

# Orange County School Boards Association

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## MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING      DECEMBER 6, 2017      OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

**In Attendance:** Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Barbara Ann Manzari (Cornwall), John Redman (Florida, NYSSBA Area 9 Director), Meg Sgombick (Florida), Martha Bogart (Goshen, OU-BOCES), Richard Sullivan (Highland Falls), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Valerie Maginsky (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Dave Eaton (Warwick, OU-BOCES), Kathleen Gualtieri, Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Caroline Bobick, and Julie Marlette from NYSSBA Governmental Relations

- Call to Order**      President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guests, and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes**      A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/1/17 meeting was m/s/c.
- Presentation:  
NYSSBA Legislative  
Update & NYS Budget  
Priorities**      Director of Governmental Relations Julie Marlette, assisted by Caroline Bobick, reviewed NYSSBA resources available to help districts understand the different types of financial aid, and state aid runs, and gave an in-depth presentation about NY State's budget outlook and NYSSBA's State Aid Proposal. She also discussed NYSSBA's legislative priorities and advocacy strategies for the February Capital Conference in Albany.
- President's Report**      President Pasichnyk called attention to our February program, "Technology for Board Members", to be given by Forrest Addor, BOCES Director of Technology, and "Legal Do's & Don'ts" with David Shaw from Shaw Perelson. He also read Ron Sommer's thank you for OCSBA's fruit basket and get well wishes. He reminded everyone that NYSSBA's Capital Conference is February 11-12, 2018, and that we would review legislative appointments at our next meeting.
- Executive Director's  
Report:**      Karyn Meier reported that she planned to attend the MHSSC meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and that she would also be speaking at the Leadership Orange Education Leadership Session on January 10<sup>th</sup>. She noted that OCSBA would again sponsor the awards for the OU-BOCES Spelling Bee.
- Legislation News:**      Bill Boss led the discussion and review of the OCSBA Draft 2018 Legislative Platform to be prepared in advance of NYSSBA's Capital Conference. Some suggestions were made to add language about increasing flexibility in school governance. Delegates were asked to have further discussions with their respective boards and send input to Karyn Meier. The final draft OCSBA 2018 Legislative Platform will be reviewed at our February meeting.
- Delegates' Comments**      Bill Hecht and delegates discussed some of the particulars regarding the ward voting bill that was presented to the government in light of the NYCLU and NAACP suit against East Ramapo.
- Adjournment**      President Pasichnyk wished all safe and happy holidays. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:55 PM.