

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

Date: December 15, 2015
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Location: Oyster Bay High School, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: Jennifer Romeo-Vice President
Todd Cronin
Robin Dando
Laurie Kowalsky
John McEvoy
Members Not Present: Ann Mairie Longo, President
Michael Castellano

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

Jennifer Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Todd Cronin spoke on the accomplishments of Alexander Tosi, a student at Oyster Bay High School who led the pledge of allegiance for the meeting. He was presented with a certificate for his accomplishments.

Jennifer Romeo called for the approval of minutes from the meetings of November 3 and 11, 2015. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Valente gave the treasurer' report for the month of November, 2015. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Seinfeld introduced Kevin Trentowski who recognized several students for their athletic accomplishments during the fall season. Mr. Trentowski spoke on some highlights of the season and on the individual accomplishments of the students being recognized this evening.

Superintendent's Report

Don Makenzie, County Legislator presented citations to Alexander Tosi, Celeste Matute and Courtney Kowalsky for earning the title of County Champions in their perspective sports.

Dr. Seinfeld reminded the community of the proposed bond vote being held this Thursday, December 17th. She encouraged everyone to come out to vote.

Dr. Lisa Mulhall gave a report on curriculum and instruction throughout the District. Megan Finnerty led the Chamber Singers in a brief performance. Dr. Mulhall thanked Mrs. Ostroff and the technology teachers for an amazing Hour of Code week and explained a little about what took place.

Steve Valente gave a brief report on budget fundamentals and the process for beginning to look at the 2016-2017 budget. He reviewed District demographics, budget development, budget timeline, expenditure profile, revenue profile, budget formula, preliminary preview of 2016-2017 budget, historical budget vote results, and the fiscal health of the District. The Board asked questions based on Mr. Valente's presentation.

The Board accepted question and comment from the community, on agenda items at this time.

Public Comments

Motion by R. Dando, seconded by T. Cronin, the approve the following:

X PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Personnel

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:

1. **RETIREMENT RESIGNATION**

Retirement/
Resignation

1.1 THOMAS NEARY Position: Physical Education Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2016
Assigned to: Vernon School

2. **RESIGNATIONS**

Resignations

2.1 DR. VALERIE VACCHIO Position: ELA Supervisor
Effective: December 17, 2015
Assigned to: District

2.2 ERIN LEONSKY Position: P/T Teacher of the Deaf
& Teaching Assistant
Effective: December 23, 2015
Assigned to: High School

2. **APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments

2.1 RYAN O'HARA Position: Supervisor of ELA, Reading &
Library Media
Status: Probationary
Effective: January 18, 2016
1st year of a 4 year probationary period
Period Date: 1/18/16 – 1/18/20
Certification: Professional – SDL
Salary: \$125,000 (prorated 1/19/16 –
6/30/16)
Assigned to: District
Replacing: V. Vacchio

2.2 NANCY O'NEILL Position: Extended School Day Program
Status: Teaching Assistant
Effective: December 2, 2015
Assigned to: Vernon School
Salary: \$25.48 per hour
4 hours per week
Replacing: J. Frasca (FMLA)

2.3 SAMANTHA LEVY-WEHR Position: Mentor
Effective: December 1, 2015
Salary: \$1,200 (prorated 12/1/15

through 6/30/16) as per agreement between the OBENCSD & the OBENTA.

2.4 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/
TEACHING ASSISTANTS Effective: 2015-2016 School Year
Assigned to: On-call – as needed
Salary: \$100 per day

Salary Adjustments

3. **SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

3.1 TRESSA PROBST Position: Teacher of the Blind & Visually Impaired
Status: Additional Assignment – .08
Effective: December 2, 2015
Period Date: 2015-2016 School Year
Certification: Permanent
Salary: .08 of \$10,000 prorated 12/2/15 through 6/30/16
Assigned to: High School

*In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher or building principal must have received composite or overall annual professional performance review (“APPR”) ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (“3”) of the four (“4”) preceding years and, if the classroom teacher or building principal receives an “ineffective” composite or overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

B) Non-teaching

1. **PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE**

Permanent Civil Service

1.1 MARIA MALZONE Position: Laboratory Aide
Effective: January 2, 2016
Assigned to: High School Science Office

1.2 JAYNE LINDEN Position: Account Clerk
Effective: January 12, 2016
Assigned to: Special Education Office

2. **RESIGNATION**

Resignation

2.1 ANDREW SCHNEIDER Position: Cleaner
Effective: December 31, 2015
Assigned to: High School

2.2 JEANMARIE FURMAN Position: Monitor
Effective: December 16, 2015
Assigned to: Vernon School

Discussion: Dr. Seinfeld spoke on the retirement resignation of Tom Neary and stated that he, along with other retirees, will be honored later in the year.
John McEvoy asked what a monitor’s job is. Dr. Seinfeld explained.
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by T. Cronin, second by J. McEvoy, to approve the following:

XI BUSINESS ACTIONS

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:

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 November 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 transfers: Transactions # 2945-2963.

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 November 2015.

Extraclassroom Activity Funds

D) OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORY

RESOLVED, the following bank is designated as an Official Depositories for the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District for the 2015-2016 school year:
Empire National Bank (Checking Accounts, Investments – Certificate of Deposits, Money Markets)

Official Bank Depository

Discussion: Jennifer Romeo asked a question on transfer of funds.
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by R. Dando, 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:

Special Services

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:

CPSE:

11/18/2015	1	Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
12/03/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
12/03/2015	1	Requested Review
12/08/2015	1	Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
12/10/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
12/10/2015	1	Requested Review

CSE:

12/1/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
12/10/2015	1	Initial Eligibility Determination

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by L. Kowalsky, second by T. Cronin, 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* Resolution as listed:

New Business

A) ELECTION INSPECTORS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Ms. Margaret Nolan, District Clerk, the following are appointed as assistant clerks for the Bond Vote to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2015, hours to be assigned, and to be paid at an hourly rate of \$10.00:

Caroline Kelly
Thomas Kelly
James Kay

Motion unanimously carried.

The Friday Packet was discussed.

Friday Packet

Laure Kowalsky spoke on the Hour of Code and was happy to see a great turnout. She thanked Mrs. Ostroff and the teachers for this evening. She also spoke on the 7th & 8th grade show which was great.

John McEvoy asked if the Board could see some of this first hand. Dr. Seinfeld explained this was scheduled for the March meeting.

Jennifer Romeo stated that a new date needed to be picked for Building walkthroughs so that the entire Board can be present.

Todd Cronin asked how the cost factor for charging outside groups for use of facilities is determined. Mr. Valente explained. Dr. Seinfeld explained that this topic will also be on the agenda for January 5th.

Todd Cronin spoke on the hiring of security guards and sated that he felt the Board should have been made aware of who was being hired and their qualifications. He stated that the Board is not aware of job descriptions, how many are being hired, etc. He felt particularly those members that are a part of the security committee, could have been more involved. After some discussion, it was decided that some members of the security committee, including those on the Board, will be invited to meet the potential candidates.

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

Public Comments

Motion by R. Dando, second by L. Kowalsky, to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Nolan
District Clerk

