 providing free library services as is particularly described in said written contract for the sum of \$30,714 and that sum, together with the sum of \$4,378,097 heretofore authorized, for a total sum of \$4,408,811 to be appropriated to meet the payments due under said contract and that taxes shall be levied, assessed, and collected against the taxable property of the School District for the ensuing year for above purposes.

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE CONTRACT/SCHOOL #6 AUDITORIUM SEATING

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

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, section 103 was amended to provide local governments greater flexibility in awarding contracts by authorizing the award of purchase contracts, including contracts for service work on the basis of best value.

WHEREAS, “Best value” means the basis for awarding contracts for services to the offerer which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible vendors. Best value procurement encourages competition and, in turn, often results in better pricing, quality and customer service.

RESOLVED, the Oceanside Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of a Best Value Award methodology as permitted in section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oceanside Union Free School District hereby awards the following purchase contract on the basis of Best Value as offered through an intergovernmental purchasing alliance cooperative (“National IPA”).

Oceanside School #6: Auditorium Seating Project	
Pricing as per Irwin National IPA Contract No. 2015000066	
McHugh Institutional Furnishings	
125 Laser Court	
Hauppauge, NY 11788	
a) Furnish and install 564 chairs	\$104,008.08
b) Removal of existing chairs	<u>14,415.00</u>
Total	\$118,423.08

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF BID AWARD/SCHOOL 9M PORTABLE CLASSROOM DEMOLITION

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

WHEREAS, the Oceanside Union Free School District has solicited and received sealed bids in conjunction with the FEMA-funded School 9M portable classroom demolition project.

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 proposal and awards the respective purchase contract to the following bidder:

School 9M; Portable Classroom Demolition:

\$ 168,900

Valco, Inc.
29 Orchard Meadow Road
East Williston, NY 11596
(516) 746-7414

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANT

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts a \$500 grant from the Nassau/Suffolk Chapter of the Autism Society of America. Funds will be used to purchase classroom materials in support of reading instruction within the Oceanside Middle School special education program.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts (130) books from a School 9E family for use in 9E classroom libraries.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

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

RESOLVED that in addition to registration on days when school is in session in the District Clerk’s office, voter registration shall be permitted at the following locations during the specified times. Where these designated times conflict with normal hours of continuous registration, the District Clerk is directed to maintain her office at these new sites during these hours for the purpose of registering voters:

DAY/DATE/TIME	EVENT
Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.	#3 PTA Cafeteria
Thursday, April 14 at 7:45 p.m.	#8 PTA Cafeteria
Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.	SEPTA #4 Cafeteria
Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.	#9M PTA at 9M Library
Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.	#5 PTA Cafeteria
Thursday, April 21 at 8:15 p.m.	#7 PTA Library
Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.	#4 PTA Auditorium
Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.	#6 PTA Auditorium
Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary at Mio Posto
Thursday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m.	#2 PTA Cafeteria
Thursday, May 12 at 9:45 a.m.	#9E PTA Cafeteria

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk