

ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION
DISTRICT OFFICE

January 11, 2017

2240 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca NY

Board of Education

Members Present: Mr. Dwight Eagan
Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz, Vice President
Mrs. Karen Kane
Mr. Robert Mahany
Mr. Dwight Mateer
Mr. David Nielsen, President
Mrs. Elizabeth Quinlan

Members Excused: n/a

Others Present: Mr. Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Lisa Krueger, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
Mr. Jeffrey Petrus, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Mr. David Lilleck, Executive Director of Personnel & Pupil Services

Estimated Audience: 10

Mr. Nielsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Policy Review/In-service

- **Policy 7220 – Graduation Requirements/ Early Graduation / Accelerated Programs** – Mr. McGarrity spoke about the topic and stated that Mr. Wolf, high school principal will be speaking about our high school requirements. Mr. Wolf spoke about the credit hours and exams that students need to pass. He talked about the current computer requirement and the different options available to students based on student interest. Students have the option of taking CAD or computer programming instead of icomp. A change in the requirements for graduation would require Board approval but a change in offerings is a building based decision. Mr. Grupka, middle school principal, spoke about the accelerated course work available to grade 8 students. The hope is have the offerings available in the middle school instead of busing middle school students to the high school. The high school and middle school are exploring opportunities for additional advanced classes for students. The Board discussed the stress these opportunities can have on students and stated that administration should explore additions and/or changes as well as student mental health concerns, possible through the CDEP committee. They also discussed graduation requirements, ceremony and ranking.

- **Athletics – Selective Classification** – Mr. Hack, athletic director, explained the athletic classification process that is set by the state. The Board discussed whether 7th or 8th grade students should be able to take a place from an upper classmate from a team. The Board believes that the current policy of the district helps to ensure a 7th or 8th grade student is ready for participation at a higher level.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Tinnesz, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Petrus
Acting District Clerk

Other Meeting Attachments

1. Official Meeting Announcement
2. Meeting Agenda