

January 5, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Lori Phillips-Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mr. Mark Matthews and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Student Representative Sydney Lovett, Director of Schools Ann Sexton and Board Secretary Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Sophia Matthews and Emily Cross led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Cross opened with prayer. 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 January student of the month is James Owens.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for approval with one addition. The addition is a fundraiser request from the OHS Girls Soccer team for a Road Block. The item would be added under Business Before the Board Item 3B. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the board agenda with the addition. Vote was taken and motion carried.

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Board minutes from the December 1, 2011 meeting.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented five (5) policies for board consideration. Chairperson Williamson called for any questions or concerns regarding the policies. After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Phillips-Jones made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve policies B-E on first reading as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policy (First Reading):

- B. Promotion and Retention 4.603
- C. Separation Practices for Non-Certified Employees 5.202
- D. Evaluation 5.109
- E. Home School 6.202

After a brief discussion on policy 6.304 (Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation), Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to table policy 6.304 until the board's next work session. At that time, the policy would be further reviewed. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Michael Bowlin. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Phillips-Jones, to accept the resignation. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson then presented two (2) fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the following fundraiser requests as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

- A. OMS Boys Soccer (K. Huff): Data Match
- B. OHS Girls Soccer (S. Terry): Road Block

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

1. Appointments: Part-Time Custodians: Freddie Stephens, Bruce Kennedy, Leonard Lackey, Erin Gibson
2. Substitutes: Teacher: Hunter West, Breeanna Jeffers, Julie Douglas, Carrie Tedder
Bus Driver: Todd lay
3. GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award winners for the month were from OES, Tonya Crabtree, from OMS Robin Newman and from OHS Stacy Love.
4. Ms. Sexton noted that teacher evaluations are going well, the data has been loaded into the online portal and we have received feedback from the state. Principal evaluations will begin soon and then the Director's evaluation process will begin.
5. Ms. Sexton met with teachers before Christmas break at each school and the biggest concerns were trimester schedules. The district is looking at the feasibility of a block or modified block schedule.
6. January 22-28 is board appreciation week.
7. Ms. Sexton recognized Ms. Melinda Miller, School Health Coordinator, for an update. Ms. Miller stated that the obesity survey results showed a steady increase in BMI at the elementary, however, the biggest jump were in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. The district is looking at options to help combat this problem including more activity as well as nutritional education. The lunch program is offering fresh fruits and vegetables at least 2 days per week. The free and healthy breakfast program is assisting students with approximately 230 participating from OES and 360 at OHS/OMS. Walgreens has partnered with the district and will offer flu shots for those who qualify. Please contact the office of school health for more information. Ms. Miller commended the board on accepting the healthier school challenge. Mrs. Tompkins will be starting a program to give students an opportunity for physical activity at recess when there is inclement weather.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Ms. Cheryl Butler, Oneida Middle School Principal.

1. OMS is well and running on a regular schedule since Christmas break.
2. The basketball teams are playing tonight at Soldiers Memorial and will be playing four (4) nights next week. There has been an addition to the schedule, the Lake City game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 10. Due to conflicts with the high school schedule, this game will be played at the Boys and Girls Club.
3. Progress reports were sent home on December 15. Please note tutoring is available at OMS four (4) days per week.
4. The Jr. Beta Club Inductions will be January 10 in the cafeteria.
5. The OMS Science Fair will be January 11 and 12. The public can view the exhibits on January 11 from 4-6 pm.
6. The 8th grade teachers are getting ready for the state mandated Writing Assessment which will be given in February. The 6th and 7th graders will be taking a practice writing assessment test on the same day.

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

1. OHS progress reports went home with students on December 15 as well.
2. The OHS basketball season will well underway, the boys currently have a record of 12-6 and the girls have a record of 10-6. Homecoming will be tomorrow night during halftime of the boys' game versus Jellico.
3. The OHS staff is still working on the evaluation process and is working diligently.
4. Mr. Byrd commended the OHS drama classes, the band and art classes on a wonderful performance of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

5. The ACT was given on December 10.
6. On December 17, OHS hosted a dance recital, basketball games and a band banquet. There were approximately 2, 000 people on campus at one point during the day.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Denise May, Oneida Elementary School Assistant Principal.

1. Progress reports went home with students on December 15.
2. NWEA benchmark testing will be January 2-11. Intervention meetings will follow to establish goals for growth. OES would like to create a Hall of Fame for the NWEA test takers.
3. Professional development is continuing at OES including leveling readers in small groups and progress monitoring.
4. The 4th grade will begin implementing the ZAP program and informational parent meeting will begin soon.
5. Kevin Terry had a guest speaker for his art classes at OES, Mr. Charlie Daniels who is a cartoonist.
6. All evaluations are expected to be completed at the end of March.
7. Over Christmas break, thirteen (13) rooms at OES had the carpet replaced with tile. Thanks to all who worked so hard to get the rooms fixed and ready for Monday.
8. Wendy Layman from the State Department hosted a workshop on literary centers for the PreK and Kinderstart programs at OES. There were also fifteen (15) county teachers who participated.

Chairperson Williamson commended the high school drama, art and music classes for the wonderful performance of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

Under New/Other Business, Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Charles Sexton. Mr. Sexton thanked the board for their time and relayed to the board concerns he has over his daughters' treatment by the basketball program. He felt that they had a bad experience. There were personal issues that they were confronted with and a lack of communication from the program. Therefore, he felt it necessary to remove them from the situation. He stated that his girls were walking away and asked that they be left alone to concentrate on academics. He urged the board to look at the program.

Chairperson Williamson asked for a time/date for the board to hold a work session. After a brief discussion, the work session was set for January 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the central office conference room.

Chairperson Williamson noted that the TSBA Fall District Meeting would be held here at OHS in the new auditorium on September 18, 2012.

With no further business to come before the board, Dr. Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Phillips-Jones, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairperson of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of School