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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (O/U BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, O/U BOCES), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), John Redman, Meg Sgombick (Florida), Kevin Tuhy (Greenwood Lake), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), JoAnn Reed (Marlboro), Pastor John Williams (Middletown), Brian Monahan, Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Anthony Andersen (Monroe Woodbury), Valerie Maginsky (Port Jervis), Nancy Bourke, Diane Petrosky, Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Joseph Byrne (Valley Central), Jennifer Dellova, Colleen Doyle, Kathleen Gualtieri, Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Barry Entwistle (NYSSBA Director of Member Relations), Roberta Greene (Executive Director Mid-Hudson School Study Council)

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to recognize the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Afterwards, OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and our guests were welcomed.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/3/17 meeting was m/s/c.
A motion to approve the minutes of the 6/7/17 meeting was m/s/c.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk called attention to the 2017-2018 OCSBA Members Directory, and noted upcoming dates for OCSBA programs through December. He highlighted our October program to be given by BOCES' Dr. Diane Lang, about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Finally, he noted that members can get occasional text alerts about upcoming OCSBA news.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Vaught reported that the Executive Committee met on 8/1/17 to conduct an internal audit of OCSBA's 2016-2017 finances, all of which were found to be in good order. She noted that \$100 was transferred into our money market account to increase savings and avert dormancy, and thanked all districts for their prompt payment of OCSBA membership dues.
- Executive Director's Report:** Karyn Meier reported that welcoming correspondence was sent to all new board members, and to all new and returning OCSBA delegates. She also discussed OCSBA dinners, and a Voting Delegates meeting (TBA) to be held during the NYSSBA Convention in October.
- Presentation: NYSSBA Convention Info** Barry Entwistle gave a preview of the NYSSBA Convention with navigation tips for our members. He reviewed hotels, transportation, pre-convention workshops, program & session highlights, and encouraged the use of NYSSBA's convention app to receive the latest news and/or changes.
- Presentation: Mid-Hudson School Study Council Update** Roberta Greene provided an update on MHSSC activities, calling attention to some upcoming programs. She reviewed MHSSC's Higher Education Joint Research Project, and the status of the current K-12 survey. She also noted a future research project that is under consideration.
- Discussion: Vote for Area 9 Director** John Redman, BOE President for the Florida district, discussed his long service in public education, and asked for all local districts to vote for him to be the next NYSSBA Area 9 Director.
- Legislation News: NYSSBA Resolutions** Legislative Director Bill Boss gave some brief news about NYSSBA's proposed resolutions to be voted on during the convention. He asked all districts to review the resolutions to be prepared for a more in-depth discussion at OCSBA's October meeting.
- Delegates' Comments** NYSCOSS' decision to not support a "Ward Bill" was discussed, as was why NYSSBA/OCSBA supports the existence of an optional ward representation system. Support for boundary alterations of the Monroe-Woodbury district to reflect changes created by the proposed Town of Palm Tree were also discussed.
- Adjournment** President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:57 PM.