

MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING

December 7, 2016
BOCES, Goshen, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht (O/U BOCES), Dottie Slattery (O/U BOCES, NYSSBA Area 9), John Pasichnyk (Chester), Charlie Frankel (Cornwall), Martha Bogart (Goshen, O/U BOCES), Ron Sommer (Greenwood Lake), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Anthony Andersen (Monroe-Woodbury), William A. Smith (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Joe Byrne, Bad Conklin (Valley Central), Brian Casey, Kathleen Gualtieri, John O'Neill, Maureen Peterson, Bill Santos (Washingtonville), Susan Doyle, Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Melissa Knapp (Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle), David Shaw (Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert)

President Ron Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.

Call to Order

Melissa Knapp, Esq., and David Shaw, Esq., discussed the roles of superintendents and board members in collective bargaining negotiations, and how to prepare. They also reviewed factors that affect negotiations, recent changes in the collective bargaining process and gave an overview of what is trending with negotiations in our region.

Presentation:
Collective Bargaining
Trends in our Region

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/2/16 meeting was m/s/c.

Approval of Minutes

President Sommer thanked our presenters. Ron reminded all to check the OCSBA website for meeting cancellation notices in case of bad weather, and noted that the website might be down for 24-48 hours while it is restructured. He announced that Brian Fessler, NYSSBA Senior Governmental Relations Representative, will be at our February 1st meeting for a legislative advocacy update, prior to NYSBBA's Capital Conference on February 12-13, 2017 in Albany. Ron noted that OCSBA will have a suite in the Renaissance Hotel's Capital Room on 2/12 to discuss advocacy strategies for 2/13. Attendees were polled to see how many members plan to attend.

President's Report

Dottie Slattery reported that NYSSBA is looking for feedback so that they can find ways to increase attendance at the yearly convention Business Meeting. She noted that a networking reception for new board members is planned for June 2017. She also asked for volunteers to assist with certain NYSSBA committees and meetings. Joe Flaherty volunteered to attend a Commissioner's meeting, and Bill Smith expressed an interest in serving on the Resolutions Committee.

NYSSBA Area 9 Director's
Report

Bill Hecht shared that he reviewed Phase II of BOCES' Facility Plan for improvements at Arden Hill at a recent Superintendent's meeting. A presentation of the plan will be online at BOCES' website and BOCES representatives are available to visit with BOE's to discuss the plans.

BOCES Report

Bill Boss reviewed OCSBA's 2016 Legislative platform and asked for input regarding any changes/updates that our delegates want OCSBA to consider for 2017. Suggestions about loss of recess time, the testing opt out trend, ELL requirements/funding, TRS reserves, revision of school tax levy cap calculations, teacher staffing needs, and school crowdfunding policy were offered for consideration. A draft legislative platform 2017 will be reviewed on February 1st.

Legislative Report &
Delegates' Concerns

President Sommer thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:07 PM.

Adjournment