

# OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting Held on March 11, 2019

The Work Session of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Area Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on March 11, 2019.

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance preceded the meeting.

The President, Ms. Bowman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Other members present were Mr. Falgiatore, Mr. Fox, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Koennecker, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Ganow and Mr. Kloss were absent. Also present were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Orner, Superintendent; Mr. Curtis, Business Manager; members of the administrative team; Ava Zimmerman, student representative; one reporter, and four students.

Under presentations, Ms. Jen Hoskins, math department head, gave a math presentation for grades 7-12.

There were no visitors' comments for agenda items only or information items.

Ms. Bowman presented the following items for action at the March 18, 2019 Board meeting:

- A. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Contract for Professional Services with PSBA for policy maintenance updates.
- B. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Business Administrator contract for Jeffrey Curtis from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.
- C. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the three-year contract for landscaping and lawn maintenance with Orner's Landscaping.
- D. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the Athletic Field Maintenance Proposal with Windview Athletic Fields effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- E. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following policies, first reading:  
Safe2Say Something - Procedures  
808 Food Services
- F. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following bus drivers upon completion of fingerprint paperwork employed by Althouse Transportation for the 2018-2019 school year:  
Kathleen M. Rick – bus 23  
Christopher G. Yerkes – substitute van driver  
Linda H. Yerkes – van 61

### Resignation Approvals:

- G. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Donell Moody as library assistant at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective March 8, 2019. (Hired August 11, 2014)
- H. That the Octorara Board of School Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Matthew King as eighth grade baseball coach at the Octorara Jr/Sr High School effective January 5, 2019. (Hired for the 2016-2017 school year)

Hiring Approvals:

I. That the Octorara Board of School Directors approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:

Tukker Zimmerman	JV Baseball Coach	6 pts @ \$620	\$3,720
Denim Kurtzals	Asst Track Coach	6 pts @ \$620	\$3,720
Brad Boyer	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Baseball Coach	4 pts @ \$620	\$2,480

Under the Education Committee Report, Mr. Fox reported the Committee met on February 25, 2019. The Committee received an update on academic longitudinal cohort data comparing Octorara to cyber/charter schools. The Committee discussed the School Improvement Plan that will be approved by the Board in June.

Under the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Bowman said the Committee looked at the PSBA contract for policy maintenance as well as the first reading for the Safe2Say Something Procedures and policy 808 *Food Services*.

Under the Facility Committee Report, Mr. Norris reported the Committee discussed the lawn care agreement, the athletic field maintenance contract, request for proposal for custodial services, and playground equipment replacement at the Primary Learning Center. Mr. Norris reported the greenhouse project needs some concrete installed for completion of the project. He thanked Dutchland Inc. for their donated labor of approximately \$13,500.

There were no other items and concerns or visitors' comments for items in general.

Under administrators' comments, Dr. Tachau reported on the EdTAC meeting held last week. Teachers who attended the Pete and C Conference reported on what professional development ideas they brought back from the conference.

Ms. Lease reported second grade students started a unit on writing interview questions. They invited CTE students to come over for the interviews. She reported on the Read Across America activities held last week including collecting 880 cans from the challenge to build a can tower taller than your teacher. Ms. Lease said 165 students along with their parents attended the Family Literacy Night.

Dr. Haller reported 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Bridget Whitfield, Jolee Johnson, Taylor Groff, and Cadence Wright met with Dr. Orner, Linda Neff, and himself to discuss a Girl Scout service project working towards their Bronze Award. The girls presented the idea of having a collection box during lunch where students would put unopened food they did want to eat so students who are still hungry can help themselves. The idea was implemented and for the past three weeks students who are still hungry are eating food that would have been thrown out.

Dr. Haller announced this Friday, March 15, Ms. Gray and he will be attending the Chester County STEM competition with two groups of OIS students.

Mr. Dikun announced parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 14 for students in grades K-6. He also announced Ms. Kradzinski is hosting a Ukulele Club for students and staff.

Ava Zimmerman, student representative, reported 15 student council members will be attending the Regional Conference this Friday. She announced Kacie's Cause will be hosting a Dress to Impress Prom Fashion Show this Friday at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. The event will be collecting canned goods for the Octorara Food Cupboard.

Dr. Rohrer congratulated Octorara wrestlers, Seth Hoopes and Braedan Amole for making it to state competition. He announced the Jr. High Chorus POPS Concert will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Orner thanked Ms. McNamara for her work with the CTE program evaluation. There were many commendations as well as a few recommendations. The full report will be available to the Board in approximately four weeks.

Dr. Orner reported on the Lancaster Lebanon IU 13 Legislative Breakfast she attended this morning.

Under board comments, Ms. Bowman announced the Chester County Legislator Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 15.

Mr. Fox congratulated the cast from “Suessical the Musical” for a great show.

Mr. Koennecker reported teachers that reported on the Pete and C Conference at the EdTAC meeting are excited about the things they learned especially the virtual field trips.

Ms. Bowman reported an executive session for safety and security was held prior to tonight’s Work Session in the District Office Conference Room.

Ms. Bowman announced upcoming meetings to be held:

Executive Session for personnel - Monday, March 11, 2019 - following the Work Session in the District Office Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room

Education Committee Meeting – Monday, March 25, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High School room 102

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on motion of Mr. Norris, second by Mr. Koennecker and approval of all members present.

This Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety on You Tube.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary  
Octorara Board of School Directors