

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

Date: March 17, 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
John McEvoy
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
Florence Frazer, District Counsel

Ann Marie Longo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Motion by R. Dando, second by M. Santos, to enter into executive session at 6:30 P.M. Motion by R. Dando, second by J. Romeo, to claim out of executive session at 8:05 P.M.

Call to Order

Jennifer Romeo introduced Steven Shoemaker, and spoke about his accomplishments and contributions to Oyster Bay High School. Steven Shoemaker led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Marie Longo called for the approval of minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2015. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Ninesling gave the treasurer's report for the month of January and February, 2015. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Maryann Santos reported on correspondence, e-mail, and foil requests received by the Board.

Correspondence

Dr. Seinfeld congratulated Valerie Vacchio who had recently received her Doctorate Degree. She thanked her for her dedication to the students and the District.

Superintendent's Report

Peter Rufa spoke on the accomplishments of students who had participated in the 2015 Art Supervisors Association Nassau County Art Exhibition. Mr. Rufa introduced each student and Dr. Seinfeld and Ann Marie Longo presented them with certificates.

Dr. Seinfeld reminded the Board and community that anyone interested in running for the Board of Education could pick up a nominating packet at the Administration Building. She stated that the deadline to submit petitions was April 20, 2015.

Dr. Seinfeld spoke on a workshop she attended at the New York State Council of School Superintendents Conference, particularly related to the class of 2022 which is the first class to have to pass Regents exams with a score of 75 or greater. She spoke on discussion that is taking place regarding different pathways to meet these standards.

Dr. Seinfeld introduced Liliana Policano, who along with Dr. Mulhall, would be presenting on the English as New Language (ENL) program requirements and changes.

Mrs. Policano reviewed some of the new mandates regarding Part 154 for the 2015-2016 school year. She gave an overview of the current program which is called English as a Second Language (ESL), which will evolve into the new ENL program. Mrs. Policano stated that approximately 92% of the ELL students are Hispanic speaking. She indicated that lower language students require interpreters for their exams.

Mrs. Policano spoke on the success of the Saturday Program which reaches out to families in the community. She explained that it is held on three Saturdays and deals directly with literacy and skills; parents are encouraged to attend with their children. The program received a Program of Excellence Award from the English Council in 2011.

Dr. Mulhall spoke on the specifics of Part 154 stating that the ultimate goal is for all students to be successful not just in Oyster Bay but at the college level and beyond. She reviewed the amendments to Part 154 regulations for 2015-2016. Dr. Mulhall elaborated on the changes in regulations from English as a Second Language (ESL) to English as A New Language (ENL) indicating that the full list of regulations is available on the State website. She spoke on the new language identification process, interviews with students, administration of the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL), and determination for students with disabilities. Dr. Mulhall reviewed variables which will affect the District's needs in 2015-2016. She stated that there is still clarification needed from the State Education Department.

Steve Valente gave the next in the series of budget presentations regarding the 2015-2016 budget. He reviewed revenues, tax levy, state aid, and other revenues. He reported on the projected state aid which is based on the final figures received in 2014-2015. He reviewed the appropriated fund balance, explaining how and why this figures changes and the importance of fund balance relative to future budgets. Mr. Valente reviewed some items that could be added to the budget should revenue increase.

Mr. Valente reviewed items the Board had discussed including in the Capital Reserve Proposition for the 2015-2016 budget. He stated that based on some new information the Board may wish to make some changes to this proposition. He stated that the Board must come to a decision this evening as to which items they would like to include in the Capital Reserve Proposition due to deadlines for submitting to the local papers for printing. This proposition would be on the March 31st agenda for formal approval.

The Board took on a vote on the suggestion of eliminating generators from the capital reserve fund projects reconfigure \$120 to cover costs of technology infrastructure and Room 16. The Board voted 6-1 in favor of this change – Mr. Zbodula – NO.

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

Motion by R. Dando, second by M. Santos, to approve the following:

X PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A) Professional Personnel

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 *Professional Personnel and Civil Service Personnel* Resolutions as listed:

Public Comments

Personnel

1. **RETIREMENT RESIGNATION**

1.1 JEANNE ALTAMIRANO Position: English Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2015
Assigned to: Oyster Bay High School

**Retirement
Resignation**

2. **APPOINTMENTS**

2.1 COACHES Effective: 2014-2015 School Year
Period Date: Spring 2015
Salary: According to the Agreement between the
OBENCSD and the OBENTA. A list will be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Appointments

2.2 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Effective: 2014-2015 School Year
Assigned to: On-call – as needed
Salary: \$100 per day – A list will be
appended to the minutes of this meeting.

B) Non-teaching

1. **PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE**

1.1 PATRICIA JARONCZYK Position: School Nurse
Effective: March 30, 2015
Assigned to: High School

**Permanent Civil
Service**

2. **EXTENDED SICK LEAVE**

2.1 MARGARET NOLAN Position: Stenographic Secretary
Assigned to: Administration
Status: Partial Payment for Extended
Sick Leave
Effective: March 16, 2015
Salary: \$798.32/month for months
7 - 12 (if necessary) as per

**Extended Sick
Leave**

Article X-Section IV of the Agreement between the OBENSCD and the OBENCSD Clerical Unit.

Discussion: John McEvoy asked if the coach who would normally coach softball would still be paid if there were not enough athletes to run a JV program. Dr. Seinfeld will look into this and report back in the next Board letter.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by M. Santos, second by S. Zbodula, to approve the following:

XI BUSINESS ACTIONS

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 **Business** Resolutions as listed:

Business Actions

A) ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

The Board of Education hereby accepts the Warrant of Schedules and Claims as presented by the Internal Claims Auditor to the Treasurer for the month of February 2015.

