

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ossining, NY

Work Session/Special Meeting/Executive Session
Roosevelt Education Center

14 November 2007
Executive Session: 7:15 p.m.
Work Session/Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Alice Joselow, *President*; Mr. Robert L. Wolf, *Vice President*; Ms. Amanda Curley, Mr. Irwin J. Kavy, Mr. Bill Kress, Ms. Dana Levenberg, Ms. Cindy Winter

Others

Present: Dr. Phyllis Glassman, *Superintendent of Schools*; Mr. Raymond Sanchez, *Deputy Superintendent*; Ms. Angela White, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services*; Ms. Linda Carpenter, *Executive Director for Finance and Operations*

I. Call to Order

President Alice Joselow called the 14 November 2007 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:16 p.m.

II. Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Irwin J. Kavy moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Motion carried: 7--0

No formal action was taken.

III. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting

At 7:28 p.m. Irwin J. Kavy moved and Dana Levenberg seconded the motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of 14 November 2007.

Motion carried: 7--0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

President Alice Joselow led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Joselow asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of our Brookside student Deveion Ferguson.

V. Work Session

- *College Level Courses for All (Goals # 3.0 and 3.1; LRP Goals # 3.1 and 3.2)*

High School Principal Joshua Mandel and Assistant Principal Lorraine Longing conducted an analysis of enrollment in college level courses at Ossining High School disaggregated by gender and race/ethnicity. Mr. Mandel shared a PowerPoint presentation to present this analysis to the Board.

The presentation was followed by comments from Board Members.

The following audience member was recognized:

Francine Vernon, Cedar Lane

- ***AMD Student Achievement Action Plan (Goals # 1.1, 1.2, & 1.3)***
- ***OHS Student Achievement Action Plan (Goals # 1.1, 1.2, & 1.3)***

Annually our District Goals include statements directing each of our schools to prepare action plans relating to student achievement. AMD Principal Regina M. Cellio, OHS Principal Joshua Mandel, and Deputy Superintendent Raymond Sanchez presented a brief report pertaining to each of the secondary schools action plans.

Following the presentations, Board of Education members commented and raised questions pertaining to the Action Plans.

The following audience members were recognized:

Francine Vernon, Cedar Lane

Daysi Briones, N. Highland Avenue

Bobby Williams, Spring Street

At this point a two-minute break was called.

- ***Presentation of School District Audit by Auditor***

Mr. Domenick Consolo, a partner of the auditing firm of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, a Division of O'Connor Davies Munns and Dobbins L.L.P., provided an overview of the Ossining School District Audit for the 2006-2007 School Year.

The presentation was followed by a comment from the Board.

VI. Special Meeting

Section A – Business of the Board

Robert Wolf moved and Cindy Winter seconded the motion to move Resolutions A-1 through A-3.

A-1 Motion to Accept the 2006-2007 School Year District Audit

I move that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee the Board of Education accept the audit report of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, a Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP, for the 2006-2007 school year ending June 30, 2007, and that such audit report be filed with the District Clerk and be available for public inspection.

A-2 Motion to Adopt Revised Policy Regulation File #6850-R -- Cellular Telephone Regulation

I move that the Board of Education adopt the revised Policy Regulation so noted.

A-3 Motion to Revise the School Calendar for the 2007-2008 School Year

I move that the Board of Education hereby adopt the revised calendar for the 2007-2008 school year, revised 14 November 2007.

Motion carried: 7--0

Section D - Personnel Matters

Irwin Kavy moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to move Resolutions D-1 through D-7, D-9 through D-14.

D-1 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Resignation

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignation of the professional staff member so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Current Hire Date</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Current Appt. Status</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Sunali Kumar	AMD	Science 7-12	9/1/07	11/16/07	Initial Earth Science 7-12	Resignation

D-2 Resolution Regarding a Civil Service Staff Separation Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the terms of the Separation Agreement dated November 8, 2007 presented by Mr. Raymond Sanchez and signed by Mr. Sam Ettinger (Employee #00783); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute such Agreement.

D-3 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Resignations

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the resignations of the Civil Service staff members so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Current Hire Date</i>	<i>Eff. Date of Term.</i>	<i>Current Appt. Status</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Sam Ettinger	OHS	Custodial Worker	5/24/90	11/8/07	Permanent	Resignation
Deborah Roffi	Roosevelt	Licensed Practical Nurse	10/3/06	11/27/07	Probationary	Resignation

D-4 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Resignations

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accept the support staff resignations so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Current Hire Date</i>	<i>Eff. Date of Term.</i>	<i>Current Appt. Status</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Jori Wolf	Park	Teaching Assistant	9/1/07	10/25/07	Initial Tchr. Cert.	Resignation
Josephine Pili	Claremont	Teaching Assistant	9/2/02 as Coordinator	Sub 11/14/07	Continuing Cert.	Resigning from position as District Sub Coordinator
Marlene Gonzales	Park	Teaching Assistant	9/19/06	11/16/07	Pending Level 1	Resignation

