

**ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

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

**AGENDA APPROVED:**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mr. Taylor the board unanimously approved the minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 24, 2022, and Special Called Meeting November 3, 2022.

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:**

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Hicks, the October financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on November 30, 2022, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of October 31, 2022. Mr. Maples stated they are evaluating the transfer of eligible funds currently in low interest bearing accounts to treasury bills to obtain a higher interest rate. He has discussed with our auditors and our CSFO has discussed with the Alabama State Department of Education. He will present more information to the board soon.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

1. Students
  - A. Approved the overnight field trip for the OHS Boys Basketball team to compete in a tournament in Mobile, AL, December 27 through 30, 2022.
  - B. Approved the overnight field trip for the OHS Girls Soccer team to compete in a tournament in Foley, AL, February 9 through 12, 2023.
  - C. Approved the continued enrollment of one (1) OMS non-resident 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 2D.

2. Personnel
  - A. Approved Meagan Burgett as maternity leave substitute teacher for Heather Owens, OES Teacher.
  - B. Approved Donna Avery as the maternity leave substitute teacher for Bethany Franklin, OHS FACS Teacher.
  - C. Approved two teachers for new provisional TEAMS contracts with OCBOE and ALSDE:  
Michelle Patrick - OHS Science  
Jeremy Cox – OMS Science
  - D. Approved a reimbursement agreement between OCS and Carsyn Gilliland. On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 3.

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

3. Approved the facility usage agreement with Total Futbol Club and City of Oneonta for use of the soccer practice field on December 10, 2022, for a soccer clinic.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved a one-time salary adjustment in the net amount of \$300.00 per employee.

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President Adams and Mr. Maples requested information for the following items for discussion in January:

- An overview of ESSER funds, expenditures, and plans.
- Upcoming summer projects.
- Update on the existing lawsuit against the system and related legal billing expenditures.
- Evaluation of discretionary funds. Implications if the 7 salaries currently funded by ESSER, were to come from local funds. Growth projection of sales tax funding.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Sosebee was very thankful our community was minimally affected by the passing storms last night. Thanks to the community service workers for having the roads cleared for students and employees to safety navigate and operate on a normal schedule.

The remainder of our OES library furniture is expected next week. We're pleased with how it's turning out. A book fair was hosted and included after school hours for parents. Thanks to Mrs. Breaseale for adding to the excitement as she attended as Mrs. Frizzle from Magic School Bus.

The SSA Budget Priorities were reviewed. Top Tier priorities to be pursued include: funding school safety expenditures, lower Grade 4-6 Divisor to fund staffing needs to meet literacy and numeracy instructional demands, funding elementary instructional coaches, increase at-risk funding, and supplemental appropriation to offset rising cost of construction.

The AASB school system snapshot was reviewed. A rank of 131 out of 138 systems reveals we operate on very little revenue and spend little per student compared to other systems. Based on our testing scores, our outcome is impressive.

Central Office Coordinator, Jaclyn Ashby, provided a summary of support services provided for students with financial needs. We partner with United Way and Sight Savers of America to provide various funds and services. Having a second mental health therapist onsite is a tremendous asset. We also have community partners that provide various assistance: Blount County Children's Center, DHR, JPO, American Red Cross, Hope House, local churches, local daycares, Head Start and Qualify of Life.


Assistant Superintendent, Tammy McMinn, provided an overview of the state report card, summarized strengths and weaknesses, and provided historical scoring trend comparisons within each school. OCS was ranked #14 of 139 systems in the state with an overall score of A – 91, a very impressive accomplishment.

The Art Show will be next Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the high school lobby. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the event. We hosted this for the first time last year and had some really great pieces submitted by our students and was well attended.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope everyone has a safe holiday season.

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

  
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PRESIDENT