

ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2016

DISTRICT OFFICE

2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca NY 14224

Board of Education

Members Present: Mr. Anthony Agnello
Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz
Mrs. Karen Kane
Mr. Dwight Mateer
Mr. David Nielsen, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Quinlan
Mrs. Natalie Schaffer, President

Members Excused: n/a

Others Present: Mr. Matthew P. 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
Mrs. Cheryl A. Connors, District Clerk

Estimated Audience: 60

Mrs. Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) to enter Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. to discuss the annual evaluation of the superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) to adjourn Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Mrs. Schaffer called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m. and students from the high school led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Schaffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

- Mrs. Schaffer stated the Board is pleased to recognize members of the high school science club and other high school student volunteers for assisting with the South Davis Elementary Science Night on April 8th. The high school students organized and ran a variety of activity stations for the elementary students during the Science Night. Mrs. Schaffer gave a few examples of the activities organized by the high school students. She thanked the students on behalf of the Board who volunteered and worked with the elementary students and parents during the science night.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

RECOGNITION

Announcements

- Mr. McGarrity made the following announcements:
 - Orchard Park senior Joe Losardo recently signed his letter of intent to play football at Buffalo State College next year.
 - The Orchard Park Central School District Character Council is sponsoring a showing of the film *Finding Kind* on April 27 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. The film sheds light on the topic of social-relational aggression amongst girls. The proceeds will be donated to the Kind Campaign.
 - Mr. Petrus will join him in presenting the proposed 2016-17 budget during the Public Hearing on May 3 at 7 pm and during PTO meetings. The public Presentations, including PTO meetings, are listed on the district web-site.
 - Announced that Mr. Scott Gloss, beloved husband of Wendy Gloss, principal at Windom Elementary, passed away after a long illness. Scott leaves behind a beloved family, including his three children, Cole, Samantha and Chad. The family has requested that memorials be made in his name to the Orchard Park Little Loop Football Organization, Scott Gloss Scholarship, PO BOX 348, Orchard Park NY. Requested that we all keep the Gloss family in our deepest thoughts and prayers
- Mrs. Connors announced there are two vacancies on the Board. Mrs. Schaffer and Mr. Agnello are not seeking reelection. She thanked Mrs. Schaffer and Mr. Agnello for their dedicated service to the district. Mrs. Schaffer has been a trustee since 2007 and Mr. Agnello since 2013. Three candidates submitted a petition seeking election to two seats (7/1/16-6/30/19). They are: Mr. Dwight D. Eagan, who is 1A on the ballot; Mr. Robert J. Mahany who is 2A on the ballot; and Mr. Saverio F. Marrazzo “Sam” who is 3A on the ballot.

Public Comment

- A member of the audience comments on the reduction in the lunch time at the high school due to the suggested change in the schedule to 8+. Speaker requested that the lunch time not be reduced because a shorter lunch time is unhealthy for students. Stated that longer lunches times are better for student wellness. Requested the Board not adopt a budget that reduces the current 42 minute period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Consensus Items

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following consensus items as presented:

Financial Matters (attachment #1)

- Treasurer’s Report – March 2016
- Revenue Budget Detail – March 2016

CONSENSUS

FINANCIALS

Personnel Considerations

RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Personnel actions:

Personnel Considerations – Teachers and Administrators

Appointments - Probationary and Regular Substitute

PERSONNEL

Name	Title	Cert Status	Area /	Tenure Area	Initial Location	Type / Effective Date	Annual Salary
Charles Kron	School Social Worker	School Worker Permanent	Social /	School Social Worker	MS	Probationary 05/23/16 - 05/22/19 (Resign - C. Gavin)	8 M (30) pro-rated
Siobhan Toolan	Elementary Teacher	Child Ed (Gr 1-6) / Initial	/	Elem Ed	EG	Part Year Regular Sub 04/07/16 - 06/21/16 End date amended (LOA - A. DiGiacomo)	1 M (30) pro-rated

