

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Gerald Norton

MEMBERS: Carrieann Arnold (arrived 7:22 PM)
Jonathan Bee
Linda Koufodontes
Anthony Lewis-Lahey
Georgette Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

VICE PRESIDENT: Suzanne Taranto

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Magnuson

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR: Nancy DeRiso

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES: Milissa Dachisen

Mr. Norton called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, read the Sunshine Notice and led all assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

SUNSHINE NOTICE

Notice of time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent then known was provided at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the law of 1975 "the Open Public Meetings Act:"

- Emailing to the Express Times and the Star Gazette
- Posting on the District Website and the Main Bulletin Board in the District Office
- Filing with the Oxford Township Clerk

Ms. DeRiso called roll.

Mrs. Miller read:

THE OXFORD LEARNING COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT

Students are:

- 🐾 Inspired to believe and achieve
- 🐾 Challenged in a caring and character building environment
- 🐾 Enabled to make positive contributions to their community

PRESENTATIONS

- 🐾 Mr. Magnuson presented the Lions Club & DHL Scholarship Winners – Kylie Hibbett and Jenna Ischinger. Each student thanked the board and discussed how well prepared they were for high school coming out of the Oxford Central School.
- 🐾 Mrs. Pat Carr and the CORRECT Crusaders presented the character education program to the board members and attending public. Mrs. Carr discussed the seven promising practices awards given to the program. (Mrs. Arnold entered the meeting during this presentation).

1) COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a) Legislative Mr. Lewis-Lahey and Mr. Magnuson updated the board on pending legislation.
- b) NJSBA Warren County – no report
- c) Town Council – the next meeting is in two weeks; no report
- d) PTA – Mr. Magnuson reported that the tricky tray profit was approximately \$21,000 and he will be meeting with PTA officers to make suggestions for items the PTA could purchase for the school with those funds.
- e) Warren Hills Regional High School – Mrs. Arnold reported that one WHRHS board of education member resigned and there is now an open seat.
- f) Oxford Youth Association – Mrs. Miller reported that the next meeting is next Tuesday.

2) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Chief School Administrator – Mr. Magnuson discussed the following topics:
 - 1) 8th grade trip report – good trip, one minor injury
 - 2) Final seven days of school are going well
 - 3) Dress code survey done by Samantha Lewis revealed that 64% of students in grades 4-8 favor a change in the dress code.
 - 4) Motion By Mrs. Koufodontes Second By Mr. Bee to approve the HIB Report submitted below:

Month/Year	# Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed Y/N
May 2016	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
April 2016	1	1	Yes	Yes ²	No
March 2016	1	1	Yes	Yes ¹	No
February 2016	2	2	Yes	Yes	No
January 2016	2	1	Yes	No	No
December 2015	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
November 2015	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
October 2015	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
September 2015	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ – Student suspended out of school one day
 Unanimous voice vote approved this report.

² – Student suspended in school one day

- b) Director of Special Services Report – Mr. Magnuson asked if there were any questions on Ms. Dachisen’s report attached and there were none. He also noted that several Oxford students will be filming a public service announcement for Partnership for a Drug Free America which will air in September.
- c) Business Administrator – Nancy DeRiso discussed the following:
 - 1) Next Board Meeting (including year end reorganization items) - Thursday, June 23, 2016
 - 2) NJ Cash Management Interest \$123.79 and Capital Account \$0.47 April
 - 3) Average Daily Enrollment May YTD = 306.9, Average Daily Attendance YTD 96.2%
 - 4) A tuition adjustment was received from Warren Hills Regional High School for a prior year autism class bill that was originally contracted at \$56,000 per year that came in at a final cost of approximately \$133,000 per year. The additional tuition will be deducted from money owed to Oxford for overpaid regular education tuition for that same year. Ms. DeRiso reported that she reached out to the Executive County Business Administrator to see if anything can be done about such an unbelievably high tuition for a public school, and he will be contacting the state.

Enrollment:	May
Oxford Central School (PreK – 8)	307
Warren Hills Regional High School	85
Warren County Vo-Tech	16
Out of District	
Warren County Special Services	1
Northern Hills Academy	1
Hunterdon Prep	1.5
Hunterdon Polytech	0.5
Warren Hills Middle School	1
Home Instruction	1
Non-Public	5
Other School Choice District	2
Ridge & Valley Charter School	0
Total District Enrollment	421

3) PUBLIC COMMENT – Policy No. 1120 “Board of Education Meetings”

- a) Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments and suggestions regarding items on this agenda.

Ms. Samantha Lewis asked a question about Field Day being held at the school and Mr. Magnuson responded that Mr. Causton will direct all students what to do the morning of Field Day.

4) BUDGET & FINANCE

Gerald Norton, Chairperson

- 1) Ms. DeRiso updated the board on the Security system and a proposed five-year lease. She also reported that continued negotiations with several chrome book vendors allowed her and Mr. Magnuson to save approximately \$3,500 by getting the pricer per unit down.
- b) Action items:
Motion by Mrs. Koufodontes, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, to approve the following resolution(s):
- 1) Approve a contract with e.comm Technologies to lease the SARA security system for five years at annual lease payements totaling \$6,009.00.

Ayes: 6 Nays: _ Abstain: _ Absent: 1

5) NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Linda Koufodontes, Chairperson

- a) Discussion Items
- 1) Ms. DeRiso reported that the salary guide proposed by the NJEA was provided to the negotiations committee. The guide will be discussed in executive session.

6) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- a) Discussion Items
- 1) Ms. DeRiso reported that architect interviews will be held at the board of education meeting on June 23rd.

- 2) Mr. Magnuson reported that a damaged tree in the front yard of the school has been scheduled to be taken down as soon as the tree service can get here. It is taped off for safety.

7) PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Koufodontes, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, **to table the following resolution(s) to the next meeting:**

- 1) Approve the offering of contracts to the following non-tenured ten-month staff members effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Accetturo, Samantha	Paraprofessional	\$13.75/hour
Bodine, Eve	Paraprofessional	\$13.75/hour
Conover, Michelle	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hour
Davidson, Pam	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hour
Giordano, Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hour

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Godown, Bridgette	Paraprofessional	\$13.25/hour
Henry, Kathy	Paraprofessional	\$14.00/hour
Hibbett, Joanne	Paraprofessional	\$13.75/hour
Lawson, Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$14.00/hour
Pensyl, Dawn	Paraprofessional	\$14.00/hour
Ritter, Alyssa	Paraprofessional	\$13.25/hour
Ruskan, Eileen	Paraprofessional	\$14.00/hour
Sturm, Renee	Paraprofessional	\$15.25/hour
Wright, Darlene	Paraprofessional	\$13.50/hour

Ayes: 6 Nays: _ Abstain: _ Absent: 1

Motion by Mrs. Koufodontes, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, **to approve the following resolution(s)**

- 2) Approve the offering of contracts to the following non-tenured ten-month staff members effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as recommended by the Chief School Administrator to be paid from Title I - Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Funds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Edmondson, Laura	Paraprofessional	\$13.25/hour

- 3) Approve the **amended** appointment and stipend amount for the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2015-16 school year:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
HIB Anti-bullying specialist	Richard Baran	\$1,000.00

- 4) Approve a technology stipend in the amount of \$500 for Diana Ramkelawan for the 2015-2016 school year.
 5) Approve a PARCC support stipend in the amount of \$500 for Helen Diaz for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: 6 Nays: _ Abstain: _ Absent: 1

8) TRANSPORTATION/CAFETERIA

- a) Discussion Items

- 1) Ms. DeRiso reported that the food service contract for Maschio's to be approved at the June 23rd

board meeting and that the NJ State PLE Tool requires a five cent increase in the lunch cost for 2016-2017 – this will also be voted on June 23rd.

10) POLICY

a) Discussion Items

1) Mr. Magnuson reported this is a second reading of the policy already read for the May 26th board meeting.

b) Action items:

Motion by Mrs. Koufodontes, seconded by Mr. Bee, to approve the following resolution(s):

1) Second reading and approval of policy 1640/3610 District Sustainability Policy.

Ayes: 6 Nays: _ Abstain: _ Absent: 1

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Koufodontes asked Mr. Magnuson if any students put together a survey regarding eliminating summer homework and he said no they did not. Some summer homework is already being distributed to students.

Ms. DeRiso reminded the board members of the dates of the NJ School Boards convention in October.

Mr. Magnuson reported that Mr. Norton will speak at the eighth grade promotion ceremony and Mrs. Taranto will hand out diplomas to represent the board of education.

Mr. Norton reminded board members to complete the online evaluation form for Mr. Magnuson.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Magnuson distributed an article regarding the changes in NCLB to ESSA.

Mrs. Arnold asked Mr. Magnuson to consider having parent teacher conferences in the Spring. He stated that he would review the idea and get back to the board with his thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Policy No. 1120 “Board of Education Meetings”

Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments and suggestions - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Koufodontes, second by Mrs. Arnold to enter into Executive Session at 8:23 P.M.

Resolved by the Board of Education of Oxford Township as per Chapter 231, P.L. 1975:

That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session at this meeting to discuss: Negotiations. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

The board returned to public session at 8:35 PM.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mrs. Koufodontes, to adjourn the meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Education at approximately 8:36 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy A. DeRiso, CPA