

Orange County School Boards Association

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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING May 2, 2018 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

In Attendance: Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger, Margaret Quinn (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Martha Bogart (Goshen, OU-BOCES), John Williams (Middletown), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Valerie Maginsky (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Dave Eaton (Warwick, OU-BOCES), Kathleen Gualtieri, Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Jim Drohan, Stuart Waxman (TDWPM), Ron Sommer, Past OCSBA President

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guests, and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 12/6/17 meeting was m/s/c.
- Presentation:
Free Speech in Education,
& Mandated Child Abuse
Reporting** Attorneys Jim Drohan and Stuart Waxman reviewed legal perspectives regarding free speech rights of students and teachers, and district responsibilities regarding various situations including student walk-outs, personal belief expression, compelled speech, and disagreement with curriculum instruction. They also reviewed mandated reporting of child abuse including the legal definition of child abuse, reasonable suspicion, reporting procedures and the obligations of various personnel.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk presented the Nominating Committee report for the proposed slate of officers for the 2018-2019 school year, and asked for questions or comments, for which there were none. He reviewed plans for OCSBA's Annual Meeting & Dinner in June, with guest speakers Chancellor Betty Rosa, and Regent Judith Johnson. He announced that the Executive Committee would meet over the summer to conduct an audit of OCSBA's financial records, and to plan for upcoming events. He welcomed delegates to share their ideas for possible presentation topics.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Meg Vaught reviewed OCSBA's Year-to-Date financial status reflecting a modest but satisfactory fund balance, and presented OCSBA's proposed 2018-2019 budget, calling attention to the point that OCSBA membership dues will remain the same for the coming year.
- NYS Diploma
Requirements & BOCES
Update** BOCES District Superintendent Bill Hecht gave members a summary of updated NY State Diploma requirements for the "4+1 Pathways", and the ability of superintendents to make a determination of proficiency for an eligible student with a disability, in any area/subject where a student has not passed the respective Regents exam, giving superintendents greater leniency in granting a local diploma. He also thanked everyone for their districts' support of the BOCES budget, and gave a summary of BOCES' programs.
- Executive Director's
Report:** Karyn Meier reported on the MHSSC meeting of December 7th which focused on college readiness. She also reported on her presentation during the educational session of Leadership Orange on January 10, 2018, and OCSBA activities during NYSSBA's Capital Conference in Albany in February. Karyn reviewed results of the Workshop for Prospective Board Members held in April, and thanked Robin White (Washingtonville), Paula Blumenau (Middletown), and President John Pasichnyk (Chester), for their participation in the event. She then called attention to the upcoming mandated training session for new school board members in Governance in June.
- Delegates' Comments** No news to report.
- Adjournment** President Pasichnyk called for a motion to adjourn, which was m/s/c at 9:03 PM.