

MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING

March 1, 2017
BOCES, Goshen, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (O/U BOCES), Sandy Nagler, Frank Sambets (Chester), Charles Frankel (Cornwall), Larry Berger (Cornwall, O/U BOCES), Martha Bogart (Goshen, O/U BOCES), Ron Sommer (Greenwood Lake), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), Ed Estrada (Middletown), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Anthony Andersen (Monroe-Woodbury), William A. Smith (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Brad Conklin, Sheila Schwartz (Valley Central), Kathleen Gualtieri (Washingtonville), Susan Doyle, Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Bill Hecht (District Superintendent of OU BOCES), Diane Lang, Ph.D. (Director of Instructional Support Services at OU BOCES)

President Ron Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.	Call to Order
Bill Hecht discussed recent BOCES activity including meeting with legislators in Albany, and a review of new BOCES programs. Dr. Diane Lang gave a detailed presentation with numerous examples of how her department supports school districts throughout the county. Instructional Support Services can provide resources whether that is to meet an individual student's needs, or to support the instructional needs of teachers throughout multiple school districts. This encompasses all phases of instruction including planning, delivery, assessment and climate.	Presentation: What's New at BOCES?
A motion to approve the minutes of the 2/1/17 meeting was m/s/c.	Approval of Minutes
President Sommer appointed OCSBA's Nominating Committee for next year's officers, and OCSBA's Budget Committee. He noted that OCSBA will host its annual Workshop for Prospective School Board Members on April 1 st , and reminded members that OCSBA's April Delegate meeting has been moved to May 3 rd , and that our annual meeting is scheduled for June 7 th at Villa Venezia with guest speaker Jay Worona from NYSSBA.	President's Report
Susan Doyle discussed the cancellation of NYSSBA's Capital Conference in February due to snowy inclement weather. OCSBA was able to cancel hotel and hospitality suite reservations without penalties. She noted that NYSSBA is not planning on rescheduling the conference, and that while we weren't able to meet with legislators in Albany, OCSBA's legislative platform had been sent to all legislators at the start of February.	Executive Director's Report
Bill Boss reported that he emailed a NYSCOSS informational piece to everyone which detailed the pros and cons of NY State's proposed budget regarding education. All agreed to resend OCSBA's legislative platform information to our representatives. Delegates discussed the possibility of getting together in small groups to meet with legislators while they were in district.	Legislative Report
Current candidates seeking reelection to OU BOCES' Cooperative Board, Martha Bogart from Goshen, and Larry Berger from Cornwall, reintroduced themselves to OCSBA delegates.	BOCES Board Candidates
Brad Conklin (Valley Central) expressed concern over the significant cost increase their district is experiencing in providing health insurance coverage. Delegates from other districts concurred, and a discussion of options (using the consortium, self-funding a plan, etc.) were discussed. Bill Smith (Port Jervis) asked if any districts were using the Anonymous Alerts app which enables students to confidentially report incidents of bullying or unsafe situations. Frank Sambets (Chester) addressed the financial stresses affecting the development of school budgets.	Delegates' Comments
President Sommer thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:05 PM.	Adjournment