Appointments – Mentors (Teachers and Administrators)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Employee Group	Salary/ Stipend
Kathryn Connelly	Mentor for Charles Kron	05/23/16 - 05/22/17	OPTA	\$1,094

Appointments – Per Diem Substitutes (Teachers and Administrators)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Date	Certification
Kristen Wolbert	Substitute Teacher / Home Instructor	04/07/16 – 06/30/16	Childhood Ed (1-6)
Andrea Pawarski	Substitute Teacher / Home Instructor	04/08/16 – 06/30/16	Visual Arts
Lindsey Arduis	Substitute Teacher / Home Instructor	04/12/16 – 06/30/16	Social Studies 7-12, 5-6 Ext Stud w/Dis Generalist 7-12
Katherine Pessecow	Substitute Teacher / Home Instructor	04/12/16 – 06/30/16	Social Studies 7-12, 5-6 Ext
Jennifer Cassidy	Substitute Teacher / Home Instructor	04/12/16 – 06/30/16	Childhood (1-6), EC (B-2) & Literacy (B-6)
Daniel Ornowski	Substitute Teacher	04/13/16 – 06/30/16	Uncertified

Leaves of Absence (Teachers and Administrators)

Name	Position	Effective Date(s)	Comment
Lauren Herman	For Lang Teacher (HS3)	3/16/16 (pm), 3/17/16, 3/18/16, 3/28/16 (am)	Section 4.1.7
Amanda Wilcox	Elem Ed Teacher (EG)	05/05/16, 05/06/16	Section 4.2

Resignations and Retirements (Teachers and Administrators)

Name	Position	Effective Date	Comment
Andrea Kasperek	English Teacher (MS)	07/01/16	Resignation

Personnel Considerations – Support Staff**Appointments (Support Staff Substitute)**

Name	Title Activity	Effective Date	Civil Service Title
Donald Dieter	Support Staff Substitute	04/08/16 – 06/30/16	Bus Driver

Appointments – Mentors (Support Staff)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Employee Group	Salary/ Stipend
Angela Negroni	Mentor for Aaron Karaszewski / Mechanic – Transportation	04/06/2016 – 04/05/2017	OPSRPA	\$200.00

Resignations and Retirements (Support Staff)

Name	Position	Effective Date	Comment
Elizabeth Rimbeck-Stranz	Bus Driver (Transportation)	04/11/2016	Resigned
Becky Larivey	Bus Attendant (Transportation)	04/11/2016	Resigned

BOARD / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Schaffer commented on the New York State School Board Association. Stated as the liaison representative she has signed advocacy letters for increased school safety initiatives and the review of the tax cap legislation.

DISCUSSION

- **Erie 2 BOCES Commitment Statement** – Mr. Petrus stated the resolution gives authorization to the Board President to sign the Commitment Statement for the 2016-17 Erie 2 BOCES.
- **Erie 2 BOCES Board of Education Candidates** – Mrs. Connors stated that there are five seats are up election. Four of the five members are seeking re-election. Mrs. Schaffer stated that three of the five candidates have written to the Board seeking support, they are Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Queeno-Lorka.
- **Erie 2 BOCES Administrative Budget** – Mrs. Connors stated the details of services for our district from Erie 2 BOCES are in the program the Board received during their last meeting. Today is the date that all 27 component district in Erie 2 BOCES will be voting on the administrative portion of the budget as well as electing members to the BOCES Board of Education. The 2016-17 administrative budget for E2CC BOCES is \$2,926,259.
- **2016-17 Budget Recommendation** – Mr. McGarrity and Mr. Petrus presented the recommended 2016-17 Operating Budget to the Board for consideration of approval. They stated the budget is a reflection of the priorities of the district including safety and security, a sustainable comprehensive curriculum, support for the coaching teaching model, music instrument replacement and the budget stays within the parameters of the tax cap. Mrs. Quinlan stated she supports the budget and is appreciative of the commitment to long-range planning for music instrument replacement. Mrs. Schaffer also supports this budget and stated she is pleased that the 8+ lunch schedule at the high school will be implemented. She stated that there may be some problems that could arise with the change but that she is confident in the leadership at the high school and knows they will responsibility handle any concerns. Mr. Nielsen supports the budget but if the budget is balanced and meets the academic needs of all students. Mr. McGarrity stated that he is confident the budget is balanced and will meet the needs of our students.

