

October 3, 2013

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 3, 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, Mr. Tommy Bell and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Also in attendance were Mr. Gavin Webb, student representative, Director Ann Sexton and Lori Marcum.

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

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Board minutes from the September 5, 2013 meeting.
- b. Certification of Compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated for the 2013-2014 school year (student textbooks).
- c. Textbook Selection Committee for the 2013-2014 school year.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented four (4) fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Mr. Bell, to approve the following fundraiser requests as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

- a. OES (L. Gilbert): Downs Syndrome Awareness TShirts
- b. Oneida Band (A. Bernard): Sell Tupperware
- c. Oneida Band (R. Strunk): Quilt/Afghan Raffles
- d. Oneida Band (A. Bernard): Sell Fruit

Chairperson Williamson then presented a board policy for consideration on second reading. The policy was Emergency Preparedness Plan 3.202. Mr. Bell made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the policy as presented on second reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a proposal to deliver a Special Warranty Deed transferring the "STAND Building" to the STAND Coalition. The building located on Shepard Road is owned by OSSD but has been used by the STAND Coalition for many years. The deed would allow STAND the opportunity to receive grants and other financial contributions. The agreement would give the building to the STAND Coalition, but will revert back to OSSD in the event that the coalition dissolves, ceases to function for more than 90 days, or ceases to use the property for coalition purposes. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Bell, to approve the deed transfer to the STAND Coalition. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented two board policies for consideration on first reading. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the following policies on first reading as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policy (First Reading):

- a. Facilities Planning 3.208

b. Graduation Activities 4.606

Chairperson Williamson then presented the 2013-2014 Supplemental Assignments for board consideration. After a brief discussion, Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the supplements as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the Roane State Community College Dual Studies Agreement for board consideration. Mr. Bell made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the agreement as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson presented PC305 Resolution for board consideration. The resolution is as follows:

***PC305 Resolution***

A RESOLUTION to encourage amending Tennessee Code Annotated, § 49-3-314(c) relative to the distribution of public school funds.

WHEREAS, revenue derived from property and sales taxes is a significant source of funds for the support of public education in all 135 school districts in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the laws of this state have mandated apportionment of funds used for educational purposes among the school districts located within a county; and,

WHEREAS, county governments collect property taxes from citizens within municipal boundaries to support the education budget in the county; and,

WHEREAS, in those counties where municipal school districts exist, the citizens of the municipalities pay property taxes to support both municipal and county schools; and,

WHEREAS, the legislature recently adopted Chapter 305 of the Public Acts of 2013 which has the effect of significantly limiting the apportionment of tax revenues between the county government and any city or special school district located within said county; and,

WHEREAS, as a matter of fundamental fairness, the citizens paying city and special school district property taxes are entitled to a share of all of the revenues generated by a county which are dedicated to the support of schools; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 305 of the Public Acts of 2013 contains language that encourages creativity in the definition of “non-recurring expenditures;” now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the ***Oneida Special School District Board*** that the Tennessee School Boards Association present this resolution to its delegate assembly for adoption in an effort to clarify and/or repeal the portions of Chapter 305 of the Public Acts of 2013 relative to non-

apportionment of school funds between counties and special school districts and municipal school districts located within the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Legislative Liaisons for both the Association of Independent and Municipal Schools and the Tennessee School Boards Association work together with all other interested parties to create language for legislation for presentation to the Tennessee General Assembly to accomplish the objectives detailed herein.

Mr. Bell 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. Ms. Sexton read an email from Kevin Huffman stating that the governor is committed to grow teacher salaries over the next few years.
2. Salary schedules were given to the board.
3. Ms. Sexton is working on job descriptions for all employees and those will be posted on the district website soon.
4. Appointments: Ron Cornelius – substitute maintenance/custodian, Cathy Buttram – SPED secretary
5. 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 October are Jonnie Lewis, Stacy Love and Jennifer Trammell.
6. Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator, gave the following report. Health screenings for students have been completed with approximately 1,033 students screened and thanks to all of those who provided services. Those who were absent or need rescreened will be made up soon. Flu shots will be given to staff tomorrow. The health department will be administering flu shots to students after fall break. The School Health Advisory Council, with approximately 30 partners and team members, met and discussed goal and objectives and the school health index modules 1-4. Tennessee will receive a portion of a Tobacco Grant and has chosen CSH as a venue to distribute monies. Each county will receive approximately \$16,000 for tobacco education in grades 4-8. The AED is installed at OES and the Knoxville Pediatric Cardiology Group will be providing training to the emergency response team. AED training will be October 18 at Oneida Elementary. CSH will be partnering with the Family Resource office.

Chairperson Williamson noted that it is Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all of the teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication.

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

1. September 23 was College/Career Day at OHS.
2. OHS and OMS students participated in a meet at the pole activity.
3. Mr. Byrd is working on CTE compliance reports and is looking, with Mr. Joe Wood, at an ACT quality core program to benchmark students.
4. OMS has begun a SWAT program and is a success.

5. OMS and OHS athletics are underway with soccer winding down and heading to tournament play. Football seasons are going well for OHS and OMS.
6. Teacher evaluations are ongoing.
7. OMS students enjoyed storytelling from the BSF Storytellers.
8. OMS and OHS are preparing for CRA and ELA testing.

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

1. The fall festival at OES was a huge success with approximately 500 attendee signatures.
2. After fall break, Mrs. Ann Mansfield and Mrs. Kendra Whittenburg's labs will be using eSuites which is an online extension of the ImagineIT reading program. This will also be extended to the Boys and Girls Club after school program.
3. OES will be hosting student teachers beginning October 21.
4. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 22.
5. Several schools have requested to visit OES including White County, Fentress County, Monroe County and Grundy County.

Chairperson Williamson noted that Dr. Jeanny Hatfield, Denise May and Linda Vincent will be presenting on the ELGIN reading program at TSBA November 9-12.

Ms. Sexton announced that school would be dismissed early on October 22 for parent/teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 to allow the afternoon for meetings. Please contact the schools to setup a time.

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 p.m.

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Dr. Nancy Williamson  
Chairman of the Board

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Ann Sexton  
Director of Schools