

**OTTAWA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 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 February 23, 2015. Members present: Tim Creedon, Bill Byczynski, Gene Duffy, Karen Fisher, Don Harris, Anita Kopko, and George Shanley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Winchester, Mike Cushing, Jeff DeWalt, Janet Pearson, Kelly Schmitt, representatives from the media: WCMY radio and The Times newspapers.

MINUTES: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Duffy to accept and approve the minutes for the regular meeting on January 26, 2015 as submitted. On roll call all members present vote 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 January 2015. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Congratulations to Guidance Office secretary Sandy Carlson on her recent retirement. I will ask President Creedon to read a Resolution of Congratulations.

The OTHS Educational Foundation 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year nomination forms are now available. All members of the faculty, staff, administration, and community are encouraged to nominate current teachers for this award. Nomination forms are available on our website or in the Main Office and are due April 10th.

The IASB's Starved Rock Division Spring Dinner Meeting is March 5th at 6 p.m. at Putnam County Primary School in Granville. There is a briefing at 5 p.m. for Board candidates and a tour of the facility starts at 5:30 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to attend or you can register online via the IASB website. The Topic is: Vision 20/20-Projecting a Vision for Public Education in Illinois. Through the Vision 20/20 process, four areas of prioritization emerged: Highly effective educators, 21st Century Learning, Shared Accountability, and Equitable and Adequate Funding. Board member Karen Fisher and I were in Springfield last week with other Starved Rock Region Superintendents and Board members and had an opportunity to share Vision 20/20 information with Senator Rezin and Representative Mautino. For those that are interested, detailed information on Vision 20/20 can be found on the Illinois Association of School Administrators web page.

The Booster Club steak fry fundraiser is at Festivities Unlimited on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for the Booster Club, so please consider attending.

The state owes the OTHS District \$291,544.69

PRINCIPAL: Current enrollment as of Monday, February 23, 2015 is 1,366.

Registration is complete and we will now begin working on creating the master schedule for the 2015-16 school year.

Congratulations to the Ottawa Township High School WYSE Academic Team for taking 1st place in the Division II team competition held at IVCC on Friday, February 6, 2015. OTHS had 13 individual winners as Zach Boaz and Claire Schaibley were 1st place winners. Others students who placed in the top three were Jack Walberg, John Girka, Patrick Sullivan, Chandler Armstrong, Megan Pentecost, Tyler Weitzel, Paul Turner, Mara Briones, and Dayne Conveyou. The WYSE team will now move on to the sectional competition held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Illinois Central College.

On Thursday, February 12, 2015 the 2nd Annual Career Day was held at OTHS. A big thank you to Mr. Gross, Mr. Broadstone, Mrs. Gross and all of the freshman academy teachers for their organization and implementation of this activity. Also, a big thank you to the 50 professionals from the local community who came in and presented to our freshmen students.

Congratulations to OTHS Wrestling Coaches Pete Marx, Steve Doerrer and the three wrestlers Ethan Harsted, Paul Turner and Daniel Close who qualified and competed in the state wrestling finals this past weekend. FFA week will be held the week of February 23 – 27, 2015. Several activities will be held during the week, highlighted by the teacher/staff appreciation breakfast on Friday, February 27, 2015.

On Friday, March 6, 2015 we will be holding a winter sports and activities recognition assembly during homeroom in Kingman Gym.

The Sadies Hawkins Dance will be held Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 6:00 to 9:00 in Kingman Gym.

The Winter Band Concert will take place on Thursday, February 26, 2015 and the Winter Choir Concert will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2015. The OTHS Music Department will officially begin their quest for a 19th consecutive state championship on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: OTHS completed the annual lockdown drill on Friday, February 20. I would like to thank students and staff for reacting quickly to the announcement of the drill and following the procedures outlined in the District Crisis Plan through the conclusion of the drill.

Another annual task that is upon us is updating of the Parent-Student Handbook for next year. We will host a parent and community meeting on Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM, in OTHS Room 420 to begin this process. Parents, students, staff and community members who have suggestions for or questions about the handbook are welcome.

The dates for 2015 Summer Credit Recovery courses have been established. Students may recover up to 2 credits in English I, English III, and/or Algebra I. Literature and Life will be available to seniors needing an English credit to graduate. Summer Credit Recovery classes will run 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. from Wednesday, July 1, through Thursday, July 23. Students may register for Summer Credit Recovery from May 16 to June 19. The cost is \$175.00 per semester credit.

I would also like to share an email that Mr. Le received from Mrs. Patti Mezel, a teacher at Central Intermediate, regarding her Pirate Pals. The Pirate Pals consist of 37 doChange Mentors who visit 15 different Central classrooms twice a month as role models that stress the importance of math and reading and work with Central students on improving those skills.

Mr. Le,

I wanted to pass along how great the students are that come to my room for Pirate Pals. Due to a conflict with another class today I gained two more Pirate Pals - John Girka and Chloe Rice. Along with Schuyler Parks they did a fantastic job working with my students in small groups. They were polite, focused and excited to help my students with various math concepts. During Social Studies class my students were partnered to read and Schuyler read with one of my students who did not have a partner.

I also want to share that Sarah Sharp and Amanda Leppert are fantastic "teachers". They work well my students and gently push them to excel.

Thanks again for the fine young adults you send over. My Pirate Pals do a great job representing Ottawa High School.

PERSONNEL

ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Harris to approve Dan Clausen as assistant softball coach. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT GIRLS SOCCER COACH: Motion made by Kopko, seconded by Fisher to approve Kevin Olesen as assistant girls soccer coach. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

FALL HEAD COACHES: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Shanley to approve the list of fall head coaches as presented: Football – Trent Swords; Golf – Dave Wultzen; Boys Soccer – Jeff Davis; Girls Tennis – Steve Johnson; Cross Country – Doug Hearn; Girls Swimming – Jenny Borkowski. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

BUSINESS EDUCATION TEACHER: Motion made by Kopko, seconded by Duffy to approve Ryan Gunderson as Business Education Teacher for the 2015-16 school year. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUMMER 2015 LIFE/SAFETY BIDS: Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Duffy to approve the bid of \$1,063,900 from Northwest Contractors, Inc., of Hampshire, IL, for the summer 2015 Life/Safety work. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BIDS: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Shanley to approve the asbestos abatement bid from Valor Technologies, Bolingbrook, IL, at a total cost of \$50,720. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

SEEK BIDS TO RE-PURPOSE POOL AREA: Motion made by Harris, seconded by Fisher to accept soliciting bids to re-purpose the pool area to usable classroom, athletic, and/or activity use. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY GRANT: OTHS received notification that our library has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,053.00 from the Secretary of State's Library Grant Program.

BUS SERVICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Kopko to approve sending out a Request for Proposal for bus service. On roll call all members present voted yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, motion made by Kopko, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

President

Secretary