

**ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in a special called meeting September 12, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the Board of Education office. Members present were Patrick Adams, President, Don Maples, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale and Matthew Taylor.

**AGENDA APPROVED:**

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved the agenda.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

CSFO Katie Bryant conducted the second public budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2024.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 1.

1. Approved the enrollment of two (2) non-resident OHS students for the 2023-2024 school year on probationary status.

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 2.

2. Approved the contract with Jefferson Blount St. Clair Mental Health for two mental health therapist from September 30, 2023 through September 30, 2024, not to exceed \$90,000, to be paid from ESSER III and Stronger Connections Grant.

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 3.

3. Approved the new provisional ALSDE TEAMS contract for Ashley Allen.

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 4.

4. Approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Sosebee stated the initial board policy review and comparisons are underway and currently all administrators are involved with various components of the policy manual.

A principals meeting is planned for this Thursday to discuss measures we have in place to improve academic achievements and hear from principals how implementation is going at this point. We will also train on test security and testing procedures.

Yesterday, we had an unauthorized individual in our parking lot, the school quickly responded with a "secure your perimeter", the SROs and our local OPD were on the scene very quickly. The prompt actions of the schools and the police department were impressive.

Tomorrow, we have a fire drill that will be conducted in a joint agency exercise format meaning 911, fire, police and our schools all practice what to do in the event of a fire. We will have a post drill meeting to debrief and identify improvements needed.

The softball scoreboard installation began yesterday, they hit rock but should be finished by the end of next week.

We have an away football game with Cherokee County this Friday.

President Adams requested we post the September board meeting announcement on Facebook to encourage public participation.

October 5th is the bid opening for the baseball batting cage.

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The softball dugout project has not been finalized yet; not approved by the state. The pre-construction lighting meeting was held and we are ready to go when supplies are organized, with plans to be completed before the season.

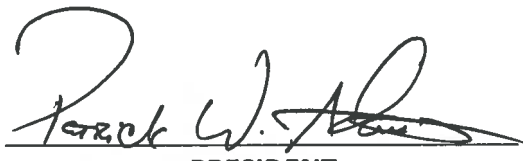
Blount County Board of Education will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 14 for their new offices, various members of our board plan to attend.

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Hicks the meeting was adjourned.



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**SECRETARY**



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**PRESIDENT**