

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop #2 of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the School #6 Auditorium, 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 Cokley, DeRosa and Provvido.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schoell and seconded by Mr. Blau at 6:01 p.m. to move into executive session in the District Office Board Room for the purpose of legal concerning a cleaner and personnel regarding retirements.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio at 7:12 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Chloe Acosta, Wesley McPherson and Sebastian Michalovsky, School #6 students.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** – The National Anthem was provided by a video presentation.

### **ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

#### Budget Workshop #2 – Curriculum, Instruction, Special Education, Technology, Student Services, Fine and Performing Arts and Athletics

Dr. Harrington provided a video presentation of the current OHS science and technology classrooms. She explained that the District is seeking approval to expend from the existing Capital Reserve Fund approximately \$3.3 million for the purpose of renovating four chemistry rooms and two preparation rooms. This improvement project would take place over several phases. If approved, the first phase of the project would begin in the summer of 2021. Dr. Harrington emphasized that there is no cost to the taxpayers because this money is in our Capital Reserve Fund. In addition, the project is 40% aidable. This Capital Reserve Proposition will be included on the May 19<sup>th</sup> ballot.

Mrs. Schoell requested that detailed information (including pictures and cost breakdowns) be provided to the community through Oceanside School District Facebook page. The community must know all the details about this possible renovation. The information would also be posted on the District website.

Mr. Transom made a motion to approve placing the science renovation project on the May 19<sup>th</sup> ballot.

Mr. Cokley provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached to the records of this meeting). The following topics covered this evening are: Tax Cap Update, Review Program Component and important dates. He reported that the 2020-21 Oceanside UFSD Tax Cap is 3.44%; the District is working to get that percentage down. The preliminary 2020-2021 budget to budget increase is 2.51%. Mr. Cokley presented the Program Component of the budget.

Mrs. Provvido provided a detailed report on Curriculum and Instruction. Information was provided regarding District-Wide Staff Development, staffing related to teacher assistants, Instructional Equipment (including classroom furniture) and textbooks.

Dr. Smith provided information on Special Education (tuition/related services private schools, BOCES and vocational). Dr. Harrington explained the need for medical monitors has significantly increased.

Dr. Harrington reported that Oceanside School District has entered into a collaborative services agreement with Cohen Children's Medical Center and neighboring districts. This agreement will provide crisis intervention for students who may require the services of a child psychiatrist or licensed mental health worker. The District is asking BOCES to create it as a CoSer in order to save money for participating school districts.

Budget Workshop #3 will take place on March 18, 2020.

Inquiries were made by Board members and community members and responses were provided.

Mrs. Schoell emphasized the need to speak with our legislators about school districts not receiving the funds that are promised. Legislators must pay attention to the needs of Special Education and fund it properly.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON ITEM FOR ACTION**

No questions.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **A. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Oceanside Board of Education approves the nomination of the following individuals to the BOCES Board of Education: Deborah Coates and Eric B. Schultz.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

#### **B. DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Oceanside Union Free School District hereby appoints Arthur Riegel, Esq., to serve as hearing officer with respect to disciplinary charges brought against the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A" pursuant to Civil Service Law '75.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A" be suspended without pay for a period of thirty days following service of the disciplinary charges on the employee, pending hearing and determination of said charges.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0-0

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Marie Barbella  
Secretary to the Board of Education  
and District Clerk