D-5 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Appointment

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the professional staff appointment so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Certif. Status</i>	<i>Degree Status</i>	<i>Step</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Appt. Type</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>
Kenneth LaCour	N/A	Perm. School Counselor	N/A	N/A	300/day	Temporary	100%	9/4/07	TBD	OHS	General

D-6 Resolution Regarding Civil Service Staff Appointments

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Civil Service appointments so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appointment Type/Date</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>
Joyce Brooks	Probationary appointment effective 11/15/07 to become permanent 11/15/08, unless otherwise terminated	Sr. Office Assistant	OHS	40,018	100%	11/15/07	11/15/08	General
Joan Failla	Probationary appointment effective 11/15/07 to become permanent 11/15/08, unless otherwise terminated	Office Assistant (Auto Sys)	AMD	33,500	100%	11/15/07	11/15/08	General

D-7 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointments

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the support staff appointments so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cert. Status</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Step</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>% Time</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>Effect. Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>
Alexis Kurppe	Pending Level 1	Teaching Assistant	Claremont	2	19,482	100%	General	11/15/07	6/30/08
Kimberly Boniello	Pending Initial Tchr. Cert.	Teaching Assistant	Park	1	18,527	100%	General	11/15/07	6/30/08
Margarita Moncada-Tapia	N/A	School Monitor	AMD	1	16,162	100%	General	11/15/07	6/30/08
Nancy McGovern	Level 1	Sub Coordinator	District	N/A	15.70/hr.	100%	General	11/15/07	6/30/08

D-9 Resolution Regarding Support Staff Appointments – Before/After School Programs

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the support staff appointments for the persons so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Expir. Date</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Cert. Status</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Step</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>
Helen Garcia	10/22/07	1/10/08	Teaching Assistant	Perm. Tchr. Cert.	Before School ELA Academy	Brookside	6	15.25/hr.
Jabarie Jones	10/16/07	12/14/07	Teaching Assistant	Pending Level 1	HEROES	Claremont	1	13.32/hr.
Jessica Castro	11/5/07	6/13/08	Substitute Teaching Assistant	Continuing Cert.	STAR	AMD	3	14.10/hr.
Sebastian Salazar	10/15/07	12/14/07	Teaching Assistant	Pending Level 1	HEROES	Claremont	1	13.32/hr.

D-10 Resolution Regarding Staff Supplementary Contracts

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the supplementary contracts for the persons so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Kathleen Hallinan	Yearbook Business Manager	\$1,614.00

Rodrigo Vargas

Music Club Director

\$1,525.00

D-11 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Teacher Removals

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the removal of the Per Diem Substitute teachers so noted.

<i>Cert</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Note</i>
NC	Kurppe, Alexis	N, K-Gr. 8
C	Aubry, Valerie	Eff. Oct. 15 - OHS Social Studies
C	Pass, Veronica	Elem. Ed

D-12 Resolution Regarding Per Diem Substitute Teacher Appointments

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the Per Diem Substitute teacher appointments for the persons so noted.

<i>Cert.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Note:</i>
C	Letizia, Robyn	CLAREMONT SCHOOL ONLY
C	Manning, Marion	Elementary-& AMD
NC	Castro, Kenneth	TA Sub Only - Pre-K-Gr. 5
NC	Mickle, Daphney	Clmt. AMD & OHS Eng. Span. Math
NC	Sandra, Taurisano	AMD & OHS, English, US History, French
NC	Spittler, Thelma	Pre-K-Gr. 12
PN	Gregg, Gail	LPN (Works eve. Must leave at 3:00 pm)

D-13 Resolution Regarding Appointment of School Volunteers

I move that the Board of Education appoint as a School Volunteer for the 2007-2008 school year the person so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Volunteer Title</i>	<i>Type</i>
Danielle Triolo	Parent- Claremont	PTA School Store

D-14 Resolution Regarding a Support Staff Request for Leave of Absence

I move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for the Teaching Assistant so noted.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Pamela Keemer	Park	Teaching Assistant	11/21/07	1/25/08	Child Care Leave

Motion carried: 7--0

D-15 Resolution Regarding a Professional Staff Request for Leave of Absence (For Information Only)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Category or Tenure Area</i>	<i>Leave Start</i>	<i>Leave End</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Loredana Dedvukaj	Park	K-6	10/10/07 (Revised)	1/8/08	FMLA Leave

D-8 (Removed from Agenda)

VII. Board Member Comments

President Alice Joselow took this opportunity to thank the entire Brookside School Community, Central Office Staff and Administration for their support as we faced the loss of one of our students.

President Joselow also extended kudos to Dr. Phyllis Glassman upon the publication of her article in the School Administrator.

Bob Wolf reminded everyone of the November 16, 2007 Varsity Football Playoff Game scheduled to be played in Dietz Stadium, Kingston, starting at 8:00 PM. Good luck Ossining!

President Alice Joselow also commented that the District has been diligent and vigilant in handling the subject of MRSA.

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:52 p.m. Irwin Kavy moved and Robert Wolf seconded the motion to adjourn the 14 November 2007 Special Meeting of the Ossining Board of Education.

Motion carried: 7--0

Kathleen M. Beirne
District Clerk