

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING - CLOSED SESSION  
OCTOBER 17, 2016 – AUDITORIUM  
6:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Board President Timothy J. Creedon III called to order the regular meeting of the Ottawa Township High School District 140 Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. on October 17, 2016. Members present: Timothy Creedon, Gene Duffy, Donald Harris, David Keely, Andree-Marie Koban, and George Shanley. Absent: John Levy

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

**BOARD MINUTES:** Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Duffy to approve minutes from the regular board meeting on September 19, 2016, and the special meeting on October 6, 2016. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**BILLS/PAYROLL:** Motion made by Harris, seconded by Shanley to approve the district treasurer's reports, financial statements, bills and payroll for September 2016. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**OTHSEA:** Mrs. O'Fallon congratulated the girls tennis doubles team of junior Ellie Gallagher and sophomore Katie McGraw and wished them good luck at the IHSA State Tournament finals.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:** Certified Public Accountant Duane Lockas from Roenfeldt & Lockas presented the 2015-16 audit report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** On Thursday, October 13, 2016 I met with other area superintendents and we spent the morning closely reviewing the elements of the Evidence-Based School Funding Model. This funding model is currently being discussed and studied by a bipartisan legislative task force at the state level. This funding model represents an individualized funding model for each District in the state of Illinois. Some basic tenants of this model are that it draws from research and evidence-based best practices to identify those educational delivery strategies and their resource needs that are linked to student learning gains. This model draws from several comprehensive school reform models, which are based on research-supported practices. This model is more objective and transparent as it allows Districts to see what allocated resources it should have based on the 27 elements contained in the model.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 the Ottawa Township High School doubles team of junior Katie McGraw and sophomore Ellie Gallagher advanced to the IHSA Girls Tennis State Tournament finals by taking third place at the Champaign Centennial Class 2A Sectional. Good luck to these young ladies this weekend at the state tournament.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be conducted on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 and Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:30 each evening. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend the conferences on one or both of these evenings as it is a great opportunity to check on your child's academic progress and meet their teachers.

Finally, at the November 14, 2016 regular board meeting I am hopeful that we will have students from Mr. Springer's State and Local History class give a brief presentation on the history of the main building here at OTHS as it will be 100 years old this November.

**PRINCIPAL:** Current enrollment as of Monday, October 17, 2016 is 1419.

The end of the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks of the 2016-17 school year was Friday, October 14, 2016.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 and Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 5:00 - 7:30PM. We will operate on a "C" schedule on both Tuesday and Thursday of that week.

**PERSONNEL**

**HEAD SOFTBALL COACH:** Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Koban to approve Adam Lewis as head softball coach for the 2016-17 season. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**WINTER VOLUNTEER COACHES:** Motion made by Koban, seconded by Harris to approve the following winter volunteer coaches for the 2016-17 season; girls basketball – Jen Jobst; boys basketball - Brent Anderson, Matt Gross, Bob Bartman, and Andrew Amm; wrestling – Mark Gretzinger, Alex Fuentes. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION:** Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Shanley to accept the resignation of Chase Kopko, assistant wrestling coach effective October 6, 2016. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUDIT 2015-16:** Motion made by Harris, seconded by Koban to approve the 2015-16 audit as presented by Duane Lockas from Roenfeldt & Lockas. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**E-RATE REQUIREMENTS:** Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Koban that the District is in compliance with all of the requirements necessary for continued funding and discounts provided through E-Rate. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Koban to enter into closed session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public 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 7:55 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Board President Timothy J. Creedon III adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Secretary**