

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL #140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUDITORIUM
OCTOBER 19, 2015
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 19, 2015. Members present: Timothy J. Creedon, III, Donald Harris, David Keely, Andree-Marie Koban, John Levy, and George Shanley. Member absent: Gene Duffy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Cushing, Jeff DeWalt, OTHSEA representative Melissa Basil, Janet Pearson, Kelly Schmitt, and members of the media; The Times, and WCMY radio.

MINUTES: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Harris to approve the minutes from the budget hearing and the regular meeting on September 21, 2015, and the special meeting on September 29, 2015 as presented. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Harris to approve the district treasurer's report, financial statements, bills and payroll for September 2015. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mike Brown spoke in support of Mr. Burgess.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Under New Business 8C E-Rate Requirements – As part of our requirements to receive funding and discounts from E-Rate, which is a federally funded program through the Federal Communications Commission, we must assure that the District is in compliance with all aspects of the program and CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act). The requirements include teaching Internet safety, which we do in Computer Concepts and having a firewall that restricts information from coming into the school. At OTHS we have a filter (FortiGate 600C) and software that limits the access of the students as it relates to inappropriate material available on the Internet. Further, we have usage guidelines for computer and Internet resources, which are detailed on page 52 of the 2015-16 OTHS Student Handbook. The District is in compliance with all aspects of the program and I will ask for a motion to approve the District being in compliance with all of the requirements necessary for continued funding and discounts provided through E-Rate.

Over the last month I have had multiple opportunities to listen to our new State Superintendent, Dr. Tony Smith. He has shared that PARCC results will be shared with High School Districts in November. You may remember that we administered the PARCC Assessments last spring, during the months of March, April and May, to those OTHS students who were enrolled in Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2, English III and Honors English III. This was done in the form of the Performance Based Assessment and the End of Year Assessment – two separate assessment windows. For the 2015-16 school year PARCC will be administered only once after approximately 75% of the school year has passed. We are still waiting on more information from the state before we will determine in which

classes the PARCC Assessment will be administered at OTHS during the 2015-16 school year. Finally, the last bit of information that I would like to share from listening to Dr. Smith is that we are still waiting on a final decision, from the state board of education, about the administration of the ACT or other comparable assessment for current juniors, which has been provided by the state in recent school years.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015 the Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss to the potential impact on the District of proposed legislation related to a potential property tax freeze. There are two pieces of proposed legislation, Senate Bill 318 and House Bill 4247, which have elements of a property tax freeze in them. The Finance Committee will have a recommendation on the District should proceed moving forward with the possible effects of this proposed legislation.

PRINCIPAL: The end of the 1st nine weeks of the 2015-16 school year was Friday, October 16, 2015.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 and Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:30PM. We will operate on a "C" schedule on both Tuesday and Thursday of that week.

Congratulations to National Merit Scholar Commended Student, Maxwell Jones. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although he will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2014.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Fire drills have been completed and bus evacuation drills are taking place tomorrow morning. School administration and Resource Officer Zeglis are working with the Ottawa Police Dept. to schedule the Law Enforcement Drill.

The 8th grade Explore reading and mathematics tests will be administered to students at all OTHS feeder schools in November. Test results will be used to place students in the appropriate courses when meeting with our counselors in February, so it is imperative that students put forth their best effort. Questions may be directed to Katie Reardon, Testing Coordinator, at 815-433-1323 ext. 2494.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Koban to accept the resignation of Jen Jobst, assistant softball coach. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT GIRLS TRACK COACH: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Levy to hire Jen Jobst as assistant girls track coach. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Harris to hire Atlee Stalker as assistant baseball coach. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACHES: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Shanley to approve the following assistant softball coaches – Mr. Steven Bruck – OTHS Special Education Teacher, Mr. Chad Gross – OTHS Physical Education Teacher, and Ms. Lacey Kasap – OTHS Special Education Teacher. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT WRESTLING COACH: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Harris to approve the hire of Chase Kopko as assistant wrestling coach, for the 2015-16 season. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

WINTER VOLUNTEER COACHES: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Levy to approve the following winter volunteer coaches for the 2015-16 season; girls basketball - Steven Bruck; boys basketball - Matt Gross, Atlee Stalker, Brent Anderson; wrestling - Steve Doerrer. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PRESS PLUS POLICY UPDATES: Motion made by Koban, seconded by Shanley to adopt the Press Plus Policy updates in the areas of: Board Attorney, Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney-NEW, Uniform Grievance Procedure, Payment Procedures, Drug-and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition, Copyright, Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment, Employment Termination and Suspensions, Education of Homeless Children, Equal Educational Opportunities, Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students, Restrictions of Publication, Student Fundraising Activities – Renamed and Rewritten, Connection with the Community, Gifts to District-Rewritten. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT 2014-15: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Shanley to approve the 2014-15 audit as presented by Duane Lockas from Roenfeldt & Lockas. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDER: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Shanley to approve Poundstone Engineering & Surveying as the District’s engineering company as we move forward with our levee improvement project. Mr. Poundstone has an extensive work history with the District regarding the levee. 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: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Creedon adjourned the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m. All members present voted yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary