

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/CLOSED SESSION
AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 13, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Board President Timothy J. Creedon III called the regular meeting of the Ottawa Township High School District 140 Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 2017. Members present: Timothy Creedon, Gene Duffy, Donald Harris, David Keely, Andree-Marie Koban, John Levy, and George Shanley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Cushing, Jeff DeWalt, Kelly Schmitt, OTHSEA representative Tracey O'Fallon, and representatives from the media.

MINUTES: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Duffy to accept and approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 23, 2017 as submitted. On roll call all members present vote yea. Motion carried.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Levy to approve the district treasurer's report, financial statements, bills, travel expenses, and payroll for January 2017. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: NONE

OTHSEA: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Congratulations to the recipients of the Regional Office of Education Educator Awards. This year the recipients are faculty members Mr. John Atchley, Mrs. Erin Byrd and Mr. Sean Porter. Mr. Atchley is in his fourth year at OTHS and teaches freshman biology and advanced biology. Mr. Atchley also serves as an assistant football coach and as the sponsor of Rotary Interact. Mrs. Erin Byrd is in her fifth year at OTHS as an English teacher and currently serves as our yearbook sponsor. Mr. Sean Porter is in his seventh year at OTHS and serves as a special education teacher. Mr. Porter also serves as the head girls' soccer coach, an assistant girls' basketball coach and over the years he has served as our bass fishing sponsor.

Also, congratulations to Regional Office of Education Support Staff Award recipient, School Resource Officer Tony Zeglis. School Resource Officer Zeglis has served the students and staff members at OTHS for over seven years.

These individuals will be honored at the annual ROE Excellence in Education banquet, which will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Celebrations in Utica, IL.

The OTHS Booster Club's annual steak dinner fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Festivities Unlimited beginning at 6:00PM.

A reminder that next month's Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 due to spring break being March 20-24, 2017.

PRINCIPAL: OTHS Seniors, Sarah Sharp and Micah Krueger, will be recognized and honored at a breakfast hosted by the Starved Rock Region of the Illinois Principals Association at Streator High School on February 16, 2017. Congratulations to Sarah and Micah.

At the Sterling Wrestling Sectionals on Saturday, February 11th, Freshman Luke Fleming (106lbs), Rafael Munoz (113lbs), Ethan Harsted (126lbs), and Micah Krueger (132lbs) all qualified for the State wrestling tournament this weekend in Champaign. Also, on Saturday, February 4th, the wrestling team won the Plano regional and will advance to the sectionals in Rochelle on Monday, February 20th. Congratulations and good luck to all the wrestlers and Coach Pete Marx.

Congratulations to the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) academic team for taking 1st place in 5 of the 7 categories – Biology, Chemistry, Engineering Graphics, English and Physics- at the 1500 Division competition held at IVCC on Friday, February 3, 2017. Individually, Ottawa had 13 medalists.

- Nathan Meyer placed 1st in Chemistry along with 2nd in Mathematics, Rylee Madden placed 2nd in Chemistry, and Shannon Bute placed 3rd in math.
- Ottawa swept the English division with Sarah Sharp placing 1st, Grace Reinhardt placing 2nd and Katie Varland placing 3rd.
- In Engineering Graphics, Jason Bessett received the 1st place medal and James Hart placed 2nd.
- In Biology, Tyler Angus placed 1st, and Angelica Briones and Andru Backos tied for 3rd.
- In Physics, Andrew Noble won the 1st place medal.

The WYSE team will now move on to the sectional competition.

Registration of current 8th grade students began on Monday, February 6, 2017 and will conclude on Friday, February 17, 2017. Work on creating the 2017-2018 master schedule will begin following the completion of the registration process.

On February 10, 2017, the OTHS Technology Student Association competed at Joliet Junior College in the Robotic Engineering Challenge. Ottawa took 3rd place with the team of Nathan Taylor, Christopher Thompson, Tyler Lehman, and Joey Trupiano. Ottawa took 2nd place with the team of Natalie Rodeghier, Savanna Bartelmey, Mia Carrera, and Sedona Parks.

Next week is National FFA week. Several activities will be held during the week, highlighted by the teacher/staff appreciation breakfast on Friday, February 24, 2017.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: The annual task of updating the OTHS Parent-Student Handbook for next year is upon us. A meeting has been scheduled on Monday, March 6th, at 7:00 PM, in OTHS Room 420 to discuss and make further recommendations for updates. Parents, students, staff and community members who have suggestions for or questions about the handbook are welcome.

Congratulations to the students selected as All-State and All-State Honors Musicians who represented OTHS in Peoria January 25th-28th. Selected and performing with their respective groups at the Peoria Civic Center were: Natalie-Anne Lindig – Honors Band, Bailey Banks – Honors Choir, Emily Makeever, Andrew Noble, Melanie Rockford – All State Band, Alexis Trammel – All State Choir, Connor DeWalt, Jonah Sharp, Sarah Sharp – All State Jazz Choir

The Winter Band Concert will take place on Thursday, February 23, 2017 and the Winter Choir Concert will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Also, the OTHS Music Department will be

competing for their 21st consecutive state championship, 22nd overall, at the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest and IHSA Organizational Contest in March.

Congratulations to AP 2-D Studio Art student Katie Varland for winning the IVCC portfolio contest. Katie has been awarded a semester of tuition to IVCC for winning the contest.

Congratulations to Kelby Swanson for scoring 6.5 points and placing 3rd in state at board 4 during the State Chess Tournament in Peoria, February 11, 2017.

PERSONNEL

HALL MONITOR: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Duffy to approve the hire of Mr. Claude Franke as hall monitor. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

SPRING VOLUNTEER COACHES: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Koban to approve the following spring volunteer coaches: Baseball – BJ Olson, Neil Hanley, Doug Wisler; Softball – Beth Roper, Tim Claus, Nicole Reade; Boys track – Fletcher Wells, Rusty Wells; Boys tennis – Dan Le. On roll call board members Creedon, Duffy, Harris, Koban, Levy, and Shanley voted yea. Keely abstained. Motion carried.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL COACH: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Harris to approve Mr. Tyler Wargo as the freshman baseball coach for the 2017 season. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Duffy to approve Mr. Eric Buscher as the head athletic trainer for the 2017-18 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

HEAD GOLF COACH: Motion made by Keely, seconded by Levy to approve Mr. Keith Budzowski as the head golf coach commencing with the start of the 2017-18 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Levy to approve Ms. Jennifer Crum as a physical education teacher for the 2017-18 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Shanley to approve Ms. Jennifer Crum as the head volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST: Motion made by Koban, seconded by Levy, to approve the maternity leave request of Mrs. Kyra Parrott, special education teacher, beginning on August 14, 2017, and returning on September 26, 2017. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DISSOLVE ANTI-DRUG COALITION ACCOUNT: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Levy to dissolve the Anti-Drug Coalition activity account and transfer these funds to another student group. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION: Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Levy to enter in to closed session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and negotiations - with no action to be taken. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Board President Creedon returned the board to open session at 7:10 p.m. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, President Creedon adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Timothy J. Creedon III, President

Patrick Leonard, Secretary