

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at School #2, 2745 Terrell Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Attendance: President Transom, Vice President Maresca, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. Garrity and 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. Transom and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 6:05 p.m. to move into executive session in the library of Oceanside High School.

A motion was made by Mr. D'Ambrosio and seconded by Mr. Maresca at 7 25 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Hayden Zelter, School #2 Student. A moment of silence was observed to remember the victims of the attack in Paris.

HONORS - There were no honors presented this evening.

Dr. Harrington provided follow-up information on a topic that was raised at our last meeting- audio/video taping of Board meetings. Dr. Harrington stated that she does not recommend that Oceanside use this means of communication. It would be difficult since our meetings are held in different locations. She stated that the district has the capability to communicate through various options. We use School Messenger, email, the district website (which is continually updated), we have an app, many staff members have become involved in tweeting as a means of communication and parents can always pick up the phone and make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting.

Dr. Harrington advised that our football team has reach now reached the semi-finals. The games have been wonderful and the coaches, players, cheerleaders and the Marching Band have been incredible.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Maresca to accept the minutes of the October 20, 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

Update/Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association – Mr. Transom provided information on the recent Nassau Suffolk School Boards meeting. The position of Area II Director (which represents Oceanside) for the New York State School Boards Association is open and the Board has received information from candidates requesting the Board's support in nominating them. The Board will decide by December 2nd which candidate they will be nominating and submit the necessary form. A meeting on Common Core took

place on November 6th but the location and the time was changed with short notice. As a result, it was poorly attended. Mrs. Bergtraum attended a similar meeting in Westchester which was had better attendance. A discussion took place concerning LIPA's plan to limit Pilot Plan payments to 2 percent.

Mr. Transom advised that New York City has rejoined Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association which will add 1.1 million students and cause our legislators to listen to us.

Report on Staff Conference Day – Dr. Harrington turned the meeting over to Mr. Fenter and Mrs. Kletter who provided information on Staff Conference Day which was held on November 3rd. They stated that very inspiring work took place. Mr. Van Cott met with the security staff to insure that procedures are properly followed. Support was provided to teachers in instruction and technology which was all very well received. Mrs. DeCarlo and Dr. Ziogiannis worked with high school leadership and surveyed the teaching staff to create a day reflective of their needs in various areas... Dr. Glickman Rogers worked with the middle school staff to explore ways in which to support one another as they seek a healthy work-life balance and to also provide additional support with classroom strategies and use of technology. The elementary schools conference provided an opportunity for staff to connect, collaborate and learn together. At Castleton two discussions took place. One concerned the work of William Watson Purkey and John Novak "*Inviting School Success*". The second discussion concerned the redesigning of the all-purpose room to be used by students and creating a positive environment in the classrooms.

Superintendent's Reports:

Enrollment - As Submitted

Professional Trips & Overnight Field Trips – As Submitted

Dr. Harrington provided an update on the scheduled overseas trips in February to Spain, France and Italy. Dr. Rose has been in communication with the travel agency and, as of now, we have made the decision to continue these trips. We will do everything possible to insure that everyone has cancellation insurance. We will not be going to France, but will choose another location (possibly Switzerland). Dr. Rose will be providing all the necessary information. Concerning the trip to Spain, students will not stay overnight in Madrid (another city will be decided upon). No changes have been made to the trip to Italy as of now. Dr. Harrington advised that these trips are subject to change based on day-to-day situations. The safety of our students is our main concern.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS – A question was raised concerning the Stipulation of Settlement resolution. Mr. Transom explained that since this is a personnel matter, it cannot be discussed in public.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants the use of school facilities at School #7 on December 4, 2015 by Jeff Toback, Oceanside Rotary Club for the Art Heyman Memorial Scholarship, 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

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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 November 17, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

On motion made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mr. Maresca

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Oceanside Union Free School District approve the terms of a Settlement of Agreement dated October 21, 2015 between the District and the person named in Confidential Attachment 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that Board President be authorized to execute said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

PROFESSIONAL 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 Professional Personnel Items be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

ANDREW SCADUTO, Special Education teacher, effective at the close of business on 10/28/15. Personal reasons.

KERRY SMITH, Math teacher, effective at the close of business on October 21, 2015. Personal reasons.

MARA STEINBERG, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 11/13/15. Personal reasons.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

MARIELLEN CUEVAS, Special Education Teacher (School #3), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, through June 12, 2016.

HEATHYR GREENBERG, Special Education Teacher (School #6), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth, through June 13, 2016.

REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS:

(A correction was made to the effective date of this appointment as reflected in these minutes)

KRISTEN HOHORST Regular Substitute (Special Education)
Effective: 11/16/15-6/30/16
Replacing a teacher on leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year
Salary: 1 MA (\$40,000) Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #7

PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS:

LAUREN GELDZAHLER Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective: 11/02/15-6/30/16
Salary: .2 of 1MA \$35,000 Per Annum
Certification: Students w/Disabilities 7-12
Assigned To: School #9M

SALARY ADVANCEMENT DATE CORRECTION:

JACLYN GOLDSTEIN, Elementary teacher, (School #3), from MA60 to MA75, effective 11/01/16.

SALARY ADVANCEMENT:

HEATHYR GREENBERG, Special Education teacher, (School #6), from MA60 to MA75, effective 11/01/15.

LEANNE VIGNOLA, Math teacher, (School #7), from MA60 to MA75, effective 10/01/15.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

RESIGNATIONS:

HOPE SCHWARTZ, effective at the close of business on 11/16/15. Personal reasons.

JAMES VIGNOLA, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 11/21/15.

APPOINTMENT:

ELLEN SCARANDINO	School Nurse Probationary Effective: 11/12/15 Salary: \$38,409 Per Annum Assigned To: School #9M
STEVEN SHEPPARD	Instructional Assistant, Step 2 10 Months, Probationary Effective 10/26/15 Salary: \$31,659 Per Annum Assigned To: School #7
PATRICIA GUIDA	Typist Clerk, Grade 1, Step 1 Probationary Effective: 11/02/15 Salary: \$28,787 Per Annum Assigned To: School #5

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. Maresca 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
Camille Felici	Human Resources	6/30/2015
Kathleen Grimm	Teacher of Hearing Impaired	6/30/2015
Frances Pecci	School Monitor PT Substitute	6/30/2015
Stacy Pedian	Teacher Aide PT Substitute	6/30/2015
Anette Dalton	School Monitor PT Substitute	9/3/2015
Melissa Hartman	School Monitor PT Substitute	9/25/2015
Kathleen Zanazzi	Per Diem Sub Nurse	9/28/2015
Edda Bataan	Teacher Aide PT Substitute	9/30/2015
Mildred Schluter	Bus Monitor	10/9/2015
Hal Keppler	PT Cleaner	10/20/2015
Jessica Butera	Perm. Sub., Per Diem Sub.	10/23/2015
Christina Hermann	Per Diem Substitute	10/23/2015

Lila Rousak	Monitor	10/29/2015
Patricia Guida	Typist Clerk PT Substitute	11/1/2015
Jacqueline Marmo	Teacher Aide	11/6/2015
Nisha Bakhru	Perm Sub Nurse	11/12/2015

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

Linda Pilato, Teacher Aide (School #3), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 11/16/15.

APPOINTMENTS:

School Monitor Part Time Substitute:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Giovanna Acampora	10/22/2015	\$8.75/hour

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

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Dahlia Capolongo	Registered Professional Nurse	9/22/2015

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

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Cheryl Inserra	Pre K, K, 1-6, Reading	10/19/15-6/30/16
Gloria Pelaez-Shea	Bilingual, Pre-K, K, 1-6	10/19/15-6/30/16
Sheri Cannata	Pre K, K, 1-6	10/19/15-6/30/16
Melissa Bricker	Math 7 -12	6/1/16-6/30/16
Robert DiGiovanna	Math 7 -12	10/21/15-6/30/16
Carissa Sorrentino	Childhood Ed 1-6, SWD 1-6	10/19/15-11/8/15
Carissa Sorrentino	Childhood Ed 1-6, SWD 1-6	6/1/16-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Christina Wolf	Social Studies 9M	10/1/15-10/1/15	
Kristin Seaman	Visual Arts	3	10/13/15-5/31/16
Paul Gillespie	Physical Education 9M	11/2/15-5/31/16	
Marc Aronin	Bus & Mktg, Childhood Ed 9M	11/2/15-5/31/16	
Carissa Sorrentino	Childhood Ed 1-6, SWD 1-6 8	11/9/15-5/31/16	
Ilyse Selowsky	SWD 1-6, Childhood Ed e-6 9M	11/9/15-5/31/16	
Melissa Bricker	Math 7 – 12 7	12/1/15-5/31/16	

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Victor Lam	Family & Consumer Sci. 9M	10/19/15-1/30/16	
Nicole Marinucci	Math 7 – 12 7	11/6/15-TBD	

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$200/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Sandra Schumer	Speech & Hearing 9M	11/9/2015	

New Horizons:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Justine Hamilton	10/23/2015	\$28.03/hour
Patricia Reilly	10/27/2015	\$28.03/hour

DOCA Programs:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Elizabeth Katz	10/8/15-10/8/15	\$40.00/hour
Eileen Santos	10/21/2015	\$7.00/hour

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

(The following resolution was added to the agenda)

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants the use of school facilities to be defined by the Department of Community Activities to St. Anthony's CYO girl's basketball league.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - Dr. Harrington welcomed the new staff members appointed this evening. She wished everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving.

Mr. Van Cott advised that there will be a lock-down drill at Oceanside High School. Mrs. DeCarlo will initiate it electronically, strobe lights will be activated and Intralogic will be on site to test the system.

The annual Turkey Shoot will take place at the high school on November 24 between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Baskets of food for Thanksgiving dinner will be delivered to needy families in the community.

On December 17th, all donated toys will be wrapped and ready for delivery to needy families.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY - A resident stated that he felt that the district was not providing sufficient publicity concerning activities taking place in the community. Dr. Harrington provided information on how we publicize events. In terms of the Herald, she stated that information is sent but the district cannot control what they choose to publish.

A question was raised concerning the Interrogation policy presented at a previous meeting. Mr. Transom advised that the policy was tabled since the State is changing the guidelines. It will go to the policy committee for presentation at a future meeting. A resident questioned what the school can do concerning students who are taking prescription medications which may be habit forming. The Board stated that the school does not know what prescription medication children are taking unless the parents give the medication to the school nurse. We do provide parents with a manual detailing appropriate use of drugs and alcohol but have no control over medication taken at home. A resident referred to a recent article on the topic of nepotism. Dr. Harrington stated that in Oceanside we strive to hire the best individuals.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the
Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk