

April 4, 2013

The Oneida Special School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oneida High School Library. The following members were present: Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Dr. Danny Cross, Mr. Mark Matthews, Mr. Tommy Bell and Dr. Nancy Williamson. Director Ann Sexton, Student Representative Tucker Byrd and Lori Marcum were also present.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order. Delaney Neal led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Cross opened with prayer.

Dr. Williamson recognized Mr. Paul Strunk and Mr. Kevin Byrd. STAND and the Scott County Chamber of Commerce are once again this year recognizing an outstanding senior student nominated by the OHS staff who exemplifies character and citizenship. The April student of the month is Felicia Strunk.

The board and Director Sexton then recognized students for their academic accomplishments for the 2012-2013 school year. Those recognized included science fair winners, OMS scholars bowl, OHS scholars bowl, OHS/OMS band and spelling bee winners. Those recognized were as follows:

**District Spelling Bee Participants**

Emelia	Smith
Tristan	Claborn
Delaney	Neal
Katie	Sharp
Addie	Davis
Makayla	Sexton
Isaiah	Jeffers
Alea	Jones
Madison	Baird

**Band**

**East Tn School Band and Orchestra Association**

**ETSBOA Junior Clinic**

Ruthie	Burruss
Sydney	Crabtree
Chad	Ellis
Makayla	Chitwood
Dawson	May
Dakkota	Wilhite
Madison	Dunlap

**ETSBOA All East Senior Clinic**

Dylan	Chitwood
Hunter	Yancey

**Scholars Bowl**

**Oneida Middle School**

Amber	Barnett
John David	Terry

**Oneida High School**

Gavin	Webb
Justin	Patterson

Garrett	Byrd	Dylan	Chitwood
Madison	Dunlap	Brianna	Blount
Ruthie	Burruss	Sabrina	Harness
		Megan	Martin

**Science Fair Winners**

**Oneida Middle School**

Parker	Phillips
Raeleigh	King
Seth	Cross
Ali	Jones
Hannah	Martin
Madison	Keeton
Chance	Gilbert
Lucas	Claxton
Jessica	Bruns
Noah	Hiatt
Jonathan	Beets
Gracie	Cox
Macaiah	Flint
Zachary	Kazee
Mariah	Brady
Elizabeth	Campbell
Isaiah	Lyons
Emily	Bertram

**(School Level and County-wide Fair Winners)**

**Oneida Elementary School**

Ali	Smith
Isaac	Martin
Madison	Jones
Claire	Jones
Carlie	Chambers
Laurel	Blount
Rebecca	Pryor
Levi	Bishop
Danner	Keeton
Alea	Jones
Abigail	Terry
Addie	Davis
Alex	Jones
Luke	White
Chloe	Terry

Chairperson Williamson presented the board agenda for approval with one amendment. The amendment added under Business Before the Board Item 5, Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration and Partnership in STEMspark East Tennessee STEM Hub. Mrs. Watson made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the board agenda as amended. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the consent agenda for board approval. Mr. Bell made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of board minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting.
2. Permission to let bids for 2013-2014 Occupational and Physical Therapy Services.
3. Textbook Adoption for the 2013-2014 school year

Under business before the board, Chairperson Williamson then presented an executive decision for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to approve the executive decision as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Executive Decision:

A. OMS Baseball (D. Marcum): Selling School T-Shirts

Chairperson Williamson then presented a field trip request for board consideration. The request from Upward Bound was for a trip to Asheville, North Carolina on April 20, 2013. Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to approve the field trip request. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented the janitorial bids for board consideration. Two vendors supplied bid documents, Ellison Sanitary and O & D Enterprises. After a brief discussion, Dr. Cross made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Watson, to accept the finance office recommendation and award the janitorial bids to Ellison Sanitary. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Chairperson Williamson then presented two (2) fundraiser requests for board consideration. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to continue the following fundraiser requests as presented. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Fundraiser Requests:

1. Band Association (A. Bernard): Candles
2. Band Association (A. Bernard): Spaghetti Dinner before Spring Band Concert (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

