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October 17, 2018

Ogden Elementary School

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Mitchell Greebel, *President*; Melissa Gates, *Vice President*; Cheryl May, Scott McInnes, Judy Menashe, Debra Sheinin, Daniella R. Simon

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Regular Meeting

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Pisano and Ariya Rahmanzada, third grade students from Ogden Elementary School. James and Ariya then recognized each member of the Board of Education in honor of School Board Recognition Week.























- Madison Navarijo, a fifth grade student from OES, introduced the Music Theatre Workshop, under the direction of Mrs. Mara Santanastaso, who performed their opening act from *A Disney Spectacular!*













- Student Council President, Leah Pisano, and Vice President, Daniella Kotlyar, spoke about their school theme, *Ogden Cares: Kids Helping Kids.* They also shared information about some of the exciting events taking place at Ogden this year.





Professional Recognitions

- Winter Sherman and Lucas Kim, 2018 OES graduates, recognized Mr. Thomas Finn, Teacher of Art, for being selected as the 2018 Art Teacher of the Year from Region Nine by the New York State Art Teachers' Association.





- Dr. Ralph Marino, Jr., Superintendent, presented Board Member Mrs. Daniella Simon with the New York State School Boards Association Board Excellence Award for her participation in leadership development opportunities.



Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He recently attended the FECC STEAM Night, the pep rallies at FECC, HES, OES, and HHS, and the Homecoming parade and game. It was a great win for the Bulldogs! He also attended Constitution Day events at both HES and OES, and a Cultural Arts assembly at WMS. He has joined students on four bus runs and staff chats have begun at District buildings. He recently welcomed our ENL volunteers from the National Council of Jewish Women at their Welcome Back breakfast. He has hosted Superintendent Roundtables at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment and the Hewlett Fire Department. Last week was the first meeting of the Public and Private Schools Council, where school security was discussed. He attended the New York State Council of School Superintendents Fall Leadership Summit in Saratoga, NY, where he attended workshops on school security, ENL, school culture, technology, and mental health services. Dr. Marino represented all superintendents from New York State at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The first Implementation Team meeting will be held next week. There are five surveys planned for this year to various stakeholder groups.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. He and nine District staff members recently attended the LI-ASCD Fall Conference. The District hosted APPR training for all of the staff members who perform teacher evaluations. A series of workshops has begun related to cultural proficiency given by the Long Island Consortium for Excellence and Equity. The next Superintendent's Conference Day will be held on November 6 and will feature both planned workshops and the EdCamp model. The Professional Development Committee had their first meeting today, which was very productive. The District Leadership Team is beginning to develop their programmatic initiative requests for the 2019-2020 budget. The new teacher induction program has met three times and resulted in rich and thoughtful conversations. The District is currently revising the Response to Intervention plan to continue to provide the best support to students in need going forward.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. The independent audit by R.S. Abrams is scheduled for BOE approval this evening. The District is in an excellent financial position and has been budgeting closer to actual expenditures, which is the goal. He recently took the Print Shop staff on a field trip to see new copiers in Great Neck so the staff can be involved in the decisions for new equipment. He also accompanied Mrs. Claire Gavin to the Canon headquarters in Melville to see new equipment. The Audit Committee met on October 10 to review the audit prior to BOE approval. Mr. Frontario recently met with the new director of the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, Ms. Lee Girardi. They appreciate the support they receive from the District. He and Mrs. Parahus recently attended a meeting with the representatives from NYSED to discuss the backlog on the approval of capital projects. He also attended the APPR training and a workshop on a recent Supreme Court decision on unions provided by our attorneys, Ingerman Smith.

- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. She recently met with representatives from BOCES who provide psychological and social work services to our non-public schools. She has met with the headmasters at each of the non-public schools to explain services. We maintain an excellent relationship with the non-public schools in our District and they appreciate the services provided to them by our staff members. She recently attended a webinar on Medicaid services. She also attended a conference on the legal mandates regarding IEPs and 504 plans. She shared the information with the Assistant Principals, who are the chair people for 504. SEPTA has provided the schools with books on twice exceptionality to increase understanding. There will be a workshop on this topic at the upcoming Superintendent's Conference Day.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He thanked Dr. Anzalone and the OES staff for hosting the meeting. His office has been busy preparing the BEDS data for mandated state reporting. This is the data that is used to complete the school report cards. The HR department is solidifying the hiring of several new employees based on IEPs and 504 recommendations. A new Transportation Dispatcher has started. They are in the process of advertising for a new Assistant Director of Special Education to replace Dr. Tina Smith. Dr. Fale recently attended an AP Seminar class at HHS and sat in on math professional development at FECC. He will be attending the Law Conference at NYSSBA and an upcoming Human Resources conference.
- Ashley Shanab reported from the Student Advisory Council. The Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, and game were all very successful. The council has been working closely with Mr. Galati on maintaining and improving school spirit. They are planning a mini Fall Festival, where they will decorate the main hallway and host a costume contest. The new ID cards and security measures are working well.
- Mrs. Michelle Maiorano reported for the Central Council PTA. She thanked the Board of Education for their service to the District. She reported that OES recently hosted their Tacos and Talking, movie night, and Alvin Ailey dancing events. The blood drive will be held on November 1. The new security system at HHS is working well. Mr. Galati was been working closely with the PTA and is receptive to new ideas. WMS recently hosted their Hispanic Heritage assembly. The Fall Dance is scheduled for November 5 and their book fair is this week. SEPTA will be hosting a Paint Night at Michael's Porthole in Oceanside on November 8. FECC had their STEAM Night on October 3. The PTA sponsored the Bubble Mania show, which had a large audience. Jesse Ruben returned for the I Can Day. Their costume party is scheduled for October 25. The HES PTA donated chrome book covers for all fifth grade students. The Family Book Club will be held on October 24 and the Holiday Boutique is scheduled for November.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. Daniella Simon reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The committee met on October 15th. The new District Website, the revised District app, and the Happy New Year Newsletter to the community were discussed.
- Mrs. Cheryl May reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. The committee recommends the approval of the District audit. The District received the highest rating with minimal recommendations for improvement. The Worker’s Compensation Reserve is steadily decreasing.

- Mrs. Melissa Gates reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The committee will be meeting on October 23. They have eight policies scheduled for revision. They will also focus on revising Policy 0001, based on the recently approved HW 2025 Strategic Plan.

Board Member Reports

- Mrs. Melissa Gates reported that NYSSBA has confirmed that they will have enough voting delegates at the Business Meeting during the conference for a quorum.
- The consent agenda was unanimously approved.
- The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss matters of employment of particular personnel.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:30 PM Budget Development Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, Franklin Early Childhood Center

Note:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting can be found by clicking HERE.