

April 12, 2012

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oneida High School library. The following members were present: Dr. Danny Cross, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mr. Mark Matthews, and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Director of Schools Ann Sexton, Student Representative Sydney Lovett and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Madison and Shannon Baird led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Madison Baird then sang the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Dr. Cross opened with prayer.

The board then recognized forty-nine (49) students for their academic accomplishments for the 2011-2012 school year. Those recognized included science fair winners, OMS scholars bowl, spelling bee winners, speech contest winners, t-shirt contest winner, short story competition winners, and SCOPE participants. Those recognized were as follows:

		<i>Science Fair</i>	<i>Spelling Bee</i>	<i>Speech Contest</i>	<i>Scholars Bowl</i>	<i>Tshirt Contest</i>	<i>Short Story Competition</i>	<i>SCOPE</i>
Christyn	Allen		x					
Madison	Baird	x	x	x				
Gracie	Barnes		x					
Amber	Barnett				x			
Curtis	Blakley	x						
Alexis	Byrd							x
Carlie	Chambers	x						
Jonathan	Chambers		x					
Jacob	Chitwood		x					
Tristan	Claborn		x					
Caroline	Cotton	x						
Dakota	Cross	x						
Addie	Davis		x					
Macy	Dunlap	x						
Madison	Dunlap	x	x					
Chad	Ellis				x			
Taylor	Foster	x						
Nick	Gilbert	x						
Savannah	Hatfield	x						
Noah	Hiatt				x			
Kayla	Hughett						x	
Alea	Jones	x						
Alex	Jones	x						
Alexea	Jones	x						
Ali	Jones	x				x		
Claire	Jones	x						
Zachary	Kazee	x						
Danner	Keeton	x						
Carrington	Lay	x						
Jordan	Leeds	x						
Jacob	Manis	x						
Hannah	Martin	x						

Chairperson Williamson then presented field trip requests from Upward Bound. The trips would on April 21 to Dollywood and then from May 28-June 28 for the on-campus summer program at LMU. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the field trip requests as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson presented a letter of resignation from Mrs. Darlene Sexton for board approval. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the resignation. Vote was taken and motion carried.

With no other business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then recognized Ms. Ann Sexton, for the Superintendent's Report.

1. GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award winners for the month were from OES, Beverly Hurst, from OMS Jennifer Butler and from OHS Michelle Bridges.
2. Substitute appointments: Jamie Matthews (Teacher) and Rodney Hicks (Teacher and Custodial)
3. Ms. Sexton announced the Teacher of the Year Winners from each school, OES Rose Welch, OMS Jennifer Butler and OHS Miranda Lowe. The staff member of the year is Sandie Cornelius.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Rick Harper, Oneida Elementary School Principal.

1. Mr. Harper congratulated all of those students recognized by the board for their accomplishments.
2. Mr. Harper gave each board member a calendar of events for the remainder of the school year.
3. TCAP testing will be April 23-27, 2012.
4. NWEA testing will be the following week, April 30 – May 4, 2012.
5. The SAT10 test will be given to 1st and 2nd grade students at OES.
6. The teachers and staff are looking at scheduling students for next year and are looking at academic equity in the classrooms.
7. Registration for new students to OES will be May 3.
8. Staff development is continuing at OES with several consultants assisting the staff.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mr. Kevin Byrd, Oneida High School Principal.

1. Mr. Byrd echoed congratulations to the award winners.
2. Teacher evaluations are still ongoing at OHS.
3. Cheerleading tryouts for next year are complete and a new squad as been named.
4. ACT scores for the juniors are back and it looks as if we have exceeded the state average.
5. Softball, baseball and soccer are well into there seasons and are very busy.
6. Spring Break was April 2-6.
7. Freshmen Meet and Greet meeting was conducted on April 10. Students and parents were given a demonstration of the high school curriculum and also were able to tour OHS. Next year's freshmen have completed their 4-year plans and have pre-registered.
8. OHS upperclassmen pre-registered this week for next year's classes as well.
9. There have been several presentations for students recently including the National Park Service and the sheriff's department.
10. OES will be using the auditorium for a talent show on April 20 and 21.
11. Free sports physicals will be given to all OHS students on April 24 and 25. The middle school sports physicals will be May 2.
12. April 25th will be "Blue Out" Day at OHS supporting autism.

13. Senior honor students were recently announced and should be in the paper this week. Congratulations to Student Board Member Sydney Lovett on being name valedictorian.
14. EOC testing will be the first and second weeks of May.
15. The district advisory council meeting will be held on May 5 from 8:30 – 11:30.
16. Final exams for OHS students will be May 23, 24 and 25.
17. Graduation will be May 26 with baccalaureate services on May 20.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Ms. Cheryl Butler, Oneida Middle School Principal.

1. TCAP testing will be April 23 – 27 for all OMS students. This year the TCAP test will comprise 15% of the trimester 3 grade for students. One subject will be covered each day and make-ups will be administered as soon as possible.
2. The Nancy Swain Memorial Walk will be held on April 20. There are approximately 600 students participating from area schools with 400 of those from the Oneida schools.
3. Pictures will be made tomorrow for softball, baseball and soccer after school. The 8th grade group picture will also be made tomorrow.
4. May 7-11 will be “May Madness Week” at OMS. All subjects will be having special events during the week.
5. May 10 will be a “Night with Mr. Lincoln” in the auditorium at 6:00pm.
6. OMS also recently had cheerleading tryouts for the 2012-2013 school year.
7. The 8th grade trip will be May 16-18.
8. The OMS Beta Club is currently holding a can drive.

Chairperson Williamson recognized Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator.

1. The Biggest Loser participants have voted to extend the program through the end of school. The last weight in will be May 25.
2. Mrs. McCartt is currently working with 9-12 PE, health and wellness teachers for curriculum mapping. The high school will be using the Michigan model.
3. There will be a community involvement event on May 5 for diabetes awareness at the Oneida City Park from 10:00am – 8:00pm. The school coordinated health offices are partnering with Walgreens for this event.
4. May 4 there will be an auction with proceeds to benefit Relay for Life.
5. April 13 there will be nutrition education for 9th graders along with Mrs. Laxton’s classes. This is in conjunction with the health department.

Chairperson Williamson then recognized Mr. Max Huff, Mr. Randy Stephens, and Mrs. Theda Stephens who had petitioned to address the board. Mr. Huff spoke first and relayed his displeasure with Ms. Amanda Jackson and her coaching of the Oneida High School Lady Indians basketball team. He discussed several issues which allegedly occurred during the basketball season and relayed what he deemed as “unprofessional” behavior. He asked for her removal from her coaching duties.

Mrs. Theda Stephens spoke for herself, as well as Mr. Stephens, and echoed Mr. Huff’s sentiments of their displeasure with Ms. Jackson and the girls’ basketball program. They also discussed several alleged incidents with the board and referred to the district’s anti-bullying policies and what they deemed as reckless behaviors by Ms. Jackson.

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With no further business to come before the board, Dr. Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Dr. Nancy Williamson
Chairman of the Board

Ann Sexton
Director of Schools