

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Ossining, New York

**Special Meeting
Ossining High School**

**20 May 2008
Executive Session: 6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting: 7:30 p.m.**

DRAFT 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 of Business and Operations*; Mr. Joshua Mandel, *Principal Ossining High School*

I. Call to Order

Board President Alice Joselow called the 20 May 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:38 p.m.

II. Motion to Enter into Executive Session

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

Motion carried: 7--0

No formal action was taken.

III. Motion to Come Out of Executive Session

At 7:35 p.m. Robert L. Wolf moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to come out of the Executive Session of 20 May 2008.

Motion carried: 7--0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Trustee Amanda Curley led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time Item D-1 was moved up in the Agenda.

Dana Levenberg moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion to move Resolution D-1.

D-1 Resolution Regarding an Administrative Staff Appointment: Director of Technology

I move upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education appoint Mr. Jeremy Luft to the position of Director of Technology at an annual salary of \$123,000.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Tenure Area</i>	<i>Certif. Status</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>
Jeremy Luft	Interim Director of Technology	SDA, SAS	512.50/Daily	Temporary	N/A	5/19/08	6/15/08	Central Office	General
Jeremy Luft	Director of Technology	SDA, SAS	123,000	Probationary	100%	6/16/08	6/16/11	Central Office	General

***Motion carried: 6—1
Amanda Curley moved nay.***

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Marcella Levin asked to address the Board of Education regarding the Ossining School District Budget Vote. Ms. Levin represented Proyecto ALCANCE who collected symbolic votes regarding the Board of Education Budget Vote. Below please find the text of the Symbolic Vote presented to the Board of Education.

*Proyecto ALCANCE
Presented to the School Board
May 20, 2008
Symbolic Vote*

Proyecto ALCANCE collects symbolic votes for the school budget as a democratic gesture. Our board of education represents all of our students with their unique and complex needs. We invite parents to be involved in their children's education because research and common sense tell us that it makes a difference. We hope you remember today that there are hundreds and hundreds of families that would choose to be involved in this important election officially but only have a symbolic voice. The immigrant community in Ossining which includes Latinos, Asians, Portuguese, African, Middle-Eastern and others, is a vibrant part of the school district. All of these families place their trust in you although they cannot cast a vote.

We are laborers and professionals, we are neighbors and relatives, we are immigrants hoping to take part in that American dream of educating our children in a public system. We maintain faith that the board of education partners with us to achieve an excellent, equitable education for all Ossining's children.

V. Work Session

- *Review of Recommended High School Courses for the 2008-2009 School Year*

Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Glassman shared that annually during this time of the school year, the High School administration begins to finalize the student course schedules for the forthcoming school year. When students select courses for the upcoming school year, inevitably a number of the courses that the administration would like to include for the forthcoming school year attract limited enrollments. Dr. Glassman reviewed with the Board of Education that a Board of Education

Policy provides that all high school courses with fewer than 20 students must be approved by the Board of Education prior to be scheduled for the forthcoming school year. In this regard, Dr. Glassman invited Ossining High School Principal, Mr. Joshua Mandel, to review those courses wherein enrollments as of this date had 20 or fewer students. Additionally Mr. Mandel provided highlights of the entire scheduling process acknowledging courses that had garnered considerable interest and high enrollments.

The low enrolled courses for which Mr. Mandel was seeking Board of Education support for scheduling during the 2008-2009 school year included the following:

Composition Studies	Sculpture
Drama/Theatre 1 & 2	Piano 2
AP Calculus BC	AP Music Theory/Foundations of Music
World Science Exploration	Accounting 1
AP Physics	Career & Financial Management
SUNY Geology	Photography 3
SUNY Spanish 2	Fundamentals of Nutrition
Italian College Level 4	Life Planning
Italian College Level 5	AP French
AP Studio Arts 1 & 2	

After some discussion by the Board of Education, Ms. Joselow queried the Board as to whether or not the Board would give consensus to support the courses as presented by Mr. Mandel. The Board was unanimous in support of the recommendations provided by Mr. Mandel.

V. Adjournment

At 8:31 p.m. Irwin J. Kavy moved and Bill Kress seconded the motion that the 20 May 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

Motion carried: 7--0

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Phyllis Glassman, Superintendent

Upon the adjournment of the Board of Education Special Meeting, Mr. Raymond Sanchez asked Board President Ms. Alice Joselow if he might address the Board. With assent from the Board President, Mr. Sanchez provided remarks, shared information, and expressed sentiments.