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District has reviewed the Commitment Statement from Erie 2 – Chautauqua – Cattaraugus BOCES for Services to be provided during the 2016-2017 School year and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District agrees that such services are required to complement the existing educational program, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the services to be proved and the cost proration are acceptable to this district.

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Orchard Park Central School District Board of Education, hereby casts their vote for

- ✓ **Mrs. Linda Hoffman** 11805 Snyder Road, Springville, NY 14141, Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District
- ✓ **Mrs. Kathyann Queeno-Lorka** 276 Greenwood Court, East Aurora, NY 14052, East Aurora Central School District
- ✓ **Mrs. Anita Ray** 274E Berry Road, Fredonia, NY 14063, Fredonia Central School District

in the annual election of members to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

REPORTS

DISCUSSION

ACTION

APPROVAL OF 2016-17 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO E2CCB BOARD OF EDUCATION

**APPROVAL OF
E2CCB BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: The Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, at a public meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, hereby adopts a resolution approving the 2016-17 tentative BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$2,926,259.

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Orchard Park Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget as presented in the amount of \$ \$94,632,633 and presents it as Proposition No.1 on the Official Ballot of the Annual School District Vote for residents of the Orchard Park Central School District.

POLL VOTE

YES – Schaffer, Nielsen, Quinlan, Agenllo, Tinnesz, Mateer and Kane

Motion Carried 7-0

**APPROVAL OF
ORCHARD PARK
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
2016-17
OPERATING
BUDGET**

COMMENTS

Comments

- Mr. Agnello stated that he is happy to begin his second retirement. His first was retiring from teaching after 40 years and now his second from the school board. He thanked the students, parents, colleagues and fellow Board members for their support.
- Mrs. Schaffer stated that she informed people three years ago that this was her last term and she believes in term limits and is therefore not seeking re-election. She stated that she truly believes that School Board service is meant to allow people to contribute in a small way to their community and that school districts are best served when many different people have a turn to provide that service. Her nine years as a trustee have been a wonderful, although often challenging experience. Her first election to the Board coincided not only with elementary redistricting, but also with the start of the infamous “funding cliff,” when NYS districts faced a drastic reduction in state aid. She was told once by a fellow Board member that the constant need to put out fires was preventing the Board from being able to proactively create and implement long-term plans. And that was true – each year we were struggling to maintain a comprehensive educational program for the following year and it was almost impossible to look too far down the road. She stated that in the midst of this struggle is the unquestionable highlight of her Board service - the hiring of Superintendent McGarrity. She was confident at the time that the Board was making the right choice and is even more confident in that decision. Under Superintendent McGarrity’s leadership there has been a slow but sure cultural shift in the district in many different areas. The district is not only a better place, but is also a place where the focus is on the future despite the ongoing challenges. She stated another highlight is the opportunity she has had to get to know so many amazing staff members, by serving on committees with them, by observing their classes, and by interacting with them in a different way than she would otherwise have been able to wearing only her “mom” hat. She stated she is thankful to the community for electing her to three terms on the Board. She also thanked the district clerk, for making life as a Board member so much easier and more pleasant for all Board members and said it is an understatement to say that she’s an asset to the Board and to the district. She stated it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to serve on this Board.
- Mr. McGarrity wanted to thank the administrative team, especially Dr. Krueger for their support and help at Windom Elementary during their time need.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Quinlan, and unanimously carried (7-0) to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Connors
District Clerk

Minute Attachments

1. Financials – Treasurer’s Report – March 2016 and Revenue Budget Detail – March 2016

Other Meeting Attachments

1. Official Meeting Announcement
2. Meeting Agenda