

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: President Timothy J. Creedon III called to order the regular meeting of the Ottawa Township High School Board of Education District 140 at 6:30 p.m. on June 15, 2015. Dave Keely arrived at 6:32 p.m. Members present for roll call: Tim Creedon, Gene Duffy, Don Harris, Dave Keely, Andree-Marie Koban, John Levy, and George Shanley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Winchester, Mike Cushing, Jeff DeWalt, Kelly Schmitt, OTHSEA Matt Gross, Foundation board members; Kane Farabaugh, John Fisher, and Dave Kistenfeger, representatives from the media; The Times newspaper and WCMY radio.

MINUTES: Motion made by Keely, seconded by Harris to amend and approve the minutes for the regular meeting on May 18, 2015 by adding the following to agenda item 8d. Loan from Educational Fund to Debt Services Fund - "*On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.*" and agenda item 8e. Discussion of Special Meeting Times - "*On roll call the following members voted yea: Duffy, Harris, Keely, Koban, Levy, and Shanley. Voting nay: Creedon. Motion carried.*" On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Harris to accept and approve the minutes for the special/graduation meeting on May 29, 2015. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Levy to accept and approve the minutes for the special meeting on June 2, 2015. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

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

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mr. Winchester read a thank you note from ADV/SAS thanking OTHS for their participation in "jean day" held on April 29, 2015. Faculty and staff participants each donated \$5 to show their support of ADV/SAS. Vic Nistor—OTHs parent: praised the vocational tech course offerings at OTHS, but asked the board to consider paying for other courses offered at the Area Career Center that OTHS does not offer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Our maintenance staff workers have been on flood duty since 5 p.m. Sunday. Our flood action stage begins when levels reach approximately 461 feet. Flood stage is 463 feet, moderate flood stage is 466 feet, and major flood stage is 469 feet. The river level today is at 464.6. Assuming we do not get additional significant rain, the river is expected to crest at 465.2 today, so we will be slightly less than a foot away from moderate flood stage. We most likely will be under flood conditions the remainder of the week based on rain forecasts and the current river level. There are no issues to the campus or levee system at this time. I will keep you updated if any issues arise.

Summer construction is going well and projects are progressing. Demolition of the 500 and 600 floor restrooms is complete. The old plumbing and electrical have been removed and work is starting on the new feeds. The multi-purpose room work is moving along. The pool area has been filled and a concrete cap will be

installed as soon as the fill is cured. Work on the main entrance area is progressing. The old stairs have been removed and demolition work is ongoing. The substantial completion date for the summer work is August 1st.

PRINCIPAL: A final and very deserving congratulations to the members of the Class of 2015. I would like to thank them for all of their contributions while at OTHS and wish them well in their future endeavors. Also, a special congratulations and recognition to our co-valedictorians of the Class of 2015, Tristan Cunha and Gavin McGettigan.

We will soon be submitting the District's School Report Card, End of the Year Report, and Discipline Report to ISBE. Also, we are currently in the process of exiting our students from the state system and compiling our graduation rate for the Class of 2015.

As of Monday, June 15, 2015 we have not yet received information from the IHSA about our enrollment classification for the 2015-16 school year. Please note that last school year we were the smallest 4A school in the state in volleyball, boys basketball and girls basketball.

In early July OTHS students and their families will be receiving a letter about registering for the 2015-16 school year. Students wishing to complete the preregistration process should return all of their forms and fees by Monday, August 3, 2015 in Room 201 during normal business hours.

Kane Farabaugh - Educational Foundation board member, presented Mr. Winchester with a print of a painting of the school, which will be signed by the board members. On behalf of the foundation Mr. Farabaugh thanked Mr. Winchester for his years of service and dedication. Mr. Shanley also spoke and said it was an honor to work with Mr. Winchester.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Bullying is a hot-button topic in education, at OTHS and across the country. In an effort to help our students learn more about the topic and how to deal with it I have booked Cary Trivanovich to present to students from OTHS, as well as 5th – 8th graders from Ottawa Elementary, Marseilles, Wallace, Grand Ridge and Milton Pope schools on Tuesday, September 1st, 2015. There will also be a presentation for any and all parents, with or without their students, at 7:00 PM that evening in the OTHS auditorium. Cary is an expert on the topic of bullying and its prevention and has been touring schools for over 25 years. I have left some information about Cary and his presentations at each of your seats. I would like to thank the administration from each district above for contributing, as bringing in a national speaker like Cary would have been cost-prohibitive for any of us working alone.

PERSONNEL:

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Motion made by Credon, seconded by Harris to approve the three year Superintendent contract for Michael Cushing as presented. On roll call the following members voted yea: Credon, Duffy, Harris, Keely, Levy, and Shanley. Voting nay: Koban. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Duffy to approve the hire of Steven Bruck as Special Education Teacher for the 2015-16 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TECHNOLOGY LEASE PROPOSAL: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Shanley to approve the technology lease proposal from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL, at a cost of \$168,911.07. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Koban to approve the three year lease purchase financing agreement with American Capital of Lisle, IL, at a finance rate of .8944%. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Harris to approve the prevailing wage resolution ascertaining the prevailing wages of laborers, workmen, and mechanics when employed by the district (June 15)as presented. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

PRESS PLUS POLICY UPDATES FIRST READ: Access to District Public Records-Rewritten, Superintendent, Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease, Ethics and Conduct, Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity, Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment, Employment Termination and Suspensions, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, School Accountability, and Curriculum Development.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Harris to approve the updated accounts and associated budgetary transfers as indicated. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, President Creedon adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

President

Secretary