

March 1, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mr. Mark Matthews, Mrs. Lori Phillips-Jones and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Director of Schools Ann Sexton and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Ruthie Burress, Madison Dunlap and Macy Dunlap 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 March student of the month is Gabby Hill.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for approval with one addition. The addition, Item 6 under business before the board, would be a discussion of the April board meeting time due to spring break Mrs. Phillips-Jones 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. 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 February 2, 2012 meeting.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented a fundraiser request for board consideration. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following fundraiser as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

1. OMS Art (S. Lovely): Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards

Chairperson Williamson then presented a leave of absence request from Mrs. Cathy Day. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the leave request as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson presented policy 6.304 Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation for board consideration on second reading. Mrs. Phillips-Jones made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve policy 6.304 on second reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a field trip request from the Oneida Middle School 8th grade class. The trip would be May 16-18 to the Atlanta and Chattanooga areas. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the field trip request. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the Imagination Library sponsorship for board consideration. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the district's sponsorship of Imagination Library for another year. Vote was taken and motion carried, with Mrs. Phillips-Jones abstaining.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson asked for a discussion on the date of the April board meeting. Currently, the April meeting will fall during the district's spring break. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Phillips-Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to move the April board meeting to April 12, 2012 at 6:00 at the central office conference room. 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: Tony Lambert
2. GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award winners for the month were from OES, Doc Hall, from OMS Debbie Jo Smith and from OHS Jason Terry.
3. Ms. Sexton noted that the county schools have asked for assistance in judging the county wide science fair on March 15. Judging will begin at 10:45 am at Scott High.

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

1. OHS has had a very busy month. Trimester 2 ended today and Trimester 3 will begin on Monday.
2. Grade cards will be sent home next week.
3. Please note, parents of any student in an EOC class will not receive a final grade until the EOC test has been taken in May.
4. OHS has seen very few failures in trimester 2; this has been the lowest failure rate Mr. Byrd has seen since arriving at OHS.
5. OHS is proud to announce that 54% of our seniors have qualified for Tennessee Scholars.

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

1. Mr. Harper gave the board a calendar of events for OES along with a schedule of professional development.
2. OES has recently purchased a poster maker. OES halls, lobbies and classrooms are coming to life with poster size color portraits of students and their successes.
3. The OES Valentine Dance was a huge success.
4. Science fair and spelling bee winners will come before the board in April.
5. OES is looking at creating Beta Club or Honors program.
6. OES recently held a PreK registration with approximately 35 students registering.
7. Kindergarten registration will be March 8. Early registration will be in April and in May.

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

1. Trimester 2 ended today and trimester 3 will begin on Monday.
2. Grade cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 7 along with baseball, softball and soccer schedules. In addition, next year's football schedule will be included.
3. OMS softball will be holding a yard sale this weekend. OMS baseball hosted a dodge ball tournament yesterday and raised approximately \$600.
4. OMS scholars bowl recently ended their season and finished in 1st place. Congratulations the team and thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Butler, sponsor.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator.

1. The OSSD Biggest Loser competition has approximately 40 participants. The final weigh in will be March 30.
2. Weight Watchers for OSSD staff began this week for those wanting to participate.

3. Mrs. McCartt along with the health and wellness teachers are working on curriculum mapping for grades 9-12.
4. Surveys on sex education will be sent home to parents. The questionnaire will ask what parents think needs to be taught and to what ages.
5. Tammy Hamby will be conducting a program for 9th grade students from regional health on healthy relationships.
6. OMS/OHS will be having a breakfast for lunch day on March 16. OES will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Day with green eggs and ham for breakfast. The OES staff will also be getting a salad bar once a week.

Mrs. Phillips-Jones commended the articles in the newspaper regarding obesity in today's youth. She suggested that at holidays instead of giving candy and treats to students perhaps school supplies could be given instead.

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 Dr. Cross, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools