

December 4, 2014

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The following members were present: Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mr. Brom Shoemaker, Dr. Danny Cross, Mr. Mark Matthews and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Also in attendance were Ms. Stephanie Lloyd, student representative, Director Ann Sexton and Lori Marcum, secretary.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Mrs. Dorothy Watson led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

There was no student of the month presentation.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda with two (2) amendments for approval. The amendments were to add two leave of absences requests to the agenda. The additions would be Item 7 under business before the board. Mr. Shoemaker 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. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Shoemaker, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Board minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented three (3) fundraisers for board consideration. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews to approve the following fundraisers as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

- A. OMS Softball (Jody Lay): TV Raffle
- B. OMS Softball (Jody Lay): Yard Sale
- C. OES Events and Projects (Z. Brown): Mt. Empire Cookie Dough

Chairperson Williamson then read the School Bus Purchase Resolution for board consideration. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following resolution as follows. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Watson, aye
Cross, aye
Shoemaker, aye
Matthews, aye
Williamson, aye

RESOLUTION

TO PURCHASE A SCHOOL BUS FOR DAILY TRANSPORTION OF STUDENTS IN THE ONEIDA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, it now appears that the transportation needs for the fiscal year 2014-2015, are inadequate, due to a school bus being taken out of the fleet rotation.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Body of the Oneida Special School District, Oneida, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, on this the 4th day of December 2014, hereby authorizes the borrowing of \$64,500 from First National Bank to purchase a 2012 Blue Bird All American school bus;

FURTHER, the funds will be placed in a capital projects fund and used for the intended purpose of purchasing said school bus;

FURTHER, the funds will be repaid through tax collections, both state and local, of the special school district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the board of education authorizes the director of schools to secure and sign all relative documents pertaining to school bus purchase.

APPROVED this the 4th day of December 2014.

Nancy B. Williamson, Chairperson

Nancy B. Williamson



Chairperson Williamson then presented a letter from Director Sexton outlining the bus purchase including costs and loan information. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Shoemaker, to approve the bus purchase and loan. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried.

Watson, aye
Cross, aye
Shoemaker, aye
Matthews, aye
Williamson, aye

Chairperson Williamson then presented the Director of Schools contract for board consideration. The contract would extend through June, 30 2018 and there is an increase in pay moving the salary to \$95,860. Raises will be in line with teacher pay increases. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the Director of Schools contract as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a board policy for consideration on second reading. The policy had passed on first reading in November but was inadvertently left off the December list. After a brief discussion, Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the following policy on second reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policies (Second Reading):

A. Use of Cellular Phones 3.3001

Chairperson Williamson then presented two (2) leave of absence requests for board consideration. The requests were from Mrs. Leann Goins and Mrs. Jeretta Lay. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the leaves as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson presented the retirement incentive program for board consideration. The program would give certified staff \$50 for each unused sick day remaining in their account up to two hundred (200) days. There will be a 90 day notification deadline which will be strictly enforced. This is a local policy and those days will still be used toward the individual's retirement plan through the state. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to accept the retirement program as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

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

1. Director Sexton announced the STARFish Award winners. The award honors those who make a difference in the lives of others in the school system. STARFish Awards winners for November are Stacy Love, Eugene Byrd and Kristen Stephens.
2. Director Sexton discussed a letter she received from Harvard requesting the 6th grade math teachers participate in a 60 minute online survey on math strategies.
3. Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator, gave the following report.
 - **STAFF Walking Club Winners:** Sandy Martin's Team won first place with a composite score of 279 miles. Each of the members won a \$50 gift card. Haley Shepard's team won "*Most Improved*". Each of these eight members won a \$25 gift card. Lisa Boyatt is the winner of the **Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast** prize. to be considered for this drawing, team members had to walk 20 or more miles.

- **Thank you** to Anderson County Regional Health Department and Kathy Scruggs for providing these staff wellness incentives which promote physical activity and healthier lifestyles!
- **GoNoodle:** This is a classroom interactive physical activity program that integrates academics and physical activity for our students. The competition was for Oneida Elementary and teachers competed for the most minutes used for GoNoodle. A teacher in each pod with the most Brain Break minutes won a \$50 gift for classroom supplies. The winners are: Haley Shepard, Lauren Hamby, Amy Buttram, Tonya Crabtree, Amanda Terry and Melissa Cooper.

TOBACCO EDUCATION Activities

- **Tobacco Contest Winners:** This *Classroom Tobacco Mural* contest was for all grade levels at OES. Classroom murals were required to depict artistry, student involvement and communicate a clear message against tobacco use. Classroom winner received \$250 to be used in the classroom. The winners are: Amy Buttram, Hali Shepard, Amber Baird, Melinda Cresap and Tristin Jacobs.
- **Classroom Tobacco Essay** contests were for grades 6-8 at OMS. Mr. Queener and Mrs. Sims sixth and eighth grade classes competed and won \$250 classroom award. Students were required to present a 300-400 word essay which presented a clear argument against tobacco use while using correct grammar, spelling and capitalization. Congratulations to the students who won the individual contest were **Gracie Kline and Katie Sharpe**. These students won a \$50 gift card.
- Thank You: Dr. Williamson, ALQUI, STAND, And Walgreens for judging all tobacco education contests this month!
- Coordinated School Health Attended Rural Health Conference November 19-21.
- Flu Vaccinations were administered to OHS as well as "Make up " vaccinations , on November 21st. Thank you , SCHD for bringing these vaccines to school!
- Health Screens for students who were absent were given on November 17th. Thank you to Kathy West at ALQUI, Dr. Chako, Dr. Nyla Cross, and Dr. Debbie Faires ! Also, *Thank you* to our school nurse, Marilyn Seabolt for completing all vision make up screens for our students in the Oneida District .
- The Midyear Progress for Oneida Coordinated School Health will be entered into RANDA and accessible after December 31.

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

1. Progress reports were sent home with students, if you did not receive this, please contact the office.
2. EOC testing has been this week and will complete on Monday with make-up testing on Tuesday.
3. There are two weeks remaining in this semester. If there was not an EOC in a class, a semester test will be given.
4. Athletics are in full swing at OHS and OMS.
5. Evaluations are being finalized.
6. OHS hosted an active shooter training on November 12 with TEMA, FEMA, local emergency management personnel, Oneida and County police departments and local schools.
7. Tennessee College of Applied Technology is discussing bringing an additional CTE course to OHS in the future.

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

1. The district staff luncheon went well today.
2. Pre-School and Kinderstart teachers and aides will be working with an ELGIN Early Childhood Coach next week on a reading program for those grades.
3. Susan Armstrong and Tony Jolly with East Tennessee Score visited to check on the RTI math program.
4. OES is working on test taking skills with students.
5. After school programs are going well.
6. Legal conference will be next week.
7. OES is working hard to keep aides and substitutes involved in staff development.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools