

**ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in regular session January 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oneonta Elementary School Library. Members present were Patrick Adams, President, Don Maples, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale, and Matthew Taylor.

AGENDA APPROVED:

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor the board unanimously approved the minutes of Regular Board Meeting November 30, 2022, Special Called Meeting December 14, 2022, and Special Called Meeting January 13, 2023.

RECOGNITION OF DELEGATE:

President Adams welcomed Commissioner Harvey. Superintendent Sosebee and Matthew Taylor are working with Commissioner Harvey on proposed improvement projects for additional parking.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Taylor, the November and December financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on January 30, 2023, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of November 30, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS/GOOD NEWS:

Assistant Superintendent Tammy McMinn summarized the selection process for Teachers of the Year and Support Staff of the Year award. Schools principals presented a plaque, voiced accolades and congratulated the winners. On behalf of OFFER, President Merri Crow stated their appreciation for the dedication and service and awarded each winner with a check.

Liz Miller, OES Teacher of the Year
Stefanie Weston, OMS Teacher of the Year
Misty Sandlin, OHS Teacher of the Year
Alina Busenlehner, Support Staff of the Year

Each principal presented a midyear data review focusing on the data indicators that feed our state report card. The data indicators include chronic absenteeism, career and college readiness (for OHS), graduation rate (for OHS), academic growth, academic achievement, and progress in English language proficiency (OES). Indicators are calculated at a specific percentages for each school to obtain an overall score. Each school discussed how the performance measures are factored, testing platforms, current scoring, statistics and performance prediction estimates per grade level, and the proactive actions taken to boost future performance. Superintendent Sosebee stated his appreciation for school leadership and how the schools are monitoring student's progress and absenteeism so they can achieve at the highest level.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendations 1A through 1G.

1. Students
 - A. Approved overnight trip for the Cross Country team to Camp Sumatanga on June 10-11, 2023.
 - B. Approved the placement of nine (9) non-resident OES students on probation status for the 2nd semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - C. Approved the placement of two (2) non-resident OMS students on probation status for the 2nd semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

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- D. Approved the placement of eight (8) non-resident OHS students on probation status for the 2nd semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. Approved the continued enrollment on probation status for two (2) non-resident OES students for the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. Approved the continued enrollment of one (1) non-resident OMS student for the 2022-2023 school year.
- G. Approved the continued enrollment of one (1) non-resident OMS student for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

2. Personnel

- A. Approved Alex Strickland as OES Summer Reading Camp Administrator, June 5-26, 2023, at the rate of \$50 per hour to be paid with ESSER III State Reserve funds.
- B. Approved Rhonda Ford for OHS After School Math Tutoring for the 2022-2023 school year to be paid \$40 per hour not to exceed 100 hours, to be paid by ESSER III State Reserve funds.
- C. Approved Jennifer Bowman as maternity leave substitute teacher for Bethany Franklin, OHS FACS Teacher, for the remainder of her absence effective January 30, 2023.
- D. Approved Brett Moore as non-compensated assistant coach for middle and high school football programs for the 2022-2023 school year pending background check and AHSAA certifications.
- E. Approved Jorge Zamora as non-compensated assistant coach for the boys and girls soccer programs for the spring 2022-2023 school year pending background check and AHSAA certifications.
- F. Approved Jeff Hogeland as non-compensated assistant coach for the cross country program for the 2022-2023 school year pending background check and AHSAA certifications.

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 3.

- 3. Approved the two-year service agreement with Lifetouch to provide student photography services at OHS for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 4.

- 4. Approved the AP Exam fee subsidy request at \$50 per exam for 142 AP exams totaling \$7,100.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 5.

- 5. Approved the Facility Use Agreement with Bessemer Academy to use the Track on March 4, 2023.

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

- 6. Approved the Redskins Basketball Academy proposal for mini basketball camps to be held on Wednesday afternoons beginning April 12th through May 24, 2023.

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 7.

- 7. Approved the 2023-2024 OCS school year calendar.

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 8.

8. Approved Budget Amendment #1 for FY2023.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Sosebee stated the annual AASB whole board training session will be held in May and asked the board members to review the list of topics and email their recommendations.

Everyone was welcomed to the recently completed renovation of the Elementary Library. This space has been vastly improved with new lighting, new HVAC, ceiling tile, wall paint, flooring, and all new furniture. Thanks were extended for supporting facility upgrades as we strive to keep our students' learning environment bright, clean, innovative and inspiring. OES Librarian Elyssa Smith stated items are being added every week and the kids love it.

During our November meeting, the Board asked Mr. Sosebee to provide a brief report on the status and cost of litigation. In September of 2021 a Parent filed a complaint to vacate disciplinary action of a one day in school suspension. All Board members and other Administrative personnel were named as defendants. After winding its way through several lower courts the complaint was finally dismissed on November 4, 2022 by the Alabama Civil Court of Appeals. In addition to time required by Administrative personnel to address the complaint the school system incurred approximately \$32,000 in legal fees.

A review is being conducted on teacher units and how they are funded in an effort to ensure we place all state earned units, units being supported with ESSER funding, and those locally funded. We have a projected number of state earned teacher units by school, although these may change depending on the class size divisors set by our state budget process. Mr. Sosebee has met with each principal to begin discussing personnel plans.

An update will be presented in an upcoming meeting regarding how we have utilized our various CARES Act and ESSER funds.

The recognition evening for Coach Williams was well organized and attended. His recognition has set a good example for our current faculty and staff as it reminds us of the important roles we play in the development of our students.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Mrs. Tomahawk Pageant and everyone who was able to come out and support our students. It was a great opportunity for our students and appreciation was extended for all the work that goes into having a well-organized event.

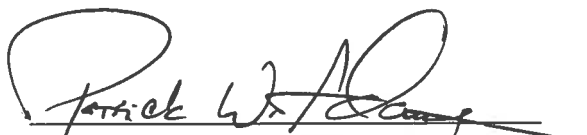
OHS received the 2022 AP CSP Female Diversity Award for the number of females in AP Computer Science.

In closing, Mr. Sosebee stated within this past week, it has become even more clear to him that the faculty and staff of Oneonta City Schools genuinely loves their students and goes above and beyond to support our kids. He is very honored to work with such a wonderful and committed group of individuals.

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



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT