

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Oceanside School #3, 2852 Fortesque 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 Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Maresca at 6:05 p.m. to move into executive session in the library of School #3.

A motion was made by Mr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 7:20 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Giovanna D’Angelo, School #3 Student. A moment of silence was observed to remember our soldiers serving our country and for those we wish to remember during the holiday season.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Maresca to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Special 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 for file.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

High School Course Offerings 2016/2017 – Dr. Harrington explained that Mr. Fenter and Mrs. DeCarlo would be presenting information on the proposed new course offerings which will be offered during the 2016/2017 school year at Oceanside High School (as attached to the records of this meeting). Courses were presented in the areas of Business, Technology, Fine & Performing Arts, Theatre, 3D Sculpture & Crafts, Mathematics, Family & Consumer Science, Early Childhood Education, and Advanced Elementary Education. Mrs. DeCarlo advised that the offerings presented will not increase our teaching staff. A question was raised concerning whether any AP courses were being changed to Honors level. The response was that there were no plan to do so at this time.

School Calendar – 2016/2017 – Dr. Harrington referred to the proposed calendar for the 2016/2017 school year, which the Board will be asked to approve. School will again be starting before Labor Day as a result of the way certain holidays fall next year.

Construction Report – As Submitted

Superintendent's Reports:

Enrollment – As Submitted

Overnight Field Trips and Professional Development – Dr. Harrington advised that based on information received after the last Board meeting that a travel alert is in effect until at least February 24th, it was decided to cancel all three trips to Europe. Discussions will be taking place to determine the possibility of future trips.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS – A question was raised concerning what the district does with surplus materials. Mr. Van Cott advised that the district attempts to sell equipment when possible. In addition, equipment that has no useful purpose is disassembled and any parts that can be used are held for future use if needed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

BID AWARD/GENERATOR INSTALLATION

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

WHEREAS, the Oceanside Union Free School District has solicited and received sealed bids for the installation of a generator at Oceanside Middle School. Costs for installation will be submitted to FEMA as part of the 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 9 Complex: Generator Installation	\$51,000
Elder Contracting Corp.	
30 Corporate Drive	
Holtsville, NY 11742	

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

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

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following textbook be and hereby is adopted for use in Anatomy & Physiology for the 2015/2016 school year.

TITLE	PUBLISHER	COST/BK.	NUMBER	TOTAL
Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology Eleventh Edition	Pearson Education	\$114.00	60	\$6,840.00

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

APPROVAL TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declares equipment attached to the records of this meeting as surplus.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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 December 15, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION STIPENDS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following National Board Certification stipends be approved.

Name	Effective Date	Subject Area/School	Annual Stipend	Method of Payment:
Betsy Weinman	11/07/15	ESL/#8	\$ 618.00	Add to base salary
Ramona D’Aulisa	11/07/15	Elementary Teacher #5	\$ 618.00	Add to base salary

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

Dr. Harrington acknowledged Betsy Weinman and Ramona D’Aulisa, two Oceanside teachers, who have achieved National Board Certification. This is a very rigorous program teachers participate in to achieve this recognition and Oceanside is extremely fortunate to have one of the largest cohorts of teachers in New York State with National Board Certification. These teachers will be recognized at a future Board meeting.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

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

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

RESIGNATIONS:

EMILY HARVEY, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 12/04/15. Personal reasons.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

LEANNE VIGNOLA, Math teacher (School #7), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth.

JANELLE GIANNETTA, Special Education teacher (School #7), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth.

KRISTEN PICKETT, Elementary teacher (School #6), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, following childbirth.

ASSIGNMENTS TO SIXTH PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR – SCHOOL #7:

RITA BYRNES, Math teacher, .6 of a sixth period of instruction, effective 1/04/16, at a stipend of \$5,031 per annum, pro-rated.

MATTHEW SHEINKOPF, Science teacher, .5 of a sixth period of instruction, effective 9/01/15, at a stipend of \$4,193 per annum.

SALARY ADVANCEMENT:

ELIZABETH LEVENGOOD, World Language teacher, (School #9M/#7), from MA30 to MA60, effective 12/01/15.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

RESIGNATIONS:

JULIE HASDAY, School Nurse #7, effective at the close of business on 12/14/15. Personal reasons
MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 – 0

HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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
Karl Spielmann	Permanent Substitute	6/30/2015
Colleen Strianese	School Monitor PT Substitute	11/25/2015

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

Donna Caputo, Teacher Aide (School #9M), leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 12/7/15.

