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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING October 2, 2019 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Ed Estrada, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OUBOCES), John Redman (Florida, NYSSBA Area 9), Robert Scheuermann (Florida), Martha Bogart (Goshen, OU-BOCES), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), Karen Brooks, Joann Reed (Marlboro) Linda Van Horn (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Dave Eaton (Warwick Valley, OU-BOCES), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA).

Guests: Rachel Wilson, Michael Bark (OC Youth Bureau), Terry Reynolds (OU-BOCES)

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mary Delia Boss, followed by a thoughtful and loving tribute by her father, Bill Boss. Guests were welcomed and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/4/19 meeting was m/s/c.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk reminded everyone about the Celebration of Life memorial service in honor of Carl Onken, to be held at BOCES in the Carl Onken Conference Center on 9/19/19. He reported that a letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Pat Larkin and the family of Senator Bill Larkin. John also reminded everyone to confirm their attendance at OCSBA dinners during the NYSSBA Convention. Finally, he announced OCSBA's upcoming meetings: 11/6/19 at OU-BOCES' Arden Hill campus with an in-depth look at BOCES' programming, and on 12/5/19 at the Carl Onken Conference center with a look at the effects of childhood trauma and a screening of the film "Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope".
- Treasurer's Report** On behalf of Treasurer Vaught, Secretary Faith Aprilante gave the treasurer's report, noting that almost all membership dues had been received, and that sponsorship monies for convention activities were coming in. OCSBA's checking account balance is \$32,258.27, and the money market account balance is \$2,794.04.
- Presentation:
Safe School Ambassadors** Rachel Wilson, Exec. Director of OC Youth Bureau, Michael Bark, OC Youth Bureau Program Technician, and Terry Reynolds, Ass't. Superintendent for Instruction at OU-BOCES, gave a thorough presentation of the successful, research based Safe School Ambassadors program which trains socially influential students to recognize, prevent, and stop bullying, violence, and other forms of mistreatment. They detailed the progressive training that students (and teacher coaches) receive, and how the program can be made self-sustaining. Information about the Emerging Leaders Youth Conference, and the United Way "Resilient Communities: Challenging the Opioid Epidemic" workshop was provided.
- Executive Director's Report** Executive Director Karyn Meier reviewed the status of convention dinners and the Voting Delegates' breakfast that OCSBA is hosting during the NYSSBA convention.
- NYSSBA Area 9 Director's Report** Area 9 Director John Redman reported that NYSSBA internal candidate and COO Robert Schneider has been selected to be the new NYSSBA Executive Director effective 1/1/20.

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NYSSBA Resolution Review	President Pasichnyk, who is a member of NYSSBA’s Resolutions Committee, and Bill Boss, reviewed the current status of resolutions to be voted on at the business meeting during convention, including a resolution submitted by OU-BOCES which would support legislation to eliminate the limit on BOCES District Superintendent compensation, and a resolution submitted by Washingtonville which supports legislation to increase penalties against any business/person selling/providing vaping products to minors. Additionally, it was reported that Julie Marlette, NYSSBA’s Director of Governmental Relations, was resigning her position to take another job at an Albany firm.
Delegates Comments/Concerns	Bill Hecht again invited everyone to attend the “Celebration of Life” in honor of Carl Onken. Members from Chester thanked Bill Hecht and OU-BOCES for their help and support with regards to a recent district data breach. Ed Estrada and Robin White announced that they each were presiding over different sessions at the convention and encouraged our members to attend.
Adjournment	President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:01 PM.

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Executive Director’s Report: (submitted separately from minutes)

Meetings attended:

October 22, 2019: OU-BOCES Regional Athletic Center Feasibility Study Committee. Three different conceptual project layouts were reviewed, with discussion geared towards identifying the specific needs of component districts. Attendees emphasized the need to design the project for the activities that districts have difficulty providing, rather than activities that the majority, if not all, districts are already hosting with relative ease.

October 24, 2019: NYSSBA Pre-Convention Law Conference, attended.

October 24, 2019: OCSBA Dinner Meeting at Dinosaur BBQ, Thirty-one attendees included representatives from two of our sponsors (Shaw, Perelson et al, and Thomas, Drohan et al), and five superintendents.

October 25, 2019: OCSBA Dinner Meeting at VOLO Enoteca & Osteria. Twenty-five attendees included representatives from three of our sponsors (The ECG Group, Shaw, Perelson et al, and Thomas, Drohan et al), and four superintendents.

October 26, 2019: OCSBA Voting Delegates’ Breakfast Meeting at The Street Craft Kitchen at the Hyatt Regency. Fourteen attendees.

November 1, 2019: County Team Meeting at OU-BOCES. Celebrated 25 years of County Team achievements with special founding County Team member guests. Current members shared their info about ongoing efforts and programs designed to support our youth in all community areas. In particular, OU-BOCES is hosting a Symposium of Best Practices for Educators, Counselors, Nurses, Administrators, and Support Staff regarding VAPING & the TEENAGE BRAIN on February 12, 2020.