

February 2, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office conference room. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mr. Mark Matthews and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Director of Schools Ann Sexton was also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Savannah Hatfield 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 February student of the month is Luther Ellis.

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 Mr. Matthews, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of board minutes from the January 5, 2012 meeting.
2. Quarterly Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 2011.

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson presented two (2) fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the following fundraisers as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

1. OMS Softball (J. Lay): Yard Sale
2. Oneida Band Association (A. Bernard): Little Ceasars Pizza Kits

Chairperson Williamson then presented a request to advertise for janitorial bids. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the district's request to advertise for janitorial bids. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented an extended leave request from Mrs. Kristen Stephens. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the leave request as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Daniel Day. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to accept the letter of resignation. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented an IDEA Part B Budget Amendment. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the IDEA Budget Amendment. Vote was taken and motion carried.

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

Chairperson Williamson presented four (4) policies for board consideration on second reading. Chairperson Williamson called for any questions or concerns regarding the policies. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the policies on second reading as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Board Policy (Second Reading):

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

Chairperson Williamson presented policy 6.304 Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation for board consideration on first reading. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve policy 6.304 on first reading. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson presented the 2012-2013 District Calendar for board consideration. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar 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: Part-Time: Edwin Sharpe, Jerry Duval, Larry Byrge
- 2. GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award winners for the month were from OES, Leslie Pemberton, from OMS Rebekah Sexton and from OHS Lisa Delk.
- 3. Ms. Sexton is sending a district newsletter to the staff at the first of the month. The newsletters are available on the website if interested.
- 4. Ms. Sexton recognized Ms. Melinda Miller, School Health Coordinator, for an update. Ms. Miller stated that the district has started a "Biggest Loser" contest among the staff with over 40 participants. A Weight Watcher program will be starting February 14 for OSSD staff who would like to participate. The cost is \$99 for twelve weeks which is a 10% discount. Congratulations to Mrs. Lauren Hamby. Lauren has been participating in a walking class after school and accumulated the most steps in her class for the Dec/Jan month. She received a gift certificate from Le Nails. The healthy teams committee will be meeting tomorrow, February 3.

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

- 1. The OMS students completed the Writing Assessment on February 1 and 2. The 8th graders took the state mandated assessment, while the 6th and 7th graders took a practice test.
- 2. The OMS boys and girls basketball teams are playing in the district championship game tonight at Anderson County High School.
- 3. Sports calendars are available for purchase from the softball girls.
- 4. Mrs. Carilyn West talked about projects her 6th grade reading classes are doing. The students read *Esperanza Rising* and made dolls representing the story. Zach Kazez, Macey Rushing and Kayley Kidd were in attendance explaining their projects.
- 5. Mr. Trammell will be meeting with students about the PLAN test. An opening meeting with parents will be scheduled in the near future.

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

- 1. Mr. Harper gave the board a February calendar of events for OES. The calendar includes various teacher trainings including Common Core, CSEFEL,

ECERS/ELLCO, Math Summit, as well as, parent involvement activities, registrations, and student activities.

2. Mrs. Donna Tompkins will be hosting another Science Board Workshop on Monday February 6 from 4:30-6:30 to assist OES parents and students on their science fair board. During the workshop, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. May will also be explaining to parents their child's NWEA scores in reading and math.
3. OES will host a Valentine's Day Dance on February 13 from 6:30-8:30.
4. PreK registration will be February 28, 2012 from 5:00-7:00. The registration will be an open house for the public to see our facilities. Kindergarten registration will be the following week.
5. Mr. Harper discussed Mrs. Donna Tompkins science classes and her extensive use of hands on activities. In the future she will be having science hikes with GPS which tie into math applications.
6. Today was picture day at OES and the photography staff was very complimentary of student behavior.

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

1. The Drama department recently took a trip to the Tennessee Theatre to see *Les Miserables*.
2. OHS is proud to be presenting another dual enrollment class, US History. It is an online course with Mr. Robert Wright assisting.
3. OHS is planning and working with Skyward to make the transition to block scheduling. Representatives from OHS visited Maryville and Livingston schools to view their block schedules and programs.
4. OHS juniors took the writing assessment on Wednesday, February 1 in the new auditorium.
5. There are still a few issues with the construction; however, all of the issues are being addressed by the contractors and sub-contractors.
6. Progress reports went home with students on Friday.
7. The end of the 2nd trimester is quickly approaching. Students need to make up any work they are lacking.
8. The basketball season is winding down. There are two more regular season games. Senior Night will be Tuesday, February 07, 2012 versus J. Frank White.
9. Teacher evaluations are going well with weekly and daily evaluations.
10. Two teachers attended training in Greeneville on their use of iPads. Smart phones are being used in some high school classes for projects including Mrs. Duncan's Personal Finance and Mrs. Lowe's Economics classes. Mrs. Lowe's classes are using their phones to monitor stocks in the Stock Market Game.
11. ASVAB testing will be February 16.
12. The Boys and Girls Club will be using the gym on February 11 and 18.
13. OHS will be having parent/teacher conferences the week of February 6-10. OHS would like to invite all parents to meet with teachers and view the curriculum.
14. Trimester 2 finals will be the week of February 27 – March 2.
15. Approximately 45 high school girls will be taking a field trip on February 23 to Y12 for an engineering day.
16. Mr. Byrd presented a "Prezi" created by one of the high school students. The high speed prezi puts a creative twist on presentations and research. Instead of a traditional slide presentation, the prezi uses a single canvas to zoom in and out on ideas and key points.

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With no further business to come before the board, Dr. 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 6:40 pm.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairperson of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools