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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: 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), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), JoAnn Reed (Marlboro), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Anthony Andersen (Monroe Woodbury), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Sarah Messing (Valley Central), Dave Eaton (Warwick, OU-BOCES), Keith Parsons (Warwick), Kathleen Gualtieri (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Tammy Rhein, Orange County Department of Mental Health, and Deborah Heppes, Kerri Stroka OU-BOCES

Call to Order

President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 10/4/17 meeting was m/s/c.

Presentation:

The Opioid Epidemic and its Impact on our Schools

Director of Mental Health Services Tammy Rhein led an in-depth presentation about the present-day opioid epidemic in Orange County, with additional input from Kerri Stroka, OU-BOCES Director of Special Education & Alternative Programs. Ms. Rhein gave some historical perspective, and discussed current efforts underway locally to address this issue. She also facilitated a discussion about the types of problems school districts are facing, steps that districts are currently taking, and further actions that districts might take to meet the needs of our families and students with regards to the opioid epidemic and drug abuse overall.

President's Report

President Pasichnyk called attention to our December program, "NYSSBA Legislative Update & NYS Budget Priorities", to be given by Julie Marlette, NYSSBA Director of Governmental Relations. He also noted that OCSBA would be developing their 2018 Legislative Platform during the December meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Meg Vaught reported on first quarter and October finances, which included NYSSBA Convention expenses, and sponsorship monies received. OCSBA's current checking account maintains a balance of \$31,566.42.

Executive Director's Report:

Karyn Meier reported that OCSBA dinners, and the Voting Delegates' meeting, during the NYSSBA Convention went well, and thanked all our sponsors who helped defray expenses. The question of hosting the dinners at a later time to accommodate NYSSBA opening events was discussed. While we might try moving to a slightly later time, most felt that it's best to stick to our current timing.

Legislation News: NYSSBA Resolutions

President John Pasichnyk reviewed the results of NYSSBA's Business Meeting and Resolutions voting. He also reviewed OCSBA's 2017 Legislative Platform and asked members to discuss issues of importance with their respective boards so that that information could be shared during the December meeting when OCSBA will develop its 2018 platform.

Delegates' Comments

Joe Flaherty thanked Karyn Meier for her coordination of OCSBA activities during the convention. John Pasichnyk discussed the recent health problems of Past President Ron Sommer. A motion to send a Get-Well card and a fruit basket to Ron, not to exceed \$50, was m/s/c. Karyn will take care of the details.

Adjournment

President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:40 PM.