

**ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022**

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in regular session April 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oneonta High School Library. Members present were Don Maples, President, Patrick Adams, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale, and Matthew Taylor.

AGENDA APPROVED:

On a move from Mr. Adams and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED:

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Hicks the board unanimously approved the minutes of Work Session and Regular Board Meeting March 31, 2022.

MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the March financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on April 18, 2022, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of March 31, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Maples opened the floor to public comment, no one responded.

The first readings of proposed board policy revisions were presented by Assistant Superintendent Tammy McMinn.

- Policy 704.1 - Corporal Punishment. Action: Delete policy
- Policy 503.2 - Wellness Policy. Action: Replace existing policy with new definition.
- Policy 615.2 - Personal Leave. Action: Revise policy to reflect procedure and state law.
- Policy 705 - Student Welfare, Child Abuse or Neglect. Action: Revise policy to update required reporters.
- Policy 703 - Student/Parent/Guardian Complaints and Grievances. Action: Revise to minor grievances should have limited appeals.
- Policy 102 – School Attendance Zone, Non-Resident Students. Action: Add statement #P. Out-of-district students will reapply as they enter each school and before third grade.
- Policy 819 - Civility Policy. Action: New policy.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendation 1A.

1. Students
 - A. Approved the continued enrollment of one (1) non-resident OES student for the 2021-2022 school year.

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendations 2A through 2F.

2. Personnel
 - A. Accepted the retirement of Cindy O'Rear, OHS English Language Arts Teacher, effective June 1, 2022.
 - B. Accepted the retirement of Jennifer Bowman, OHS Social Science Teacher, effective June 1, 2022.
 - C. Accepted the resignation from Melanie Ruiz, OES EL Aide, effective April 5, 2022.
 - D. Approved the Summer Driver's Education instructor pay to \$40 per hour.
 - E. Approved Jessie Jones and AJ Elrod as OES Summer Reading Camp teachers for June 6 through 28, 2022.
 - F. Approved Wendy Young and Amanda Tidmore as Summer Reading Camp aides for June 6 through 28, 2022, 7:30 to 12:00 each day.

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On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendations 3, 4 and 5.

3. Approved the two year contract with Walsworth Company to produce the OMS yearbook.
4. Approved the two year contract with Lifetouch Photography Company to take pictures for the OMS yearbook.
5. Approved Change Order/COR-3 for the Maintenance Building/Pole Barn to David Acton Building Corp. in the amount of \$11,285.73 for additional work needed to rework the water and sewer line due to drainage issues.

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mr. Adams, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendation 6.

6. Approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a move from Mr. Adams and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Craig Sosebee as OCS Superintendent, effective July 1, 2022, pending contract approval.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Smith extended thanks on behalf of OCS to Cindy O'Rear and Jennifer Bowman for their dedication and service to our school system. We wish them to have many years of happiness and good health for their retirement. Both of these ladies have served OCS well!

Congratulations also to Craig Sosebee, we look forward to his leadership and service to OCS.

Congratulations to the OHS Baseball team, they are currently ranked as #1 team in 4A. The state baseball playoffs begin Friday, April 22 with OHS hosting Deshler. Game one will be at 4:30 pm and game two will follow. Good luck to the baseball team! Well wishes were extended to other spring sports as they go forward in their season.

The OHS musical Anastasia will be performed this weekend.

Congratulations to the CSFO, administrators and bookkeepers for their work, we had a good clean audit with no findings.

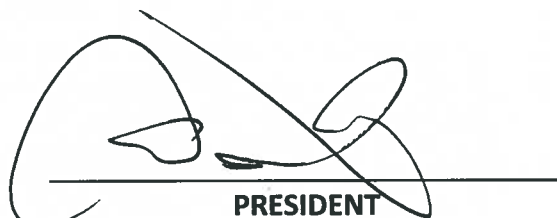
BOARD REPORT:

Patrick Adams commented on the 5 year ADM report per grade level. He voiced concerns over the drop in enrollment and questioned whether this is comparable to other systems our size and possible factors influencing the drop. Superintendent Smith stated it is a concern state wide, there has been a huge decline in school enrollment with many withdrawing to homeschool; we hope to see a rebound. OHS Principal Julie Talton stated they have already tested 103 students for K5 enrollment in the fall, which is a high number for this time of the year, and they anticipate a big class.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 5:30 with board officer elections and whole board training at 3:00.

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mr. Taylor the meeting was adjourned.


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT