

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the School #6 Auditorium, 145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Attendance: President Garrity, Vice President Schoell, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Maresca, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents Provvido and Van Cott and Acting Assistant Superintendent Rose. Dr. DeRosa was not in attendance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mr. Blau at 6:00 p.m. to move into executive session in the District Office Board Room.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mrs. Schoell at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

In Attendance: President Garrity, Vice President Schoell, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Maresca, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington, Assistant Superintendents Provvido and Van Cott and Acting Assistant Superintendent Rose and District Clerk Green. Dr. DeRosa was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Jessica Cinamon and Olivia Lattka, School #9M students. The National Anthem was sung by Kennedy Ramos, School #9M student.

SCHOOL BOARDS RECOGNITION WEEK – Dr. Harrington advised that New York State has selected the month of October to recognize School Board members for their commitment to New York public school children and this evening we are honoring the Oceanside Board of Education for their tremendous commitment to our District. Dr. Harrington stated that our School Board is a dedicated group of individuals who give tirelessly of themselves around the community as well as the school district.

The meeting was turned over to Patricia Abela, PTA Council Co-President. Ms. Abela stated that Marie Pette was unable to be here tonight as she is away on business. Ms. Abela was joined by PTA representatives from each school and stated that the Board of Education is the education leader of our district and they determine policies for the school district. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for their dedication in being the education leaders of the district and for their countless hours advocating for our children. Ms. Abela reported that the Board attends workshops, conferences, concerts, music/art festivals, sports, varied committees, etc. all on their personal time. This year PTA presented the Board with beautiful name plates which will be displayed on the Board of Education dais at Board meetings.

Mrs. Garrity thanked Ms. Abela on behalf of PTA Council for her kind words and for the beautiful name plates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Mr. Maresca and seconded by Mrs. Schoell to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2017 Regular Board of Education Meeting for file.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Transom to accept the Treasurer's Report, the Transfer of Funds Report and the Internal Claims Audit Review of Warrants for file.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Report from the School District Auditors – Jennifer St. Denis, Supervisor at R.S. Abrams, the District's external auditor, reported that the District is financially sound. She stated that Oceanside School District received the best opinion one can get. For the second year in a row, the management letter contained no comments. Ms. St. Denis stated this is very rare. Ms. St. Denis thanked Mr. Van Cott, Ms. Green and the entire Accounting Department for their cooperation in developing their report.

Dr. Harrington stated that the District is now one step closer to being removed from the fiscal susceptibility list. We hope to be officially off that list by the end of this year.

Mrs. Garrity reported that the Board Audit Committee also met with the internal auditors who gave the District a perfect report. The auditors also said that working with Robin Green was wonderful.

Veterans Flag Ceremony – Dr. Harrington turned the floor over to Brendon Mitchell who proudly introduced Joshua Myrick, President of the Student Council at Oceanside High School Castleton. Joshua reported that the objective of the Veterans Flag Ceremony is to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of the heroes of our community. A flag will be raised in honor of a veteran from the Oceanside community. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 9:30 a.m. at Schoolhouse Green.

Dr. Harrington reported that Fred Morse will be the first person to be honored. We hope this project will be a long standing tradition in Oceanside.

Campaign on Safe Driver and Pedestrian Safety – Dr. Harrington turned the floor over to Mitchell Bickman who proudly introduced Gemma Brunstein, an Oceanside High School student. Gemma reported that Oceanside's Pre-K-6 students will be taking part in a district-wide Public Service Announcement campaign to bring greater community awareness to driver and pedestrian safety. Elementary students will be making driver and pedestrian safety posters with their own slogans which will be posted throughout the community on October 30th to display student work throughout town the day before Halloween, where we usually see the largest number of children on the streets. Student work will be displayed in front of schools, at local businesses and at traffic signals to bring awareness to driver and pedestrian safety. The video was shown at tonight's Board Meeting.

No questions from the Board.

No questions from the community.

Construction Report – As submitted.

Superintendent's Reports

- Enrollment – As submitted.
- Professional Staff Development and Overnight Student Field Trips – As submitted.

New York State Schools Boards Association – On motion made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern, this item for information is part of this Agenda.

