

January 9, 2020

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Oneida High School Library. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Also in attendance were Director Jeanny Phillips, Student Representative Jaelyn Phillips and Lori Marcum, Secretary.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Taylor, Sierra, and Joseph Smith led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

There was no student of the month presentation. Dr. Williamson noted that there would be two students recognized in February.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the board agenda for consideration. Dr. Williamson asked to move the 2018-2019 Audit Reports (Item 2 Under Business Before the Board) to the February meeting so the complete board could discuss and vote. With the change, 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. Watson, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of board minutes from the December 5, 2019 board meeting

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented two budget amendments for board consideration. The amendments adjusted monies in General Purpose and CTE funds. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented two resignation and leave of absence for board approval. The letters of resignation were from Mrs. Sierra Free and Mrs. Adrianna Smith. The leave of absence was from Mr. Richard Byrd, which extended his current leave. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the resignations and leave as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented board policy 2.805 Purchasing for board consideration. It was noted that the policy change was requested by auditors. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the policy on first reading, waiving the second reading. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Watson, aye

Cross, aye

Williamson, aye

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson presented a fundraiser request for board approval. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the following fundraiser as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Request:

OMS Girls Basketball: (H. Smithers) Free Throw Shoot-a-Thon

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

1. Appointments:
 - Ruthie Burress Slaven,
 - Leah Sexton
 - Renea Vaughn
 - Keli Starr
2. Substitutes:
 - Amanda Lowe
 - Adrian Phillips
 - Paige Davis
 - Whitney Chambers
 - Maycee West
 - Kayley Kidd
2. Perfect attendance recognitions : Jeanny Phillips, Lisa Hiatt, Celena O'Neal, Barb Taylor, Lori Marcum, Cynthia Crabtree, Joan Terry, Chris Ellis, Jerry Duvall, Cliff Ellis, Leonard Lackey, Tina Buttram, Jobe Jeffers, Devlin Marcum, Heath Sexton, Debby Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Dorothy King, Renea Smith

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

1. The first semester ended successfully for OHS. Second semester schedules are finalized.
2. OHS basketball is playing at York tonight. OHS basketball homecoming will be tomorrow night versus Oakdale.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Kelly Posey Chitwood, Oneida Middle School Principal, for a report.

1. Oneida Middle School is rolling into the second semester.
2. OMS basketball will play make-up games against Huntsville on Saturday. There will be two more home games next week, with Thursday night being 8th grade night at OMS.
3. OMS baseball has begun conditioning with the season starting soon.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Rick Harper, Oneida Elementary School Principal, for a report.

1. OES is conducting S-team meeting this week.
2. OES workshops and interventions have also started this week.
3. OES will have academic grade level meetings on the January early dismissal day.
4. OES has several new faces including SRO Zack Strunk, Social Worker Celena O'Neal, and a cafeteria assistant through the Polly program.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Melinda McCartt, Coordinated School Health and Family Resource Director, for the following report

- The Holidays were a success for the Family Resource Center (FRC). A BIG thanks goes out to Olive Branch Ministries as well as the staff at Oneida Special School District. The Olive Branch was able to provide 604 Shoe Box gifts for each Elementary student in our district. Each box was valued at over \$20.00. The Olive Branch also donated \$500 in gift cards to help with the Family Resource Food Pantry. Olive Branch Ministries donated over \$16,000.00 in gifts, food, gift cards to the Oneida Schools' Resource Center. Thank you also to all of our staff who sponsored children for Christmas!
- This year we had 27 needy children who did NOT qualify with *Shop with a Cop. Children under the age of 4* and Children over the age of 13. These students were sponsored by private donors, OSSD staff and Highland Telephone. This in-kind gift to our students was valued at no less than \$2500.
- This year the Family Resource Center was also able to coordinate Christmas Meal Food Baskets to 24 of our most needy families. Thanks to Patty West's Family & Consumer Science classes' donation, our FRC Staff was able to purchase large hams, five side dishes, drinks and two deserts for these families.
- This year several private donations to our resource center. Private donations for the month of December were over \$1000.00. Part of this donation at the request of the donor was used to sponsor a family at Christmas. Each year the FRC chooses, as needed a family who is in crisis and may need household items and other necessities at Christmas. Items include: bedding, pillows, small kitchen appliances, microwave or any other item revealed upon interview of the family. This year the Oneida FRC was able to sponsor two families.
- The Family Resource Center provided Parenting courses for 5 parents during the month of December. Parent Courses include: Parenting for School Success, Cooperative Parenting and Active Parenting.
- The total of gifts and resources distributed by the Family Resource Center during the three weeks of December 2019, was over \$19,000.00. This total includes: Friday Backpack Meals, all Christmas meals, all school supply and clothing resources and Christmas gifts that were donated to and distributed by our Oneida FRC.

Coordinated School Health

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- CSH Coordinator Attended the Regional Professional Development on November 7th. The meeting focus elaborated on CSH Midyear Reports, WellSAT Assessment tools, and Teen E-Cigarette use. The next Regional meeting will be held via WebEx on February 4, 2020. This year the CSH Institute will be held March 2-4 at Embassy Suites.

- Dr. VanBryant Visit to evaluate the Life Skills Program at the Oneida Middle School, on November 21 was a success and Dr. Van Bryant Informed us that the Life Skills Grant application for Oneida High School had been approved for the 2020- 2021 School year! This grant will provide two years of curriculum, teacher training and standards based content for students on 9th grades. The Content will focus will promote healthy youth development by focusing on the reduction of antisocial behaviors.
- CSH Coordinator has worked with PATHS Coordinator and the staff at Oneida Elementary to order the PATHS Curricula for ALL grades at Oneida Elementary. The Curriculum and additional supports for the program will cost just over \$35,000. 00 and is paid for by the Project Brain Change Grant that was written by the Oneida CSH Coordinator. Training for the program will begin the spring and extend into summer. PATHS is an Acronym for Promotion Alternative Thinking Patterns and is a research based Social Emotional Curriculum that reduces aggression and behavior problems in the classroom while enhancing the educational process.
- The First Weigh In for the Biggest Loser will be January 9& 10! Teachers, staff and OSSD Board member may sign up with Ms. McCartt or Ms. Anderson at the Family Resource Center! January 9 is the last day to submit your Walking Team of five to Ms. Anderson. Walking Teams will begin logging their Physical Activity January 9, 2020!

School Safety & Mental Health

- The School Climate Survey will be administered from January 20 through January 31, 2020! The survey will measure how the Whole Child initiatives are being address within chronic absenteeism, school safety and multi-tiered systems of support. All surveys are built on the matrix that measures the school experience within the categories environment, engagement and school safety.
- We Thank Dr. Greg Wallace and Chief Tilson for their school safety presentation to our staff on December 19, 2019. This presentation gave staff information about how mental health and school safety are connected. The session also focused on tools that are utilized within threat assessment teams which prevent acts of violence in schools.

Thank you to the following Community Partnerships!

Operation Sharing
Highland Telephone
Scott County Health Council
UT Extension
Second Harvest Food Bank
Shriners Scottish Shoes
CHAMPS/ AIQI
Olive Branch Ministries
Oneida Police Department
Scott County Sheriff's Department
Ms. Patty West's Family & Consumer Class
University of Colorado for Blueprints & Violence Prevention

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Bethlehem Baptist Church
Missy's Gymnastics
The Children's Center
TN Dept. of Education and SAFE Schools

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Dr. Jeanny Hatfield
Director of Schools