

**ONEONTA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 31, 2023**

The Oneonta City Board of Education met in regular session July 31, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oneonta High School Library. Members present were Patrick Adams, President, Don Maples, Ricky Hicks, Sharon Breaseale, and Matthew Taylor.

AGENDA APPROVED:

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Taylor, the board unanimously approved the minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 26, 2023, and Special Called Meeting July 19, 2023.

JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED:

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mr. Hicks, the June financial statements were unanimously approved. The financial data and/or cash balances presented to the Board on July 31, 2023, are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of June 30, 2023. President Adams thanked Katie Bryant, Don Maples and Matthew Taylor for their work in identifying significantly better investment options.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assistant Superintendent, Tammy McMinn, provided an update on recent grant awards. Over half a million dollars have been awarded. The Stronger Connections Grant for \$399,999 will provide partial funding over the next three years for mental health personnel, Navigate 360 a social emotional learning platform utilizing teaching and intervention communications. \$30,395 High Hopes money will partially fund a SRO and iReady which prepares students for the ACAP assessment. \$16,855 Bullying Grant will be used toward Navigate 360. ALSDE Safety Grant of \$77,660 will be used for updated radio communications, bullet resistant door film, and vape sensors. We now have access to a cyber portal to apply for other grants. President Adams thanked Tammy for the work involved with the award of this substantial amount of money.

SCHOOL REGOGNITIONS / GOOD NEWS:

Superintendent Sosebee asked the school principals to introduce their new teachers. Julie Talton introduced OES teachers Abby Jones-Local Reading Specialist, Kim Owen-1st grade teacher, Morgan Walker-2nd grade teacher, and Madeline Woodham-3rd grade teacher. Leigha Rogers, OMS, introduced Winter Saige Dempsey-long-term substitute teacher for Wendy Smithson. Jeff Jones introduced OHS teachers Cory Glasscock-Social Studies and boys basketball coach, Jarrod Jeffreys-Social Studies and assistant football coach, John Michael Lauderdale-Alternative program and assistant football coach, Kurt Prater-Health and girls basketball coach, Chris Shelton-Career Preparedness and baseball coach, and Emily Storey-Math. President Adams welcomed the new faculty members and stated the connections and former students returning shows the faculty is invested in the school system

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

On a move from Mr. Hicks and a second from Mr. Maples, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendations 1A through 1D.

1. Students
 - A. Approved the continued enrollment of one (1) OES non-resident student for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - B. Approved the enrollment of three (3) OES non-resident students for the 2023-2024 school year.

- C. Approved the continued enrollment of two (2) OMS non-resident students for the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. Approved the enrollment of one (1) OMS non-resident student on a probationary status for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

- 2. Personnel
 - A. Accepted the resignation of Dana Lowe, Bus Driver, effective July 20, 2023.
 - B. Approved the employment of Amy Cole as OCS Bus Driver for the 2023-2024 school year, effective August 3, 2023.
 - C. Approved John Micah Whited as Part-time OCS Bus Driver for the 2023-2024 school year, effective August 3, 2023.
 - D. Approved Winter Saige Dempsey as Long-term Substitute Teacher for Wendy Smithson, OMS Social Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, effective August 10, 2023, pending certification.
 - E. Approved a new provisional TEAMS contract for the 2023 2024 school year for Emily Storey, OHS Math Teacher.

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

- 3. Approved the Athletic and Activity Supplement Schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

- 4. Approved the volunteer coach list for the 2023-2024 school year.

On a move from Mr. Maples and a second from Mrs. Breaseale, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendation 5.

- 5. Approved the revised 2023 2024 OCS Student Handbook. The revisions related to the CEP approval and requirement to update breakfast and lunch pricing and charge restrictions.

On a move from Mrs. Breaseale and a second from Mr. Hicks, the board unanimously approved Superintendent Sosebee's recommendations 6A through 6F.

- 6. Approved the OCS District Level Plans
 - A. 2023 2024 OCS District Parent Involvement Plan
 - B. 2023 2024 OCS Neglected and Delinquent Plan
 - C. 2023 2024 OCS LEA Consolidated Plan
 - D. 2023 2024 OCS Homeless Plan
 - E. 2023 2024 OCS Foster Care Plan
 - F. 2023 2024 OCS District EL plan

BOARD REPORT:

President Adams and Mr. Hicks are working on selling ads for the LED stadium screen. The MidSummer Night's Fun event is scheduled for August 12; the event should be promoted to parents and stakeholders since proceeds benefit the local school systems. Board members will be on-hand to work the event.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Sosebee stated his pride in the work being accomplished by our central office team. This summer has been very productive and we are excited to begin a new school

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year. Our administrators have done an outstanding job of making great hires. We look forward to seeing all they accomplish during their tenure with Oneonta City Schools.

The work of our administration, office staff, teachers and coaches, custodial and maintenance staff were recognized for all of their efforts to set us up for success this year. Much work goes on behind the scenes and much planning occurs in the summer weeks that set the foundation for a successful year.

Board members are invited to attend our Institute meeting this Thursday, beginning with a 7:30 breakfast and 8:00 start. Dr. Larry Gibson will provide the morning devotion and the keynote speaker Dr. Greg Benner, from the University of Alabama, will focus on maximizing student success by providing for the whole student which aligns with our system focus on MTSS.

Thanks to OFFER, the Oneonta Foundation for Education Resources, and their efforts to raise funds and direct those towards the betterment of our school and students. Last year, they reached their goal to make the Car tag initiative a reality, which are visible around town now. Recently, they purchased student recognition boards for our high school lobby, promethean panels for the elementary and middle school, and supported the production of a video series for us to use on social media to promote our school district. Everyone is encouraged to follow the school system on Facebook. We will be releasing the first of these videos next Monday.

Mayor Phillips and the City Council have been invited for a tour of the school on Friday, August 18, at 8:30 am. The City of Oneonta and our school system have a great partnership and we realize that each others' success is vital. The City of Oneonta was thanked for their ongoing support and involvement in our schools.

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



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