

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/CLOSED SESSION
DECEMBER 12, 2016
AUDITORIUM - 6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: President Timothy J. Creedon III called to order the meeting of the Board of Education of the Ottawa Township High School District 140, at 6:30 p.m. on December 12, 2016. Members present: Timothy J. Creedon III, Gene Duffy, Donald Harris, David Keely, John Levy, and George Shanley. Absent: Andree-Marie Koban.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Cushing, Patrick Leonard, Jeff DeWalt, Kelly Schmitt, OTHSEA representative Bryan Guenther, Kevin Olesen; students and parents from Graphic Design and Art classes; representatives from the media.

BOARD MINUTES: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Shanley to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 14, 2016 as submitted. 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 report, financial statements, bills and payroll for November 2016. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mr. Lee Ilgen spoke regarding letters he had received. Ms. Stacie Walton spoke regarding negotiations.

OTHSEA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: I would like to introduce Mr. Kevin Olesen, OTHS Graphic Design Instructor, and ask him to introduce the four students whose holiday cards were selected for publication: Emily Baker – "Deer Scene/Mountains"; Aidan Kennedy – "OTHS Winter Scene"; Joselyn Barrera – "Cabin"; Brooke Pentecost – "Snowman/Cabins". Congratulations to all and thank you to Mr. Kevin Olesen, Mrs. Paula Carroll and their Graphic and Art Design classes for their ideas, research and marketing for this class project.

I would like to thank OTHS teachers, Mrs. Sally Taliani and Mrs. Paula Carroll, for again organizing the annual Christmas Kids fundraiser. Seventeen students received gifts this year as over \$2,000 was collected from OTHS faculty, staff, and administration.

I would like to thank all of the OTHS groups, clubs and athletic teams for participating in this year's Freezin' for a Reezin' food drive. Again, thank you to all for participating in this very meaningful community project.

The OTHS Educational Foundation announced that funding is now available for their Educational Grant Program. Grant applications are due February 9, 2017 and recipients will be announced in March of 2017. The application was sent out on Monday, December 5, 2016 to all faculty and staff.

Finally, on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the OTHS/LP Basketball Game the 2017 members of the OTHS Educational Foundation's Hall of Fame will be introduced. The OTHS Educational Foundation's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017. If you are interested in attending the dinner

and induction ceremony on February 4th tickets are available, please call the superintendent's office. The names of this year's inductees will be made public in late December or early January via a press release from the OTHS Educational Foundation.

PRINCIPAL: The Fall Band Concert took place on Thursday, December 1 and the Choir Christmas Concert took place on Thursday, December 8. A special thank you and recognition to the music students, Mr. Jacobi and Mr. Rockford as they did an excellent job in the production of these concerts.

Twenty One (21) of Ottawa Township's High School Class of 2017 have earned the distinction of being named Illinois State Scholars. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of all Illinois high school seniors. Selection is based on SAT/ACT scores and/or class rank at the end of the junior year.

The first semester will end on Friday, December 16, 2016 as final exams will be administered on Wednesday, December 14, Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16, 2016. Students will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday and 11:05 a.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Winter Break for students is from Monday, December 19, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017. On Monday, January 2nd, all teachers will take part in a Teacher's Institute and students will report back to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 to begin the second semester of the 2016-17 school year.

An Open House for current 8th grade students will take place at OTHS on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: I would like to recognize and thank OTHS Special Education Teacher Sarah Heuser and her dance partner Jason Williams for representing our school at the Omni Arts Dance, Dance, Dance for Charity on Sunday, December 4th. The couple earned \$750.00 for OTHS' fine arts programs.

I would also like to recognize our students and staff for all of their charitable efforts this holiday season. In addition to those already mentioned by Mr. Cushing, I would like to thank The Character Counts Club and Chem Club for their Pennies for PADS drive; Character Counts Club and Counseling Department for again running the Eco-Chic Boutique; and Student Council and Class Officers for their fundraising efforts toward the Penguin Plunge, which will take place in early January.

PERSONNEL

MATERNITY LEAVE: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Levy, to approve the maternity leave of Caroline Hannigan-Bressendorf, special education teacher, tentatively beginning on February 21, 2017, and returning on April 11, 2017. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Keely, to approve the resignation of Michelle Masny as head volleyball coach, with permission to post. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Harris, to approve the resignation of Steven Bruck as assistant softball coach, with permission to post. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT COURSEWORK: Motion made by Levy, seconded by Shanley, to approve coursework taken by the superintendent per item 19 in the superintendent's contract, during the upcoming calendar year, 2017. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TAX LEVY CERTIFICATE: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Levy to approve the tax levy certificate as presented in the amount of \$11,442,500 with a 4.96% increase for tax year 2016. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

POLICY UPDATES – FINAL READ: Motion made by Shanley, seconded by Creedon, to adopt the 47 Press Plus Policies as presented by the policy committee. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion made by Creedon, seconded by Levy, to enter into closed session at 6:50 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 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 7:41 p.m. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Creedon adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Timothy J. Creedon III, President

Patrick Leonard, Secretary