

February 7, 2013

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Dr. Danny Cross, Mr. Mark Matthews and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Director Ann Sexton, Student Representative Tucker Byrd and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Dawson, Creighton, and Aidan May led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Cross opened with prayer.

Dr. Williamson recognized Mr. Wayne King representing STAND and the Scott County Chamber of Commerce. STAND and 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 February student of the month is Kallie Sexton.

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

Chairperson Williamson then presented the consent agenda for board approval. Mrs. Watson 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. Board minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting.
2. Quarterly Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 2012.
3. Resolution allowing Director Sexton the authority to execute and deliver a warranty deed transferring the STAND building to the Stand Coalition.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then presented two 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 Requests:

- A. Oneida Band (A. Bernard): Little Caesar's Pizza Kits
- B. OMS Softball (J. Lay): Yard Sale

Chairperson Williamson then presented a request to advertise for janitorial supplies. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to allow the district to advertise for janitorial bids. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a field trip request for board consideration. The request was from OES Student Government for a trip to Nashville, Tennessee on May 3-5. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the field trip request. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented four (4) board policies for board consideration. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the following board policies on first reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policy (First Reading)

- A. In-Service and Professional Learning Opportunities 5.113
- B. Compulsory Attendance Ages 6.201

- C. Emergency Preparedness Plan 3.202
- D. Student Discrimination Harassment Bullying/Cyber Bullying 6.304

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson then presented an extended leave request from Mrs. Kelly Reed for board approval. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the leave request as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

With no other business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then recognized Ms. Ann Sexton, for the Superintendent's Report.

1. Appointments: Latisha Brooks West
2. Director Sexton announced the Star Fish Awards winners. The award honors those who make a difference in the lives of others in the school system. Star Fish winners for February are Jenna Smith, Lori Marcum and Brittany Martin.
3. Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator, gave a report. The CSH and the healthy school teams are focusing on ways to promote breakfast participation. Approximately 30% of students do not eat breakfast and therefore go through 3-4 morning classes on an empty stomach. CHS has secured a mini-grant to help increase breakfast participation with parent involvement activities slated for March 4-8. The make-up day for health screenings is February 14. Also, those students who failed vision or hearing tests will be re-screened. Mrs. Ashley Jeffers, School Nurse, and CSH have been through asthma training and will be conducting this to the OSSD staff. CSH is planning a physical and nutrition activity for OMS students after school. The staff Biggest Loser contest has started with approximately 28 participants.

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

1. The 8th and 11th grade students just completed the online writing assessment. The schools are wrapping up the ELA pilot.
2. Mrs. Latisha West has been hired to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Rhymer. Mr. Queener has moved from the computer lab to take over Mr. Jeffers' math classes while he is on leave. Mrs. Pat Cooper will be teaching the computer/technology classes. Currently, Mrs. Reed's classes are being covered by Mrs. Rachel Joiner and Mrs. Jodi Jeffers. Therefore both math classes are being taught by qualified teachers.
3. The dress code committees met last week and did an excellent job. Thanks to all parents and teachers who participated. The committee recommendations will be sent to Ms. Sexton soon.
4. The basketball seasons are winding down. Tomorrow is senior night at OHS with district tournament games starting next week. Congratulations to Coach Marv West for being named the Coach of the Year for the district.
5. OHS and OMS are currently going through SACs review and thanks to all the parents who completed the online survey.

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

1. Mr. Allen Pratt will be visiting OES tomorrow.
2. The OES science fair will be next week on Wednesday, February 13.
3. Constructed math test for grades 3, 4 and 5 will be on February 20.

Under other business, the ELGIN foundation made a presentation on the progress of district dental screenings, as well as, the OES reading program. 83% of students have had dental screenings through November. For those level 1 students who are in greatest need, 73% have been treated and more will be treated in the following weeks and months.

The ELGIN foundation praised the staff and administrators for a wonderful job with reading. The goal with the reading initiative is to have 90% of kids at the 50th percentile or at grade level. The MAP test used to evaluate is a national normed test. Winter test results are as follows, 57% of ELGIN students K-3 were at reading level or above. (ELGIN numbers are based on all 45 participating schools/districts.) OES winter results were 66% of students were at reading level or above (K-3). Fall to winter results increased by 4% for ELGIN students, however, the OES students decreased slightly in the same time frame. These results are not surprising as Oneida is in the first year of the program and most schools do drop in the first year. However, adjustments have been made.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, 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