Mrs. Schoell reported on the New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention held on October 12-14 in Lake Placid. NYSSBA is a statewide event that brings together education leaders to discuss the needs, interests and issues of concern to school board members across the state. Although she

did not attend the convention, she followed it online and highlighted several topics. She emphasized that not all school boards or local region units are in agreement with NYSSBA. Some highlights:

- NYSSBA opposes charter schools. They support the creation of a regional high school when determined to be educationally or fiscally prudent.
- NYSSBA supports teacher training, putting emphasis on producing high caliber teachers. They support the rigorous process of granting teacher certification. She noted that charter schools want to do their own certification. NYSSBA is not in support of that.
- NYSSBA supports testing modifications for students with disabilities if not covered in an IEP.
- NYSSBA supports having all parties present at the table when discussing PILOT because school districts are impacted by this. What will the cost be to our taxpayers?
- NYSSBA opposes the property tax cap. They do support a reform to the tax cap formula.
- NYSSBA supports raising the fund balance – federally fund mandates or legislation for ENL and undocumented minors.
- NYSSBA supports protecting the privacy of students by having locally generated identification numbers.

A community member asked Mrs. Schoell if she had any more information on additional testing accommodations for students with disabilities. Mrs. Schoell did not have any further information.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON ITEMS FOR ACTION – There were no questions raised.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. ACCEPTANCE OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Oceanside Union Free School District Board of Education accepts the results of the financial audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, as prepared by our independent auditors, R.S. Abrams & Company.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

B. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Oceanside Union Free School District Board of Education accepts the results of the annual risk assessment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, as prepared by internal auditors, Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

C. NEW YORK/LONG ISLAND EDUCATION DATA SERVICES, INC (ED DATA) COOPERATIVE SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, & EQUIPMENT BID

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

WHEREAS, it would be in the interest of the Oceanside Union Free School District to participate in the 2017-18 ED DATA cooperative purchasing program as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0 for the purchase of various supplies, materials and equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceanside Union Free School District Board of Education hereby subscribes to the cooperative purchasing program.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

D. APPROVAL OF REVISED USE OF FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of facilities at School #8 Auditorium by Herb Deutsche, Long Island Composers Alliance, on Saturday, November 4, 2017 and Sunday, November 5, 2017 for a Concert in Celebration of the Music of Herb Rothgarber, as outlined in the recommendation filed with the records of this meeting Board of Education approval is contingent upon the requester providing required information to the Department of Community Activities.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

E. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE Chairperson, the Board of Education 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 October 18, 2017.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

F. APPROVAL OF TABLE OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL/STAFFING CHART

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 approves the attached Table of School Personnel/Staffing Chart for the 2017/2018 school year.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

G. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of professional personnel items be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

LAUREN SCIDA, Teacher Assistant, effective at the close of business on 8/31/17, personal reasons.
CORRINE PROTASIEWICZ, Elementary Teacher, effective at the close of business on 10/19/2017, personal reasons.

ASSIGNMENTS TO SIXTH PERIOD 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR:

SARA DOWLER, Health teacher, a sixth period, effective 9/5/2017, at a stipend of \$8,639.00 per annum.
MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

H. APPROVAL OF CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of Civil Service personnel be approved.

RETIREMENTS:

EDWARD SOMMER, Duplicating Machine Operator, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 9/29/17.
DONAVAN FOSTER, Cleaner, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the close of business on 8/8/17.

RESIGNATION:

ELLEN SCARANDINO, School Nurse, effective at the close of business on 10/05/17, personal reasons.

APPOINTMENTS:

JENNIFER SAMPSON Occupational Therapist
10 Month
Probationary (10/13/17 – 4/12/18)
Effective 10/13/17
Grade OT(B), Step 1
Assigned To: Schools #3, #5, #7

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

I. APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mr. Maresca

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of new hourly employees be approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Stephanie Osgood	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	9/25/2017
Marissa Gordon	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	10/1/2017
Marissa Gordon	Permanent Substitute Teacher	10/1/2017
Christina Minerva	Food Service Worker	10/27/2017

RETIREMENTS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Sandra Burtis	Teacher Aide	9/29/2017

TERMINATIONS:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Gladys Andrews	Proctor	6/14/2017
Victoria May	New Horizons	8/31/2017

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

BRENDA BRACCIODIETA, School Monitor, leave of absence without pay, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and consistent with Board policy, effective 10/10/17, for a period of up to twelve weeks.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT STATUS:

