

May 3, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mr. Mark Matthews, Mrs. Lori Phillips-Jones and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Dr. Jeanny Hatfield, supervisor of instruction, filled in for Director Sexton. Student Representative Sydney Lovett and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Gracie Terry led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Before the prayer, Dr. Williamson asked for all to remember Mrs. Watson and her family in the loss of her husband Richard. Dr. Cross opened with prayer.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for approval with the removal of Item 2 CTE/Perkins Application. The district has not yet received the application and will hopefully bring this back to the June meeting. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the board agenda with the change. Vote was taken and motion carried.

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of board minutes from the April 12, 2012 regular meeting.
2. Quarterly Reports of Revenues and Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31, 2011
3. Permission to let bids for:
Food Service items for the 2011-2012 school year;

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented the Title I Consolidated Application for board consideration. After a brief discussion, Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the following Consolidated Application as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following fundraisers as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Request:

- A. OHS Band (A. Bernard): Worlds Finest Chocolate
- B. OHS Girls Basketball (A. Jackson): Individual Basketball Camp

Chairperson Williamson then presented the TSBA Student Recognition Award. Dr. Williamson noted that there were several applicants for the award, but the board had decided on Brysen West. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the field trip requests as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson noted two executive decisions that were approved and signed. Those were the Report of Local Education Agency Compliance and the TSBA School Volunteer Recognition Award.

With no other business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then recognized Dr. Jeanny Hatfield, for the Superintendent's Report.

1. GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award winners for the month were from OES, Tracy Morgan, from OMS Heath Sexton and from OHS Rhonda Davis.
2. Substitute appointments: Morgan Danner (Custodial/Cafeteria)

3. Dr. Hatfield gave a report for Mrs. McCartt School Health Coordinator. The Biggest Loser awards for staff will be given on May 25. The Diabetes Awareness Event “Know the Signs” will be May 5 at the Oneida City Park. This is in collaboration with the county school health office and Walgreens. There will be music, games, food and free health vendors. There will be a Teen Parenting and Prenatal Fair on May 18 from 9:45 – 2:15 at the Scott County Office Building. This event is hosted by the Oneida CSH office as well as the county CSH office. This event is for all teens who are expecting or who have children. Dr. Martin will be the guest speaker. Weight Watchers has been extended for staff who wish to participate.

Dr. Hatfield recognized Mr. Jon Craig with Glaxo/Smith/Kline who spoke to the board about staff vaccinations. The vaccinations will not only include the flu, but also whooping cough and hepatitis A and B and possibly others. They are looking to partner with Mountain People’s as well as the county school system. Lots of surrounding school systems have participated, and they were looking for the board’s endorsement and would like to start in the fall. The vaccinations would be brought to the staff.

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

1. Mr. Harper gave each board member a calendar of events for May.
2. OES has received the writing assessment scores for 5th grade but they are still embargoed. However, preliminary reports are very positive.
3. OES has received the constructive response scores for 3rd grade and those were higher than the state average.
4. The OES is conducting NWEA testing this week.
5. Thanks to the board and administration on providing over 300 breakfasts during TCAP testing.
6. OES held registration for new students and registered 8 new students.
7. Abraham Lincoln will be visiting OES next week.
8. The 3rd grade will be taking a trip to Jamestown to see the traveling Smithsonian exhibit.
9. Teachers and staff are looking at several different programs to assist in student learning including IVL, Study Island and Moby Math.
10. Kinderstart will be revamping there curriculum for next year.
11. OES is looking for ways to recognize outstanding students by possibly starting
12. Teachers are charting and graphing student growth.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Kelly Trammell, Oneida Middle School Assistant Principal.

1. Progress reports will go home tomorrow. A “May Madness” flyer will be sent home with the report. Events for May Madness have included CSI week, a visit from the body farm, a visit from Abraham Lincoln and a drama skit from the high school. Other events have also been planned.
2. The 8th grade trip will be May 16-18.
3. The 8th grade exit exam will be next week.
4. 8th grade graduation will be May 25 at 9:00 a.m.

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

1. Thanks to Mr. Queener for his assistance in pre-registering the 8th grade. Freshmen Meet and Greet was held on April 10. Parents and future students were given information and tour the facilities.

2. The Nancy Swain Memorial Walk was held on April 20 and was a huge success.
3. Thanks to Sheriff Cross and the county sheriff's department on their presentation to the OHS students on the dangers of Meth.
4. Jamie Soard, an OHS junior, coordinated a "Blue Out Day" for OHS students and staff for autism awareness. Thanks to Jamie.
5. Thanks to the Oneida Police Department who spoke to the drivers education classes.
6. Prom was April 28 and a great time was had by all. Thanks to the junior class and the junior sponsors.
7. EOC testing will be this week and next week at OHS. The tests were given in the auditorium.
8. Progress reports will go home tomorrow.
9. The Advisory Council will meet tomorrow May 5 from 8:30 – 11:30 am in the high school library.
10. The district will have early dismissals for the next 4 Wednesdays. School will be dismissed on those days at 12:00.
11. Spring sports are winding down with district tournament games starting on Friday for baseball and Monday for softball.
12. May 21-25 will be OHS final exams.
13. May 17 will be Senior Night for OHS seniors.
14. Indian Academy Graduation will be May 18.
15. The OHS football banquet will be May 25 and the basketball banquet will be May 15.
16. Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 20 with Graduation ceremonies to be Saturday, May 26.
17. Congratulations to the OHS teacher of the year, Miranda Lowe.
18. The OHS writing assessment scores are embargoed, however, preliminary reports look good.
19. The spring Band Concert is scheduled for May 10, however, there may be a schedule change, and information will be sent out when plans are finalized.
20. Mr. Byrd showcased a project made by Mrs. Duncan's class in collaboration with Mrs. Martin. The project used QR codes to electronically give information on projects and services.

Dr. Williamson discussed the NSBA Convention that she recently attended in Boston. There were lots of great sessions. Cookeville (Putnam County) spoke about their teacher pay incentive program and teacher evaluations. A session with Richmond, Virginia, showcased a program called Academic Credit Academy. In this program, students receive college credit for their last two year's in high school entering college with an associate's degree. The students are encouraged to attend all four years; giving them the opportunity to receive a master's degree instead of a bachelor's degree with their college experience. The highlight of the conference was speaker Sal Kahn, founder of the Kahn Academy, discussing his innovative approach to teaching math and science.

With no further business to come before the board, Dr. Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Phillips-Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools