

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Oyster Bay – East Norwich Central School District

Date: January 6, 2015
Kind of Meeting: Workshop Meeting
Location: Oyster Bay High School, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: Ann Marie Longo, President
Jennifer Romeo, Vice President
Michael Castellano
Robin Dando - Left at 9:25
John Mc Evoy
Maryann Santos
Stephen Zbodula

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Dr. Laura Seinfeld, Superintendent
Stephen Valente, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Margaret Nolan, District Clerk

Ann Marie Longo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Motion by J. Romeo, second by R. Dando, to enter into executive session at 7:01 PM.

Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo, to claim out of executive session at 8:12 PM

Dr. Seinfeld spoke on a past conversation regarding athletics, particularly related to Crew and Football. She indicated Mr. Trentowski would be speaking to the Board regarding athletics.

Mr. Trentowski spoke on conversations he had with Friends Academy, Cold Spring Harbor and Locust Valley regarding combining football teams. He reviewed the reasons these Districts would not be interested in combining teams. He also spoke on the logistics of combining teams. Mr. Trentowski spoke on conversations he had with Section 8 regarding the difficulties schools like Oyster Bay face with the current system. He indicated that there were other Districts who were contacting Section 8 regarding their concerns. Ann Marie Longo stated that she, along with Dr. Seinfeld and Mr. Trentowski, would draft a letter indicating Oyster Bays needs and program relief.

Ann Marie Longo broke from the agenda to take comments from the community on the topic of football.

Stephen Valente gave an update on the Capitol Projects throughout the District. Mr. Valente reviewed some projects that have been completed over the years using capital reserve funds. He stated that any money left can only be spent on other projects that were approved that year. Mr. Valente reviewed some possible projects for the 2015-2016 school year.

Debra Strell introduced some staff members from the Guidance Department and spoke on their roles and responsibilities. Ms. Strell reviewed Naviance, the program used for college applications. She stated that the process is in place to provide college advisement to seventh graders. She reviewed how the Guidance Department matches students to the appropriate colleges. She spoke on scholarships that are available and ways to get students to take advantage of these scholarships. Ms. Strell reviewed the Oyster Bay High School profile which is sent with all applications and provided the Board with a hard copy of this profile. Ms. Strell reviewed some new initiatives the department is undertaking. The Board asked questions relative to the presentation.

The Board accepted questions and comments from the community, on agenda items, at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by M. Santos, second by J. McEvoy, to approve the following:

V NEW BUSINESS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby approves the following *New Business* Resolutions as listed:

A) COLLEGE TRIP

RESOLVED, in accordance with Policy 8442, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District approves the College Awareness Tour to Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina leaving Oyster Bay, New York on January 28, 2015 and returning on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

B) DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CONTINGENT OYSTER BAY HIGH SCHOOL WEST STAIRWELL REPAIR:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to approve and sign a contract for the emergency repair of the OBEN High School west stairwell, not to exceed \$200,000. Currently, there is a safety issue if the staircase is in use, as the support columns and I-beams are corroded and detached from the pilings, causing an unsafe condition that must be addressed to as soon as repair quotes are obtained by the District. The repair will be for all steel work needed to repair the stairwell and the District is awaiting vendor proposals to repair.

Discussion: Michael Castellano spoke on his concerns of the funds being used for emergency repairs.

John McEvoy asked for an itinerary for the college trip.

Motion by A. Longo, second by J. Romeo, to amend Item B to read not to exceed \$200,000.

Ann Marie Longo indicated that all repair work is to be discussed with the Board prior to starting.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Friday packet was discussed.

Stephen Zbodula asked a question regarding the energy performance contract.

Jennifer Romeo asked a question regarding the Robot. Dr. Seinfeld indicated that it was cost prohibitive.

Florence Frazer will look into the legalities of on-line learning.

There were no speakers requesting to address the Board.

Discussion:

Dr. Seinfeld reviewed the policies listed which were previously reviewed by the Policy Committee. She indicated that there were no changes to the annual review policies. She stated that if there were no questions or concerns, these policies would be on the January 20th agenda for adoption.

Policy Review

Annual Review Policies

3410 - Code of Conduct

5210 - District Investments

5410 - Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering
5651 - School Safety Plan
5670 - District Wellness Policy
7110 - Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy

1650 - Submission of Questions and Propositions At The Annual Meeting And Election
And Special District Meetings

5657 - Information Security Breach And Notification

6111 - Testing Misconduct and Mandatory Reporting Requirements

NEW

7210 - Student Evaluation

7240 - Student Records

7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs And Other Substances (Students)

7530 - Child Abuse and Maltreatment

7622 - Extended School Year (July/August) Service and/or Programs

Michael Castellano asked a question regarding funding for ELL. Dr. Seinfeld indicated that it has been in the budget and she will include a blurb in this week's letter.

Michael Castellano asked a question regarding the Civic Association meeting. John McEvoy spoke on some topics that can be discussed.

Motion by Ann Marie Longo, second by M. Santos, to adjure at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Nolan
District Clerk