APPOINTMENTS:

Teacher Aide Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Location	Rate of Pay
Lindsey Beratis	11/30/2015	9E	\$12.00/hour
Colleen Strianese	11/30/2015	8	\$12.00/hour

Per Diem Substitute Nurse:

Name	Effective Date	Location	Rate of Pay
Arlene Parmelee	12/2/2015	7	\$200/day

Per Diem Leave Replacement - \$150/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Madgy Decembre	French 7 – 12	7, 9M	12/2/2015
Donna Gross	Pre-K, K, Childhood 1-6	2	12/9/2015

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

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Selda Avman	SWD 1-6, Childhood Ed 1-6	6/1/16-6/30/16
Lauren Geldzahler	SWD 7-12	6/1/16-6/30/16
Brittany Dunatov	SWD 1-6, Childhood Ed 1-6	11/18/15-6/30/16
Lisa Kirk	Pre-K, K 1-6	11/23/15-6/30/16
Michelle Nadav	SWD B-2, Early Childhood B-2	12/7/15-6/30/16
Inwha Park	Math 7 – 12	12/9/15-6/30/16

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

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Myra Ackerman	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	12/10/15-6/30/16
Mary Ann Arnone	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	12/10/15-6/30/16
Debra Lebowitz	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	12/3/15-6/30/16
Lois Nevitt	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	12/10/15-6/30/16
Joan Norris	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	11/30/15-6/30/16
Carol Stoger	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 – 6	11/30/15-6/30/16

Permanent Substitute – \$110/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Selda Avman	SWD 1-6, Childhood Ed 1-6	9E	11/9/2015-5/31/16
Melissa Bricker	Math 7 – 12	7	12/2/15-5/31/16
Gena Lakin	Childhood Ed 1-6	5	12/11/15-5/31/16

Permanent Substitute – .8, \$91.65/day:

Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
Lauren Geldzahler	SWD 7-12	9M	11/2/15-6/30/16

Homebound Tutor - \$49.27/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Steven Cohen	Science 7 – 12 , Math 7 - 12	9/1/2015
Robert DiGiovanna	Math 7 – 12	9/1/2015
David Kaplan	Science 7 – 12	9/1/2015
Lynne Panagakos	SWD, Nursery, K & 1-6	11/30/2015

Extended School Day Provider - \$25/hour:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Elizabeth Arendsen	SWD B-2, Early Childhood B-2	11/12/2015

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

COACHING STIPENDS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached coaching stipends be approved for the 2015/2016 school year (as attached to the records of this meeting).

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

(The following two resolutions were added to the agenda)

APPROVAL OF CALENDAR FOR 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the calendar for the 2016/2017 school year.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 - 0

APPROVAL OF NOMINATION TO NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AREA 11 DIRECTOR

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Oceanside Board of Education Robert “BA” Schoen is the recipient of its vote for New York State School Boards Association’s Division 11 candidate.

MOTION APPROVED 7 – 0 -0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) – Dr. Harrington advised that the federal government has passed a new act ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) which gives the States more autonomy than they have had in the past. The Governor’s Task Force on Common Core released their final report which contained 21 recommendations which Dr. Harrington summarized as follows: Established new high quality standards with an emphasis on early childhood levels; Develop better curriculum guidelines and resources; and Significantly reduce testing time, which was a big issue. Tests should fit curriculum and standards. .

SPECIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - Dr. Harrington informed the community that Todd Kaminsky organized a very powerful meeting recently at the Oceanside Library which was attended by high level representatives from the State as well as Regent Roger Tilles. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the new requirements for high school graduation for special education students. The officials in attendance advised that they would be examining this new requirement and making important changes. Dr. Harrington stated that she will await further information and will keep the community and the Board informed.

Dr. Harrington wished everyone a very happy, healthy and very peaceful New Year and Holiday Season.

Mr. Transom advised that Oceanside Community Service has been collecting toys for children of needy families. They will be wrapping the toys at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in the School #6 cafeteria and again on Saturday, December 19th, at 8:30 a.m. Baskets and toys will be delivered to approximately 225 families.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY – A community member asked questions concerning lock-down procedures at the high school, which Mr. Van Cott responded to.

Mrs. Schoell provided information on the upcoming Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Mr. Transom wished everyone on behalf of the Board of Education a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Mr. Transom at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Mary Ann Marino
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green
District Clerk