In the final order of business, Chairperson Williamson then presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration and Partnership in STEMspark East Tennessee STEM hub for board consideration. Mr. Bell made a motion, with a second by Mr. Matthews, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with STEM. 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. Director Sexton noted that an elementary student would be given a medical exemption from the central office regarding school attendance. Upon written verification from his doctor, he would be withdrawn for medical reasons.
2. Administrative Appointments:
  - a. Rick Harper – OES Principal
  - b. Rachel Joiner – OES Assistant Principal
  - c. Kevin Byrd – OMS/OHS Principal
  - d. Jason Terry – OHS Assistant Principal
  - e. Kelly Trammell – OMS Assistant Principal
  - f. Dr. Jeanny Hatfield – Assistant Director
  - g. Denise May – Supervisor of Instruction/Curriculum (Math and Reading K-8)
  - h. Vicki Payne – Special Education Director
  - i. Melinda McCartt – Coordinated School Health Director
3. Substitute Bus Driver: Jason Hodges
4. Director Sexton announced the Star Fish Awards winners. The award honors those who make a difference in the lives of others in the school system. Star Fish winners for April are Brenda Smith, Kim Maxey and Jodie Green.
5. Mrs. Melinda McCartt, School Health Coordinator, gave a report. Mrs. McCartt attended the School Nutrition Conference March 20 – 22. Changes discussed during the conference included, an increase in grains, twice the number of fruits and vegetables, elimination of salt, portioning/weighing food and the increase in lunch costs. School Breakfast Week went very well with approximately 65 participants at OMS and approximately 100 at OES. Staff immunizations were completed this week. Thanks to Mountain Peoples for administering the immunizations. Also,

Mountain Peoples will be assisting with free physicals for Oneida athletes beginning April 17. The Coordinated School Health Institute will be April 16-19. On April 25, the School Health Advisory Council will meet from 12 – 2 discussing the school health index, what has been working in school health, and what needs improvement. On May 16, the CSH office will be partnering with other local parties for a Teen Parenting Seminary from 9-2. Haley Shepard and Rhonda Laxton have started a Physical Activity and Nutrition Class after school on Mondays and Wednesdays with approximately 18-20 participants. “Kick Butts Day” was March 20.

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

1. The schools are working preparing for TCAP testing which will be the week of April 22. Please make sure your child is in attendance, gets to school on time and eats a good breakfast.
2. A reminder to students and parents that the EOC tests and TCAP tests will be 25% of your semester grade.
3. ACT scores are back with an increase for OHS to 19.3. The three year average is 19.2. Both are above the state average.
4. OHS and OMS have completed the SACs process and will have a site visit during the week of April 28.
5. OHS is working with Mr. Mike Lay and Mrs. Melanie Duncan on a CTE grant.
6. Spring sports are in full swing.
7. The ELA pilot is completed.
8. Thanks to James Lovett, the Mountain Peoples staff, and Dr. Tim Smith for the free sports physicals. (April 16, 17 and May 14)
9. The OHS student body and staff had a program for John David Sneed today. There was a t-shirt sale with proceeds going to the Play with No Boundaries Fund in John’s name.

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

1. Thanks to the board for the student recognitions tonight. OES is very proud of the student accomplishments, as well as, the sponsors’ hard work.
2. Wednesday, April 17 will be an informational meeting at OES for parents/guardians and the community. There will be two sessions.
3. Kindergarten and Kinderstart registration went very well with a large turnout.
4. Any student who is planning to transfer to the Oneida Schools, please contact the office as soon as possible.
5. OES teachers and staff are working diligently in preparation for TCAP testing.
6. Mrs. Donna Tompkins spoke about the spring planting day at Big South Fork that the students will be involved in, as well as, the Sleeping with the Sharks trip scheduled for the Monday and Tuesday of spring break.

Director Sexton noted that spring break will be extended from April 5 – April 15.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairperson Williamson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Matthews made a motion, with a second by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Dr. Nancy Williamson  
Chairman of the Board

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Ann Sexton  
Director of Schools