

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room, 145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Attendance: President Schoell, Vice President McGrath-Mulhern, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Maresca and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents De Rosa, Provvido and Van Cott.

A motion was made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern at 6:00 p.m. to move into executive session in the District Office Board Room for the purpose of discussing superintendent's contract.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Maresca at 6:50 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Update on Regulations/Expectations with potential budgetary impact – Dr. Harrington highlighted the following sections:

- School Counseling – Dr. Harrington reported on the District's implementation of a comprehensive developmental counseling/guidance program for all students in K-12. This program would be implemented in September 2019. All K-12 students will have access to a certified school counselor. The plan is to be approved each year by the Board of Education.
- Mr. Guzzone, Director of Guidance, spoke about some of the changes that have occurred over the past two years. For example, Career Readiness Program; a shift from college preparation to college and career preparation; and personalized letters to families regarding graduation needs for seniors.
- Mr. Guzzone also spoke about new events such as counselors assisting juniors with starting college applications prior to the fall of their senior year; Decision Day where we promote students to wear clothing that represent their post-high school path; ten students who had the opportunity to interview for full tuition scholarships to Long Island University; and the changes to the HS course catalog (additional sections would be listing A/P courses and honors separately).
- Mental Health Education Literacy – Dr. Harrington reported that this is not a new requirement, but the State has upped the ante to review what we do and what we don't do. The District has been in the forefront of mental health education. The District is looking into having one full time District-wide person who can deliver health education lessons and counseling lessons into one position at the upper elementary level (grades 4, 5 and 6).
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Dr. Harrington reported on ESSA and the fact that it requires a greater emphasis on data collection and data interpretation. The law holds schools accountable for how students learn and achieve and it aims to provide an equal opportunity for all students.
- District Data Coordinator – Dr. Harrington reported that our current Systems Manager will be retiring in December 2019. Discussion took place regarding the job responsibilities of a District Data Coordinator.

Questions were raised by some Board members and responses were provided.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made at 8:48 p.m. by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Marie Barbella
Secretary to the Board of Education