Start Date Change:

Name	Title	From: Effect. Date	To: Effect Date
Jennifer Thorne	School Monitor	9/5/2017	8/30/2017
Sandra Natal	School Monitor	9/5/2017	8/30/2017
Elizabeth Cunningham	Per Diem Sub Nurse	9/25/2017	10/2/2017

Rate Change:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Rate
Debra Lebowitz	Per Diem Sub Teacher	9/5/2017	\$110.00/day
Roseann Goldstein	Typist Clerk PT Sub	10/18/2017	\$11.00/hour

APPOINTMENTS:

Teacher Aide Part Time:

Name	Effective Date	Location	Rate of Pay
Renee Allweiss	9/28/2017	#6	\$12.00/hour

Per Diem Substitute Teacher - \$90/day:

Name	Certification	Effective Date
Heather Finkelstein	Childhood Ed 1 – 6	10/2/2017
Jacqueline Lyle	N, K 1-6, English 7-9, Reading	10/3/2017

Permanent Substitute Teacher - \$125/day:

Name	Certification	Loc.	Effective Date
Joseph Rasulo	Health, Physical Education	#7	10/1/2017
Ashley Horishny	Physical Education	#7	10/1/2017
Margaret Orgera	Pre-K, K, 1-6	#3	10/4/2017

Acting Director of World Language and ENL K-12:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Fredric Koller	11/1/2017 (max 34 days)	\$500/day

Driver's Education:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
William Kipp	9/1/2017	\$47.00/hour
Michael Limmer	9/1/2017	\$47.00/hour
Lewis Perlmutter	9/1/2017	\$47.00/hour
Nicholas Punzone	9/1/2017	\$45.00/hour

New Horizons:

Name	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Kristen Hanna	10/2/2017	\$25.00/hour

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Name	Title	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Eileen Nappi	CARES Counselor	9/18/2017	\$12.00/hour
Giuliana Quigley	CARES Counselor	9/20/2017	\$12.00/hour
Frances Fink	CARES Counselor	9/20/2017	\$12.00/hour
Jillian Jordan	Youth Instructor	9/23/2017	\$17.30/hour
Amelia Parry	Youth Instructor	9/23/2017	\$30.00/hour
Justin Rosenthal	Youth Instructor	9/23/2017	\$18.00/hour
Angelina Keller	Assist. Supervisor	9/27/2017	\$28.00/hour
Susan Smith	CARES Counselor	10/2/2017	\$12.00/hour
Patricia Anderson	Adult Instructor	10/10/2017	\$19.00/hour

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

J. APPROVAL OF CO-CURRICULAR STIPENDS RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the attached list of Co-curricular stipends for the 2017/2018 school year be approved.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Harrington was proud to announce that all elementary children, K-6, will be attending an assembly by renowned artist Bren Bataclan, known for the whimsical, happy and smiling characters in his artwork, demonstrating how a smile is universally understood. Thanks to our Cultural Arts Committee and PTAs.

Dr. Harrington stated that due to the success of our community reading campaign, *OSD Go Read*, we have decided to begin a campaign entitled *OSD Go Read...The Sequel!* We have created and distributed to each building banners which display the school number/name and *THE SEQUEL* logo in front of the text of a famous book sequel/second in a series. The Oceanside community will be encouraged to identify the titles and respond with their guesses.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

On behalf of Jill Bonacasa, Mrs. Schoell reminded the community about the Oceanside Community Service Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held next Thursday, October 26th. Mrs. Schoell explained that we rarely honor people at this function, but this year we will be honoring our Oceanside Federation of Teachers. They are probably our biggest supporters.

For information go to OceansideCommunityService@gmail.com

Mrs. Garrity spoke about the difference between public schools and charter schools with regard to teacher qualifications. In the public school system, teachers must have a Master's Degree or be working towards one. That is not the case with charter schools. Mrs. Garrity explained that it is completely unacceptable for teachers to not have the same college degree requirements as public school teachers. Everyone should be opposed to charter schools, of which there are 167 schools to date.

Mrs. Garrity thanked Oceanside Middle School for their wonderful recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A community member addressed the issue of Days of Limited Attendance. Dr. Harrington responded to his inquiry.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Transom to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marie Barbella
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin Green
District Clerk