

November 1, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Dr. Danny Cross, Mr. Tommy Bell and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Student Representative Tucker Byrd, Director Ann Sexton and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Tucker Byrd led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Cross opened with prayer.

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for approval. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, 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 October 1, 2012 meeting.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then presented four (4) fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the fundraisers as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

- a. OMS Girls Basketball (P. Newport): Raffle Quilt and Flea Market
- b. OHS Baseball (S. West): Jr. Pro Basketball
- c. OHS Baseball (S. West): Golf Scramble
- d. OHS Baseball (S. West): Corn Hole Tournament

Chairperson Williamson then presented an Extended Leave Request from Mr. Jobe Jeffers. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the leave request. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Public Consulting Group for the Tennessee Academic Specialist Program. Mrs. Sexton explained that since the district has two focus schools, the Tennessee Department of Education has contracted with Public Consulting Group, to provide consultants to the district through the Tennessee Academic Specialist Program. The consultant would be at no charge to the system. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the memorandum of understanding as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented five (5) board policies for board consideration on second reading. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following policies on second reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policies (Second Reading):

- a. Class Ranking 4.602
- b. Graduation Requirements 4.605
- c. Attendance of Non-Resident Students 6.204
- d. Interscholastic Athletics 4.301
- e. Accelerated and Advanced Credit 4.604

Chairperson Williamson then presented three (3) board policies for board consideration on first reading. After a brief discussion, Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the following policies on first reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policies (First Reading):

- a. Corporal Punishment 6.314
- b. Head Lice 6.4031
- c. Alternative Credit Options 4.209

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson then presented a Resolution Regarding Sequestration for board consideration. The resolution partners with NSBA and petitions Congress and the government to stop the drastic cuts to education. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the resolution 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: Norvan Blakley PT Custodial, Substitute – Felicia Hutson
2. Director Sexton introduced a new program called the Star Fish Awards. The award honors those who make a difference in the lives of others in the school system. Star Fish winners for November are Teresa Sexton, Rebekah Sexton and Rhonda Laxton.
3. Mrs. Sexton gave the board a copy of a staff survey regarding dress code, as well as, report showing how Oneida ranks with 21 other systems around the region. The comparison is based on achievement including math, reading/language arts, Algebra I, English II and graduation rate.
4. Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator, gave the board materials on the new Organ Wise program at OES. Organ wise is a comprehensive health education program that integrates science, math and language arts. Zumba classes will begin next Thursday at OES for any staff member. Denise Baker will be the instructor. United Health sponsored an incentive program from the 7th grade class for getting their physicals. Oneida CSH, Scott and Morgan counties hosted the regional professional development for coordinated school health on October 25. OSSD coaches were provided equipment through the Shape the State Grant. OSSD will also receive the TN US Healthy Schools Award on November 5.

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

1. Several representatives from OMS/OHS attended the LEAD conference.
2. Fall Break was October 15-19.
3. The ELA pilot writing assessments were implemented at OHS and OMS.
4. The PLAN test will be given on November 7. EOC testing will be in December and the Writing Assessment will be given in February.
5. Finals for the first semester will be the first of December.
6. Thanks to Coordinated School Health and Melinda McCartt for the new sports equipment.
7. The OMS Veterans Day Program will be November 9.
8. OHS students will be competing in the Maxwell Oratorical Speech Contest on November 15.
9. On November 14, OMS and OHS history and social studies teachers will be attending a Medal of Honor Congressional Character Training Program at the University of Tennessee.

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

1. OES has received a very strong report card.
2. The 4th grade has added a Math Workshop to the schedule which incorporates another 50 minutes of math per day.

3. The 5th grade is looking at revising the current schedule to enhance reading and math opportunities.
4. Thanks to Director Sexton and the board for helping with staff development at OES including the ELA pilot and Reading Initiative.
5. The SAT10 scores are back and the 1st and 2nd grade scores were above the national norms.
6. Mr. Hicks is continuing to work on the individual student portfolios for all OES students.
7. Cheryl Butler has been a great asset with testing.
8. Melinda McCartt and David Mays will be doing a walk through of OES evaluating the Fire Marshall's report.
9. This week is Red Ribbon Week at OES and has been a great success.

Chairperson Williamson asked about the opinion of the staff on the constructive response pilot. Both Mr. Byrd and Mr. Harper related that the pilot had helped the staff and both feel the staff feels more comfortable and informed. Chairperson Williamson stated that there would have to be a shift from fact/recall to the thinking process.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools