

January 3, 2019

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. The following members were present: Mr. Jason Perry, Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mrs. Sandy Martin, and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Also in attendance were Director Jeanny Hatfield, Student Representative Christian Blakeley and Lori Marcum, Secretary.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Anna Terry led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Trent Coffey from STAND for the Student of the Month Presentation. STAND along with the Scott County Chamber of Commerce are once again this year recognizing an outstanding senior student nominated by the OHS staff who exemplifies character and citizenship. The December student of the month is Mr. Trenton Clark. The January student of the month is Ms. Hannah Martin.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for consideration. It was noted that two letters of resignation needed to be added to the agenda. They would be added as Item 6 under business before the board. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross to approve the board agenda as amended. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the consent agenda for board approval. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Martin, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of board minutes from the December 6, 2018 board meeting;

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then presented two (2) board policies for consideration on second reading. Mr. Perry made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following policies on second reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policy:

- A. 4.701 Maintaining Test and Data Security
- B. 3.201 Safety

Chairperson Williamson then presented an Insurance Amendment to the Director's Contract for board consideration. Dr. Williamson stated that the insurance premium for Dr. Hatfield had been overlooked on contract. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the Insurance Amendment to the Director's Contract. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Perry, aye
Cross, aye
Watson, aye
Martin, aye
Williamson, aye

Mrs. Martin requested that information such as this be presented to the board prior to the meeting to act.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a Voucher Resolution for board consideration. Mrs. Martin made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perry, to approve the following resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Perry, aye
Cross, aye
Watson, aye
Martin, aye
Williamson, aye

***Oneida Special School District
Publicly Funded Vouchers Resolution***

WHEREAS, the Oneida Special School District Board of Education is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly in the 2019 legislative session may entertain legislation that would create a voucher program allowing students to use public education funds to pay for private school tuition; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 years have passed since private school vouchers were first proposed, and during that time proponents have spent millions of dollars attempting to convince the public and lawmakers of the concept's efficacy, and yet, five decades later, vouchers still remain controversial, unproven, and unpopular; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Tennessee requires that the Tennessee General Assembly "provide for the maintenance, support and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools", with no mention of the maintenance or support of private schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and

WHEREAS, vouchers eliminate public accountability by channeling tax dollars into private schools that do not face state-approved academic standards, do not make budgets public, do not adhere to open meetings and records laws, do not publicly report on student achievement, and do not face the public accountability requirements contained in major federal laws, including special education; and

WHEREAS, vouchers have not been effective at improving student achievement or closing the achievement gap, with the most credible research finding little or no difference in voucher and public school students' performance; and

WHEREAS, vouchers leave many students behind, including those with the greatest needs, because vouchers channel tax dollars into private schools that are not required to accept all students, nor offer the special services they may need; and

WHEREAS, vouchers give choices to private schools, not students and parents, since private schools decide if they want to accept vouchers, how many and which students they want to admit, and the potentially arbitrary reasons for which they might later dismiss a student; and

WHEREAS, voucher programs divert critical dollars and commitment from public schools to pay private school tuition for a few students, including many who already attend private schools; and

WHEREAS, vouchers are an inefficient use of tax payer money because they compel taxpayers to support two school systems: one public and one private, the latter of which is not accountable to all the taxpayers supporting it; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Special School District Board of Education opposes any legislation or other similar effort to create a voucher program in Tennessee that would divert money intended for public education to private schools or organizations.

*School Board
Dr. Nancy Williamson, Chairman
Dr. Danny W. Cross, Vice Chairman
Dorothy Watson, Treasurer
Sandy Martin, Member
Jason Perry, Member*

*Director of Schools
Dr. Jeanny Hatfield*

Chairperson Williamson then presented budget amendments for board approval. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Perry, aye
Cross, aye
Watson, aye
Martin, aye
Williamson, aye

Slated next on the agenda were 2017-108 Audit Reports. Chairperson Williamson moved for the reports to be tabled until the February regular meeting and reviewed at a work session.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson then presented two (2) letters of resignation for board approval. The letters were from Mrs. Harley Morgan and Mrs. Rachel Smith. Mrs. Martin made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perry, to approve the letters of resignation as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then recognized Director Jeanny Hatfield, for the Superintendent's Report.

1. Appointments: Helen Yancey, Substitute Cafeteria
2. Starfish Awards
 - Oneida Elementary: Jeretta Lay, Renee Chitwood
 - Oneida Middle: Stacy Newport, Morgan Gazay
 - Oneida High: April Jones, Stacy Love
 - Cafeteria: Angela Dysarzyk, Cindy Crabtree
 - Maintenance/Janitorial: Brenda Coffey

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Kevin Byrd, Oneida High School principal for a report.

1. OHS spring semester begun today. OHS is waiting on EOC scores which are scheduled to arrive on January 7. Once those are input into the system, grade cards will follow hopefully on January 8 or 9.
2. OHS Basketball hosted a great Christmas Tournament, thanks to all who helped.
3. OHS will be working on schedule changes today and tomorrow.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Ms. Kelly Posey, Oneida Middle School principal for a report.

1. OMS grade cards went home with students today.
2. OMS boys basketball traveled to Whitney City tonight for a make-up game.
3. January 10 will be the final OMS basketball home game of the regular season, therefore, this will be 8th grade night.
4. The district tournament will be hosted at Jellico.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Ms. Kelly Posey, Oneida Middle School principal for a report.

1. Mr. Harper complimented OHS on the basketball tournament. He spoke of Mr. Robert Walls, a former teacher at OSSD, and his passing.
2. OES is looking forward to a great second semester.

Chairperson Williamson noted that the School Health Report would be made at the board retreat following the regular meeting.

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With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Perry made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Dr. Jeanny Hatfield
Director of Schools