# ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 29, 2023

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in regular session March 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oneonta High School Library. Members present were Patrick Adams, President, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale, and Matthew Taylor. Don Maples was absent.

#### **AGENDA APPROVED:**

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

### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mr. Hicks the board unanimously approved the minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 27, 2023.

## FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:

On a move from Mr. Taylor and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the February financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on March 29, 2023, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of February 28, 2023. President Adams commented this is the first statement to track the treasury investment through Bryant Bank.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dr. Michael Barber, with Alabama Association of School Boards, reviewed the results of the superintendent's evaluation for Craig Sosebee. School board members ranked his performance an overall average score of 3.9, which is above '3.0 meets expectations' and just below '4.0 exceeds expectations'. School principals are considered direct reports and provided an average score of 4.4. Detailed reports were given to board members. The next step is to set goals for the coming year. President Adams would like to expand the number of evaluations from direct reports next year.

Federal Programs Coordinator, Jaclyn Ashby, reviewed federal COVID relating funding and remaining balances.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

- 1. Students
  - A. Approved the overnight trip for the Softball Team to Auburn, AL, April 15 & 16, 2023.

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

- 2. Personnel
  - A. Accepted the retirement of Brenda Nash, OES Reading Intervention Teacher, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - B. Accepted the retirement of Beverly Anderson, OES Kindergarten Teacher, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - C. Accepted the resignation of Becky O'Toole, OES 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - D. Approved the maternity leave for Hannah Tracy, OES Kindergarten Teacher, beginning April 24, 2023 through May 26, 2023.
  - E. Approved Meagan Burgett as long term substitute for Hannah Tracy's maternity leave.
  - F. Approved Wendy Young as Aide for Summer Reading and Math Camp, June 5-23, 2023, 7:30 to 12:00.
  - G. Approved Alicia Glenn as clerical worker for Summer Reading Camp 2023.

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H. Approved teachers for Summer Reading Camp June 5-26, 2023, and/or Summer Math Camp, June 5-16, 2023.

Sandy McElvey

Hannah Maze

**Kellie Dailey** 

**Rosemary Atkinson** 

Amanda Wood

Liz Miller

Angie Hogeland

Regina Vargas

**Kelly Moon** 

**Taylor Claburn** 

Mallory Gulledge

**Cheryl Phillips** 

Baylee Gibbs (Johnson)

Carol Kenyon

Vanna Thomas

Kalle Killough

Sharon Blackwood

**Nancy Barnett** 

Jessie Jones

- I. Approved Donna Avery to administer six AP exams, any needed training and make-up exams at \$40 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.
- J. Approved the creation of a Local Reading Specialist position, job description, and salary schedule.
- K. Approved the creation of a Math Instruction Coach position, job description, and salary schedule.

#### BOARD REPORT:

President Adams stated the board would like to provide an appreciation luncheon for the staff on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which is a remote learning day for students. Thanks and congratulations were extended on behalf of the Board for the years of service and dedication to Brenda Nash, Beverly Anderson and Becky O'Toole. It is clear they have all had an impact to our students and system. The date for the April board meeting will be reviewed due to scheduling conflicts.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Sosebee stated many school systems are struggling to spend all their federal COVID funds in a timely manner and thanked the central office administration, staff, and CFSO for their work to not only spend it, but to spend it wisely.

School safety remains a high priority for us, and we unfortunately had yet another reminder in Nashville. As we learn more about this tragedy, we are evaluating our current emergency preparedness, reviewing emergency procedures with administrators and staff, and communicating with our supporting agencies. We are grateful for the local support through Oneonta City Police, Fire, 911, and EMA. They have been actively involved in our drills this year as we continually look for ways to improve our overall safety.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the Wilson family this week and our staff, teachers, and administration are commended for the support they have provided to our students and to each other during this difficult time.

The Chamber recognition program was held last night to recognize our teachers of the year from each school, support staff of the year and student ambassador of the year. It was a great opportunity to once again recognize Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Sandlin, as well as our Support Staff of the Year, Alina Busenlehner, and Student Ambassador of the Year, Gracyn

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Clifton. Congratulations and thanks were extended to them, along with their principals and other staff members that came to support them.

Everyone is invited to a special recognition scheduled tomorrow evening around 6:00 as we host a home track meet. We are excited to recognize Smiley and Alan Veal with a plaque naming our track in honor of their contributions to our track program. We hope everyone can come out and take part in this special event.

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

SECRETARY

**PRESIDENT**