**Acceptance of
Warrant**

B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer: Transaction #2802-2809.

Transfer of Funds

C) EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the report of the Extra Classroom Activity Funds as submitted January and February 2015.

Extraclassroom Activity Funds

D) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the gift in the amount of \$1,000 to be used at the Roosevelt Elementary School.

Acceptance of Gift

Amount: \$1,000 to be used at the discretion of the School
Donated by Mr. Andrew Ross and Dr. Alexandria Ross

E) HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the health service contracts for the 2014-15 school year with:

Health Services Contracts

Garden City Public Schools for 4 resident students attending St. Anne's School (1 student) and The Waldorf School (3 students) at the rate of \$867.91 per student for a total of \$3,471.64, and

Huntington UFSD for 2 resident students attending St. Patrick's School at \$603.00 for a total of \$1,206.00.

F) CONTRACT — OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CUSTODIAL UNIT

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is authorized to sign the contract with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Custodial Unit for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

Contract

G) CONTINGENT EMERGENCY EXPENSE DECLARATION/OBHS KITCHEN FIRE HOOD

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declares an emergency contingent expense to replace the OBHS kitchen fire hood, ceiling and lighting due to said areas being deemed out of compliance with fire code and a danger to the safety and welfare of occupants of the high school. The authorization is not to exceed \$200,000 for all the work required to complete the repair and replacement project.

Contingent Emergency Expenses

H) CONTINGENT EMERGENCY EXPENSE DECLARATION/OBHS BRICK FAÇADE

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declares an emergency contingent expense to make all repairs necessary to the OBHS brick façade due to falling pieces of brick and mortar leading to unsafe conditions at the main high school entrance area for all students, staff and visitors. The authorization is not to exceed \$200,000 for all the work required to complete the repair project. If any additional funds are needed the District will be required to petition the Board of Education for additional funding.

I) SCHOLARSHIP APPROVAL

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the establishment of the following scholarships:

Scholarship Approval

Fine Arts Scholarship
Richard M. Conklin Award

The annual amount will be dependent on fundraising efforts by the Fine and Performing Arts Department.

Discussion: Due to the fact that there had been a change in the figure in item “H” and some Board members did not have the updated version of the agenda there was a brief discussion on removing Item “H” from the consent agenda. Upon approval from the attorney, all Board members were supplied with the corrected agenda and it was voted on to leave item “H” as is in the consent agenda.

Jennifer Romeo asked a question regarding a budget transfer. Mr. Valente explained.

Maryann Santos asked a question regarding the health services contract for St. Anne’s school Mr. Valente explained that this was mandated for a community student who attends school there.

Motion unanimously carried.

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

XII SPECIAL SERVICES

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 *Special Services* Resolutions as listed:

A) CPSE/CSE MINUTES

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District has arranged that the following appropriate special education programs and/or services be provided as recommended by the Committee on Special Education:

<u>CPSE:</u>		
02/03/2015	1	Annual Review
02/05/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
02/10/2015	1	Annual Review
02/12/2015	1	Requested Review
03/03/2015	2	Annual Review
<u>CSE:</u>		
02/10/2015	1	Annual Review
03/02/2015	1	Requested Review
03/03/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
03/04/2015	1	Requested Review
03/09/2015	2	Annual Review
03/11/2015	3	Requested Review
<u>504:</u>		
03/11/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination

B) SERVICE CONTRACTS 2014-15/OBEN DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE

WHEREAS, Education Law 3602-c provides that the Board of Education shall provide special education services to students with disabilities when such students attend schools located outside the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District and reside in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District.

WHEREAS, a request for such special education services had been made by school authorities set forth in IEP and

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that this district of residence shall pay the district of location as contracted with the district providing special education services and facilities for the student attending the Roslyn Union Free School District subject to verification of the name and address by the district of residence and proof of the services provided.

Motion unanimously carried.

Special Services

**Service
Contracts**

Motion by R. Dando, second by M. Santos, to approve the following:

XIII 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) 2014-2015 CALENDAR/AMENDED

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby amends the 2014-15 school calendar. Schools will be in session on May 22, 2015.

B) GRADE 8 COLLEGE TRIP

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District approves the Grade 8 College Tour to New Jersey and Pennsylvania leaving Oyster Bay, New York on Friday, March 27, 2015 and returning on Sunday, March 29, 2015.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Friday packet was discussed.

Jennifer Romeo asked a question regarding Center for Innovation; do teachers leave the classroom to attend. Dr. Mulhall indicated that one librarian participated.

Dr. Castellano stated his concerns for students “opting out” of the state assessment. He felt they should be allowed to read a book, write an essay, or do some type of constructive work. Dr. Seinfeld explained that the compromise was that students “opting out” would be allowed to bring a book to read.

Jennifer Romeo asked for the number of students who are provided home instruction. Dr. Seinfeld will provide this information.

Jennifer Romeo would like to have input from the community regarding projects to be included in the Bond proposition.

The Board discussed the preliminary dates for the 2015-2016 Board meetings.

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

Motion by R. Dando, second by M. Santos, to enter into executive session at 10:30 P.M.

Motion by R. Dando, second by M. Santos, to adjourn at 11:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Nolan
District Clerk

New Business

**2014-2015
Calendar
Revised**

**Grade 8
College Trip**

Friday Packet

Public Comments

**Executive
Session**

Adjournment