

Orange County School Boards Association

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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING February 6, 2019 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavak (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), John Marro (Marlboro), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Sarah Messing (Valley Central), David Eaton (Warwick Valley), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Rachel Wilson (OC Youth Bureau), Terry Reynolds (OUBOCES), Grace Riario (Ramapo Catskill Library System), Olivia Brown (Washingtonville Student), Michael Torres (Middletown Student)

Call to Order President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guests were welcomed and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes A motion to approve the minutes of the 12/5/18 meeting was m/s/c.

President's Report President Pasichnyk reminded everyone to check our website on meeting days in case of cancellation due to weather. He called attention to our March guest speakers, Jim Drohan and Stuart Waxman, who will provide legal updates on several educational topics. John also reminded people about NYSSBA's Capital Conference in Albany on February 10-11, 2019.

**Presentation:
Getting to Know Orange
County Youth Bureau** Executive Director Rachel Wilson gave an overview of the responsibilities of OC Youth Bureau to provide funding for different initiatives as well as to provide some direct services to youth. She highlighted peer to peer team building, internship opportunities. BOCES' Terry Reynolds discussed training available to school staff regarding recognizing youth mental health issues, and the Safe School Ambassadors program. RCLS' Grace Riario discussed student career exploration programs, and the importance of the 2020 census. Washingtonville student Olivia Brown, and Middletown student Michael Torres recalled their experience with Youth in Government and their recent trip to Albany to meet with legislators.

**Executive Director's
Report** Executive Director Karyn Meier updated everyone regarding the most recent County Team meeting and their screening of the documentary film "Resilience" which details the impact of toxic stress caused by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). William Hecht mentioned that BOCES is trying to obtain a copy of the film for future viewings. The County Team will have ongoing discussions of how ACEs can be addressed countywide. Karyn also discussed her presentation at the educational session of Leadership Orange. She also noted the dates of the March 30th Workshop for Prospective Board Members, and the June 11th and 13th sessions for the Mandated Training in Governance for new school board members.

**Legislative Update:
OCSBA 2019 Platform &
Capital Conference** President Pasichnyk discussed his ongoing position with NYSSBA's Resolutions Committee. Legislative Director Bill Boss reviewed OCSBA's 2019 Legislative Platform, and discussed this weekend's Capital Conference details and legislative appointments for Monday, February 11th.

Delegates' Comments None to report.

Adjournment President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:34 PM.