# ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in regular session September 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oneonta High School Library. Members present were Don Maples, President, Patrick Adams, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale and Matthew Taylor.

## AGENDA AND ADDENDUM TO AGENDA APPROVED:

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

#### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor the board approved the minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 30, 2021, and Special Called Board Meeting September 7, 2021.

## **AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:**

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mr. Adams, the August financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on September 27, 2021, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of August 31, 2021.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

President Maples opened to floor to any comments from the public. No one responded.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS/GOOD NEWS:** President Maples recognized Kathy Loggins for her 25 years of service and retirement at the end of this month. Her work, experience and advice has been appreciated throughout the years.

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a move from Mr. Adams and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendation 1A.

- 1. Students
  - A. Approved the OHS Softball Team overnight trip for a tournament in Gulf Shores, AL, March 27 through 30, 2022.

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendations 2A through 2F.

- 2. Personnel
  - A. Approved the transfer of Kathryn Bryant as Chief School Financial Officer Trainee to the Chief School Financial Officer for Oneonta City Schools effective October 1, 2021.
  - B. Accepted the resignation of Jose Lopez Mejia, Custodian, effective September 10, 2021.
  - C. Approved the OES After School Tutoring Program teachers for the 2021-2022 school year: Taylor Claburn, Kellie Dailey, Angie Hogeland, Jana Hollingsworth, Baylee Johnson, Sandy McElvey, Brenda Nash, Catey Presley and Amanda Wood.
  - D. Approved Isai Vazquez and Joshua Vogel as non-compensated volunteer assistant coaches for boys and girls soccer for the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of AHSAA certification and background check clearance.
  - E. Approved the employment of Teresa Ann Isbell as Custodian Worker pending background clearance.
  - F. Approved the employment of Jennifer Fallin as OMS Part-time Literacy/Intervention Teacher, effective October 4, 2021.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a move from Mr. Adams and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously appointed Sharon Breaseale as representative to the AASB Delegate Assembly, December 2, 2021.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Smith reported continued improvement related to the number of students and employees affected by COVID. There has been a steady improvement with numbers associated with sickness. Superintendent Smith recommended that OCS continue with the present mask/face covering requirements through Friday, October 1. Then, beginning on Monday, October 4, OCS would transition to masks/face coverings preferred and recommended but not required. Student would be required to keep a mask with them at all times and the teacher could require a mask to be worn for certain activities (i.e. students who work closely together in lab assignments, small group projects, etc.). Masks and face coverings will continued to be required at all times while students/adults are being transported on a school bus. This remains a requirement of the Department of Transportation (DOT). On a move from Mr. Adams, and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Smith's recommendation on masks/face coverings. Superintendent Smith also thanked our students, employees and community for their understanding during the past several weeks in which masks have been required.

Special thanks to Mrs. Kathy Loggins for her dedication to the OCS district! He wished her many happy years of retirement!

## **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board voted unanimously to move to executive session to discuss student/parent complaints and grievances. During the Executive Session the board voted unanimously to deny the parents' request/grievance.

## **RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION:**

On a move from Mr. Adams and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board reconvened to regular session.

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

SECRETARY

**PRESIDENT**