

Orange County School Boards Association

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MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2022 OU-BOCES

In Attendance: Martha Bogart, Bill Boss, Ed Estrada, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Lori Gorcsos (Florida), Tom Loftus (Goshen), Mike Emsworth (Greenwood Lake), John Williams (Middletown), Joe Flaherty (Minisink), Sarah Messing (Valley Central), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA).

Guests: Pamela Bass, Neel Choudhury, from Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle law firm

- Call to Order** President Joe Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guests were welcomed and OCSBA attendees were introduced.
- Secretary's Report
Approval of Minutes** Secretary Sarah Messing asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/7/22 meeting, which was m/s/c.
- Treasurer's Report** Second Vice President Robin White presented the first quarter financial report. She reported the current checking account balance of \$31,835.70, and the money market fund balance of \$2,795.34. She thanked our member districts who have submitted their membership dues.
- Presentation:
"Show Me the Money:
Social Media & the Use of
Name, Image & Likeness"** Pamela Bass and Neel Choudhury led an in-depth presentation regarding the evolution and legal implications of Name, Image & Likeness (NIL) regarding student athletes, and the impacts on high school students and school districts today. They reviewed NYS Public High School Athletic Assoc. guidance, and discussed policy recommendations and best practices for school districts.
- President's Report** President Flaherty reported that OCSBA's next meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd, with the guest speaker to be announced. He also shared that at OCSBA's December meeting, representatives from School Aid Specialists will discuss how districts can maximize revenue, and ensure that they are receiving as much state aid as the district is entitled. He thanked OU-BOCES in advance for hosting an in-person gathering for our local NYSSBA Voting Delegates during the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting.
- General Reports:
Executive Director's
Report** Executive Director Karyn Meier shared information regarding NYSSBA's Voting Delegates and orientation sessions. She thanked OU-BOCES for hosting a tour for board members. She reported on meeting with OC District Clerks, and on the recent COLSBA meeting, and shared info regarding OCSBA convention activities. She noted a NYS Office of Mental Health program, SHAPE Up New York, for which school districts could apply to engage in a free 6-month learning collaborative focused on advancing high-quality school mental health systems and supports.
- OU-BOCES Report** COO Bill Hecht reported on OU-BOCES' Capital Project and shared their associated newsletter which has been distributed throughout Orange County in advance of the October 25th vote. Jean Pavek asked everyone to go to BOCES' website to view the video about the project.
- NYSSBA DEI Report** John Williams reported that NYSSBA's Board has consented to allow the DEI committee to look at resolutions through a DEI lens and provide feedback if needed.
- NYSSBA Resolutions
Committee** Bill Boss reported on his revised Resolution Summary chart, and the updated Voting Delegates' booklet, and that the Resolutions Committee meets on additional time. Details about the NYSSBA Voting Delegates' gathering at BOCES was discussed further.
- Delegates
Comments/Concerns** Martha Bogart thanked Karyn Meier for coordinating all OCSBA's zoom meetings for the past two year of virtual meetings. People noted how nice it was to be back in person.
- Adjournment** President Flaherty thanked everyone for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:39 PM.