

Orange County School Boards Association

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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING March 2, 2022 VIRTUAL

In Attendance: Martha Bogart, Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall/OU-BOCES), John Redman (Florida/NYSSBA Area 9), Shannon Johnson (Goshen), Susan Selser (Greenwood Lake), Aaron Falk (Highland Falls), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Bill Harris (Port Jervis), Brad Conklin, Sarah Messing, Angela Terralavoro (Valley Central), Bill Fanos (Warwick), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA).
Guest: David Shaw from Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert

- Call to Order** President Joe Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced our guest speaker, David Shaw.
- Secretary's Report** Secretary Sarah Messing asked for a motion to approve the minutes of 2/2/22 meeting, which was m/s/c.
- Approval of Minutes**
- Treasurer's Report** President Flaherty presented the Treasurer's Report which shows OCSBA's net income as \$27,646.88. A motion was made to approve the report which was m/s/c.
- Presentation:** Attorney David Shaw discussed the impact the pandemic has had on operational decision making at both local district and state governmental levels. This included a review of many varied remote instruction issues, followed by an in-depth discussion of salary trends from 2022-23, health insurance employee contributions, TRS & ERS rates, employee accommodations, and tenure conferral affected by the pandemic.
- Labor Negotiations, Personnel Matters: Emerging from the Covid-19 Pandemic**
- President's Report** President Flaherty reminded everyone that OCSBA's next meeting is May 4, 2022. At that meeting OCSBA's budget for 2022-2023 will be presented along with the proposed slate of officers. He asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, which was decided would be the current Executive Committee. Per OCSBA Bylaws, the Executive Committee also serves as the Budget Committee.
- General Reports:** Executive Director Karyn Meier reviewed notes from the County Team meeting held 2/8/22. She shared information about the upcoming Workshop for Prospective Board Members, and notes from the latest Restorative Justice Policy Workgroup meeting.
- Exec. Director's Report**
- NYSSBA Area 9** John Redman shared that the NYSSBA Executive Committee is having their quarterly meeting in the coming week, as well as mentioning the planned CTE Lobby Day.
- OU-BOCES Report** COO Bill Hecht introduced OU-Boces' Catherine Sherlock, Communications & Records Management Coordinator, as well as the BOCES' OM Coordinator, to give members an overview how Odyssey of the Mind will be presented this year. This year will be held in person, with teams and coaches, but with no spectators. Refreshments will be provided by food trucks. Thirteen school districts are participating including some from outside of Orange County. OU-BOCES Film & Tech students will help livestream the program, and Law Enforcement students will help coordinate traffic flow, etc. Everyone is looking forward to a great event.
- OCSBA Legislative Update** Karyn Meier thanked everyone who participated in our meetings with legislators, and especially those who took the lead role in coordinating our advocacy efforts. She reviewed the main focus points covered including funding, BOCES' aid, social and emotional learning needs, covid mitigation concerns, etc. Bill Boss shared that legislators were responsive, and conversations were productive. Joe Flaherty shared that state mandate relief still needs to be addressed with our state legislators, who have not been overly responsive on this issue.

**Delegates
Comments/Concerns**

Delegates concerns and comments included:

- A district's former Athletic Director, who recently passed, was given in recognition a memorial track meet will be planned.
- Joe Flaherty recognized the state championships won by Minisink's wrestling teams.
- Bill Boss wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
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Adjournment

President Flaherty thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:25 PM.