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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING October 3, 2018 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (O/U BOCES), John Pasichnyk (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, O/U BOCES), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), John Redman (Florida, NYSSBA Area 9), Meg Sgombick (Florida), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Deborah Lasch, Linda Van Horn (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Sarah Messing (Valley Central), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Laura Pietropaolo (OU-BOCES), Rob Conlon (GLSEN)

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and our guests were welcomed.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/5/18 meeting was m/s/c.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk reviewed information about OCSBA dinners and hospitality suite during the NYSSBA convention. He called attention to our November program "STEM: Sharing Best Practices" to be hosted by Middletown ECSD, with representatives from ten local school districts participating in a panel discussion, and students from the Middletown district giving hands-on demonstrations of the district's wide array of STEM programs. He also noted that we will have a "Negotiations Update" from David Shaw at our December meeting, and will also discuss OCSBA's legislative priorities.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Vaught reviewed OCSBA's 1st Quarter financials, with our checking account balance of \$33, 733.56, and our money market account balance of \$2,793.21. She also noted that generous donations which help defray the expenses of the Hospitality Suite and OCSBA dinners have been received and recognized our sponsors.
- Presentation:
New Mental Health
Curriculum Requirements** Laura Pietropaolo, OU-BOCES Health Education Instructional Specialist, discussed recent changes to health curriculum to include instruction on mental health well-being for K-12, and resources available to assist districts in accommodating the updated requirements.
- Presentation:
Providing Support for
Transgender Students** Rob Conlon, GLSEN Hudson Valley Co-Chair, reviewed the results of the most recent National School Climate Survey with regards to transgender students. He discussed a variety of ways districts can provide greater support for transgender and gender expansive students, from within classrooms, by support staff, and district-wide. He offered sample district policy for districts to review.
- Legislation News:
NYSSBA Resolutions** President Pasichnyk, a member of the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee, and Legislative Director Bill Boss reviewed NYSSBA's proposed resolutions to be voted on during the convention, and discussed the Business Meeting's protocol.
- Delegates' Comments** Cooperative Board President Jean Pavek informed members that two people expressed interest in being appointed to the OU-BOCES Cooperative Board to fulfill retired member Dottie Slattery's position for the rest of her term this year. Whomever is appointed would have to run for election at that time. Other comments noted their appreciation of the information shared during the evening's presentations.
- Adjournment** President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:27 PM.