

# Orange County School Boards Association

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## MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING December 5, 2018 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

**In Attendance:** Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavsek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), Martha Bogart (Goshen, OU-BOCES), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), John Marro (Marlboro), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Dawn Tauber (Monroe-Woodbury), Deborah Lasch, Linda Van Horn (Port Jervis), Sarah Messing (Valley Central), David Eaton (Warwick Valley), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** David Shaw (Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert)

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He followed with a moment of silence to recognize the passing of former President George Bush. Our guest was welcomed and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 10/3/18 meeting was m/s/c.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk reminded everyone to check our website on meeting days in case of cancellation due to weather. He called attention to our February guest speaker, Rachel Wilson from Orange County Youth Bureau, who will discuss the resources the Youth Bureau offers and how our districts/students can avail themselves of their services. John also reminded people about NYSSBA's Capital Conference in Albany on February 10-11, 2019. Karyn will make appointments with our legislators and share that information at the February meeting.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Vaught reviewed OCSBA's financials for the first half of the year, with our checking account balance of \$23,948.77, and our money market account balance of \$2,793.35. She thanked our sponsors for their generous donations which helped defray the expenses of the Hospitality Suite and OCSBA dinners.
- Presentation: Negotiations – Trends & Updates** David Shaw reviewed key negotiation issues such as the effect of the tax levy, reserve funds, budget overrides and bargaining implications, and state and local taxes. He addressed the need for Management to safeguard their rights and avoid including non-mandatory issues in contract language. He also discussed the Affordable Care Act, Taylor Law factors, and health insurance issues. Mr. Shaw gave a variety of local examples of bargaining trends in negotiations.
- Executive Director's Report** Executive Director Karyn Meier reviewed convention activities, and thanked all the students, teachers, and administrators at Middletown, as well as the many representatives from our local districts who participated in our successful "STEM-Best Practices" evening in November. She gave updates regarding Leadership Orange, COLSBA, and MHSSC.
- OU-BOCES Update** BOCES' Bill Hecht and Jean Pavsek announced that they filled the vacancy on the BOCES Cooperative Board with Ed Estrada from Middletown. Bill shared that the recent Conference Day was very successful, and that BOCES now offers a printing coser, and noted that a variety of brochures and banners have been printed for local districts including Pine Bush, Goshen, Cornwall and Monroe-Woodbury.
- Legislation Update: OCSBA 2019 Platform** President Pasichnyk and Legislative Director Bill Boss discussed Capital Conference and asked delegates to think about relevant issues to consider for inclusion in OCSBA's 2019 platform.
- Delegates' Comments** Margaret Quinn from Cornwall shared information regarding the ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program's winter fund-raiser called "Not Jenga Jenga" scheduled for January 17th. She invited local districts to join them and learn more about this engaging and stimulating program designed for high school students.
- Adjournment** President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:49 PM.

