

# Orange County School Boards Association

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## MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING September 4, 2019 OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

**In Attendance:** Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), John Redman (Florida, NYSSBA Area 9), Robert Scheuermann (Florida), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), John Williams (Middletown), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Dawn Tauber (Monroe-Woodbury), Linda Van Horn (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Art Fitzgerald (Valley Central), Dave Eaton (Warwick Valley), Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA).

**Guests:** Barry Entwistle (Director of Member Relations, NYSSBA), Roberta Greene (Executive Director, MHSSC)

- Call to Order** President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Senator Bill Larkin. Our guests were welcomed and OCSBA attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes** A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/1/19 and 6/5/19 meeting was m/s/c.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Meg Vaught reported that the Executive Committee completed an internal audit of OCSBA's 2018-2019 financial records, for which everything was found to be in good order and properly accounted for. She reported the current checking account balance of \$14,475.97, and the money market fund balance of \$2,793.83. Most districts have paid their membership dues, and a few outstanding payments from the Meeting and from the Governance Training are still pending. TA motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was m/s/c.
- President's Report** President Pasichnyk confirmed that our October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will focus on the Safe Schools Ambassadors program with Rachel Wilson from the Orange County Youth Bureau. He encouraged everyone to join us for meetings, and especially newer board members.
- Executive Director's Report** Executive Director Karyn Meier shared that there will not be a hospitality suite at this year's NYSSBA Convention in Rochester. However, dinners are being planned for both Thursday and Friday evening. Thursday night's dinner will begin at 8:00 pm so that members can enjoy the Convention's opening reception and recognition of Tim Kremer upon his retirement.
- NYSSBA Area 9 Director's Report** NYSSBA Area 9 Director John Redman thanked all the districts which nominated him for a second term. He noted that he is also running unopposed, and everyone offered early congratulations. Mr. Redman shared that the NYSSBA Board of Directors was in the process of meeting with the final four candidates for the NYSSBA Executive Director position.
- Presentation: NYSSBA Convention Preview** Barry Entwistle gave a preview of the NYSSBA Convention with navigation tips for our members. He reviewed hotels, transportation, pre-convention workshops, program & session highlights, and encouraged the use of NYSSBA's convention app to receive the latest news and/or changes.
- Presentation: MHSSC Update** Roberta Greene provided an update on MHSSC activities such as the summer law conference, and noted some upcoming programs such as the "Tinker at 50" workshop which looks at current free speech issues. She reviewed MHSSC's Higher Education Joint Research Project, and the status of the current K-12 survey. She also provided information about MHSSC's partnership with SUNY New Paltz and the success of the new Administrative Leadership Degree program.

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**NYSSBA Resolution  
Review**

President Pasichnyk, who is a member of NYSSBA's Resolutions Committee, reviewed the current status of resolutions to be voted on at the business meeting during convention. In particular, discussion centered on 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.

**Delegates  
Comments/Concerns**

A discussion was had about ransomware and the threat to school districts, especially in light of Monroe-Woodbury's recent experience. Discussion was had regarding regulations regarding vaccinations and any impact our districts might be experiencing.

Bill Hecht invited everyone to attend a "Celebration of Life" in honor of Carl Onken to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Carl Onken Conference Center at OU-Boces.

**Adjournment**

President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:41 PM.