

Regular Meeting
Oxford Board of Education
Oxford High School Media Center
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Call to Order: Chair Diane Soracco called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Susan Kiernan, Stephen Brown, Melissa Cole, Gerard Carbonaro, John Hatchell, Diane Soracco, Paula Guillet, Amy Cote

Board Members Absent: David Yish

Central Office Staff Present: Rosemary Hanson, Director of Finance; Tim Connellan, Superintendent

Substitute Recording Secretary: Michelina Cevetillo

Reading of Mission Statement: Gerard Carbonaro read the Mission Statement

Chairman – Meeting Organization: Chair Soracco stated if people are to address the Board, they should do so by either standing or raising their hand. If the audience is to ask questions, they are to write them down.

Nicole Granucci, Physics Teacher at Oxford High School did a presentation on NASA and the presentation was also conducted by students who attended NASA with Ms. Granucci.

Valerie Nelson, Kindergarten teacher at Quaker Farms School presented curriculum considerations in regards to Full Day Kindergarten. The findings come from the Full Day Kindergarten Committee Curriculum work groups.

Audience of Citizens I:

1. Kerry Mizak, 42 Ancient Highway – Ms. Mizak was happy to comment that class room sizes are remaining small and that she is for Full Day Kindergarten.

Amendment to the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 1

- Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2013 Regular meeting **was made by G. Carbonaro, seconded by S. Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Report of Administrators:

- **Quaker Farms School** – Principal Cacace was present at the meeting.
- **Oxford Center School** – Principal Hendershot was present at the meeting.

- **Great Oak Middle School** – Principal Murphy and Assistant Principal Miller were present at the meeting.
- **Oxford High School** – Principal Savo and Assistant Principal McGrath were present at the meeting.
- **No questions to the administrators**

Correspondence:

None

Report of Superintendent: Mr. Timothy F. Connellan

Action Items:

Motion 2

- Motion to ratify the hiring of Stefan Porco as the Math Department Chair and Teacher at Oxford High School effective January 21, 2014. **Motion was made by A. Cote; seconded by M. Cole. All in favor; motion carried.**

Informational Items:

- January 2104 School District enrollment report included in packet and that parents/guardians will receive a correspondence and Q&A on January 15, 2014 regarding Common Core.

Report of Business Manager: Ms. Rosemary

Action Items:

Motion 3

- Motion to approve check registers dated December 6, 2013 and December, 2013 (FY 2013-2014) as reviewed by Finance Committee on December 5, 2013 **was made by G. Carbonaro; seconded by J. Hatchell. All in favor; Motion carried.**

Ms. Hanson also indicated that check registers will be emailed to Board members the Friday before Tuesday meetings.

No informational items.

Report of the Chairman: Diane Soracco

- Through Facilities – tour of each of the schools for Board of Education members.

Report of Subcommittees:

- **Facilities** – D. Soracco said that David Yish is absent and that Amy Cote would be discussing the Five Year Capital Plan. One time expense; laid out in a five year plan. G. Carbonaro asked if these numbers are set in stone. A. Cote responded, future years are not set in stone. We need to demonstrate our needs to our place holders. A. Cote stated that safety, security and maintaining is what is important.

Motion 4

- Motion to table the action of the 2014-19 Oxford Public School Capital Plan. **Motion was made by G. Carbonaro; seconded by J. Hatchell. Nays: S. Kiernan, S. Brown, A. Cote, M. Cole, D.Soracco, P. Guillet Motion did not carry.**

Motion 5

- Motion to adopt the 2014-19 Oxford Public School Capital Plan as presented. **Motion was made by S. Brown; seconded by M. Cole. Ayes: S. Kiernan, S. Brown, A. Cote, M. Cole, D.Soracco, P. Guillet. Nays: G. Carbonaro, J. Hatchell Motion carried.**

Report of Subcommittees

- **Policy:** P. Guillet reported first read on policy 1250 Community Relations; Superintendent Goals to modify new goals and adding new goals.
- **Curriculum:** M. Cole mentioned there is a meeting scheduled for the first week in February; discussion of textbooks in the spring and Pilot testing – Smarter Balance Assessment. Also mentioned cons to Common Core because parents are asking. There is no choice, we have to abide to Common Core State Standards because the state has adopted them, along with 45 other states.
- **Negotiations:** P. Guillet – Secretary Negotiations – secretaries met and will probably make an agreement and probably to be brought forward to the full Board in February.
- **Finance:** G. Carbonaro indicated that check registers were discussed prior to this meeting; Full Day Kindergarten cost about \$500,000 with additional costs for infrastructures; Gate fees – there are no standards and we have ideas to make; field trips – zero cost for the field trips; student activities are included in the packets.
- **Full Day Kindergarten Committee:** A. Cote discussed that Full Day Kindergarten Ad Hoc Committee met on January 13, 2014 presentation; will do a larger survey, finds at next meeting that is scheduled for January 28, 2014.

Report of Board of Education Representatives and/or Liaisons:

- **PTO:** D. Soracco indicated that meeting at 6:30 on January 16, 2014.
- **Booster Club:** S. Brown did not attend the meeting.
- **ACES:** P. Guillet mentioned that meeting was held last Thursday. ACES serves school districts and their own Special Education Schools
- **Building/Roof Liaison:** A. Cote spoke on behalf of D. Yish. Nafis & Young, engineering surveyors for Quaker Farms School roof project –there are timelines and deadlines for next summer. Need to create Ed Specs for Oxford Center School needs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Audience of Citizens II:

None

Meeting Adjourned 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelina Cevetillo
Substitute Recording Secretary
Minutes Subject to Approval