

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL #140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/CLOSED SESSION – AUDITORIUM
MAY 19, 2014
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 Board of Education of Ottawa Township High School, District 140 at 6:30 p.m. on May 19, 2014. Members present: Karen Fisher, Gene Duffy, Tim Creedon, George Shanley, Don Harris, and Anita Kopko. Member absent: Bill Byczynski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Winchester, Mike Cushing, Laura Bankowski, Brenda O'Donnell, Susan MacDonald, OTHSEA President Wendy Sheridan, members from the public, representatives from the media; WCMY radio, Times and News Tribune newspapers.

MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 28, 2014 and the special meeting on May 5, 2014 as submitted. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Harris to approve the treasurer's report, financial statements, bills and payroll for April 2014. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: OTHSEA – nothing at this time. No correspondence. The following individuals spoke on building trades and student discipline: Randy Brewer, Andree Koban, Christine Miskell, Inga Carus, Peter Limberger, David Keely, and Travis Love.

Board Member Gene Duffy started to read from a prepared speech. Board President Creedon informed Mr. Duffy that he was out of order and that Mr. Duffy would be able to speak at a later time that evening. Mr. Duffy ignored the president's directive and continued to read, the crowd ensued with jeering and chanting for Board President Creedon to allow Duffy to speak. Board President continued to restore order back to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Our pre-summer construction lower level restroom projects near the West Gym, outside concession restrooms and varsity locker room area are moving along on schedule. Demo will begin on the 700, 800, and 900 floors beginning June 4th.

The OTHS 136th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. in Kingman Gym. A reminder that the Board will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Board room to certify graduates prior to the ceremony.

The annual end of the year faculty meeting to honor faculty, staff, and retirees will be held on Monday, June 2nd. This year's retirees are agriculture teacher Kevin Cleary and bookkeeping's Connie Wultzen. We also will be honoring, in five year increments, faculty and staff who have ten to forty or more years of service with the District.

The Ottawa Elementary School graduation ceremony will take place in Kingman Gym on Monday, June 2nd at 7pm.

Congratulations to teacher Dawn Wood for being named the 2013-14 OTHS Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Wood received \$500 to utilize in her classroom, has reserved parking for the year, and has her name on the Teacher of The Year plaque.

We recently received our late state payments and the state is paid up to date.

PRINCIPAL: On Wednesday, May 7, 2014 the Jazz Band and Opus 24 Jazz Choir performed their annual jazz concert.

Congratulations to the Bass Fishing Team for advancing to the state finals. The state finals took place on May 8 and 9, 2014.

On Thursday, May 15, 2014 the annual Spring Concert was conducted by the OTHS Band. Congratulations to Ms. Reckmeyer and the band students on another great performance.

On Friday, May 16, 2014 we conducted our annual Honors Day program at OTHS. Congratulations to the students who were recognized during the program. These students were awarded approximately \$400,000 worth of scholarships during the program.

On Friday, May 23, 2014 the OTHS Choir will conduct its annual Pop Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Final Exams will be administered beginning on Wednesday May 28th and will conclude on Friday, May 30, 2014.

Current enrollment as of May 19, 2014 was 1,345.

As of May 19, 2014 we currently have 395 freshmen registered for the 2014-15 school year.

On May 20, 2014 we will have an assembly to recognize the music department on their 18th consecutive, and 19th overall, state championship. We will also recognize other individuals, groups, and/or teams at this assembly.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Laura Bankowski reported on Professional Development - Currently the State of Illinois and Federal government recommends or mandates 19 different trainings for school personnel such as: Bloodborne Pathogens, Mandated Reporting, ADHD, and Anaphylactic reactions. Because Ottawa Township High School is a member of the LEASE special education Cooperative we have free access to Infnitec which offers 325 on-line professional development training modules ranging from mandated trainings, educational theory, technology and special education. All of these will be

available to us at no cost. I have completed the training necessary to administer the system and we will begin using it this fall for staff to complete mandated trainings.

