

# Orange County School Boards Association

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**MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING**

**MAY 3, 2017**

**OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY**

**In Attendance:** Bill Hecht (O/U BOCES), John Pasichnyk (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, O/U BOCES), Ron Sommer (Greenwood Lake), JoAnn Reed (Marlboro), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), William A. Smith (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Brad Conklin (Valley Central), Brian Casey, Colleen Doyle, Kathleen Gualtieri (Washingtonville), Susan Doyle, Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Vinh Gerald (Education Services Specialist, ASVAB/Career Exploration Program)

## **Call to Order**

President Ron Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and our guest was welcomed.

## **Presentation: ASVAB/Career Exploration Aptitude Testing**

Vinh Gerald reviewed the purpose and benefits of the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)/Career Exploration aptitude test. These test help students learn more about different military and civilian career paths. They are federally funded and school districts can use these tests for their students free of charge.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the 3/1/17 meeting was m/s/c.

## **President's Report & Treasurer's Report**

President Sommer thanked the members of OCSBA's Nominating Committee and presented the proposed slate of Executive Committee officers for the 2017-2018 school year, to be voted on at the annual meeting in June. Ron also spoke on behalf of Treasurer Ed Estrada, and presented the proposed OCSBA budget for the 2017-2018 school year, which is subject to approval at the annual meeting. He noted that OCSBA membership dues remain unchanged.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Susan Doyle discussed the upcoming mandatory training session on school board governance that OCSBA offers to newly elected school board members in June. In relation to different training options available to meet this mandatory obligation, OCSBA's training is very beneficial in that it is local, very cost effective for local districts, and gives new board members the valuable chance to network with other school board members.

## **Sharing Session**

Delegates discussed the status of their districts' respective budgets with regards to positive or negative financial concerns, health insurance costs, PILOT's, and whether districts are experiencing retirements and/or adding positions. Discussion also included what type of information board members need to look at in advance of drafting a district budget, and how achievement of a district's goals relates to the budget process.

## **Delegates' Comments**

A question about the type of information covered in a district's orientation for a new school board member was discussed. It was agreed that orientations should be conducted by the Board President. Susan Doyle answered a question, confirming that while new board members may begin to get acquainted with ongoing district business prior to taking office, they should not participate in conversations that are considered legally confidential until they are sworn into office.

## **Adjournment**

President Sommer thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:48 PM.