PARCC UPDATES

Two informational articles for parents about the new assessment in Illinois were provided. The articles explain how PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) will be different from the PSAE and what parents can expect. Links to these articles have been posted to our website under parent resources.

Board Member Gene Duffy was recognized by the Board President to speak - Duffy spoke on the building trades program, offered to instruct Mr. Keely to become OSHA certified.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Creedon to accept the resignation with regret for Sign Language Interpreter, Wanda Conness effective May 30, 2014. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

SUMMER WORKERS: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Shanley to seek permission to post for six summer custodial workers from June 2, 2014 thru August 12, 2014. The workers would work 20 hours per week. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Kopko, seconded by Fisher to approve the Technology Lease Purchase Agreement for the 2014-2015 school year from CDW-G for Part 1 at \$91,366.75. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kopko seconded by Duffy to approve the Technology Lease Purchase Agreement for the 2014-15 school year from Apple, Inc. Education for Part 2 at \$42,224.00. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Kopko to approve the technology lease purchase financing agreement with the First National Bank of Ottawa with the lowest interest total of \$1,423.08. On roll call the following board members voted yea: Creedon, Fisher, Shanley, Kopko, and Duffy. Abstained vote: Don Harris. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

ABATEMENT RESOLUTION: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Fisher to adopt the following resolution whereby Ottawa Township High School District 140 in LaSalle County, IL

will abate \$1,400,000, from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

APPOINT AUDITOR FOR 2013-14 AUDIT: Motion made by Kopko, seconded by Harris to appoint Roenfeldt & Lockas to conduct the 2013-14 audit on July 14, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$11,300. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Shanley to enter in to closed session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s) 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 body to determine its validity, and student(s) discipline matters – with possible action to be taken. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried. Board and Administration proceeded to the Board Room.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Board President Creedon declared the closed session ended at 8:39 p.m. Board and Administration walked back to Auditorium for open session. Roll call: Timothy J. Creedon III, Karen Fisher, Gene Duffy, George Shanley, Don Harris, and Anita Kopko. Board member absent: Bill Byczynski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Winchester, Mike Cushing, Laura Bankowski, Brenda O'Donnell, Susan MacDonald.

STUDENT 2013-14-F: Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Fisher to deny the appeal for Student 2013-14-F with the disciplinary record to remain and punishment to stand as served. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion made by Shanley, seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

President

Secretary

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GRADUATION/SPECIAL MEETING – ROOM 202
May 30, 2014
6:25 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Board President Timothy J. Creedon III called to order the graduation/special meeting of the Ottawa Township High School Board of Education District 140, at 6:25 p.m. on May 30 2014. Members present: Tim Creedon, Don Harris, Bill Byczynski, Karen Fisher, Gene Duffy and George Shanley. Member absent: Anita Kopko.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Winchester, Mike Cushing and OTHSEA VP Matt Gross

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES: Principal Mike Cushing requested that the students listed within the **136th Annual Commencement** program be certified as 2014 graduates of Ottawa Township High School District 140. These students must meet the graduation requirements as set by the State of Illinois and the Ottawa Township High School District 140 Board of Education for graduation by June 30, 2014.

Principal Mike Cushing further request that the following nine students will be recognized as participating in the commencement ceremony only, however, will not receive a diploma.

Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Shanley to grant diplomas to the **136th Commencement Class of 2014** as certified by Principal Mike Cushing provided that all graduation requirements as set by the State of Illinois and the Ottawa Township High School District 140 Board of Education have been met by June 30, 2014. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Harris to recognize the nine students listed above as participants in the commencement ceremony only they will not receive a diploma. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REVISED 2013-14 BUDGET: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Harris to adopt the revised 2013-14 budget. Amendments to the budget include: matching maintenance grants, and loss of EAV revenue. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Board President Creedon adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The Board Members, with the Administration proceeded to Kingman gymnasium for commencement exercises.

President

Secretary