

ORISKANY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, August 27, 2018  
7:00PM  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

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| <b>Therese Hanna</b>     | <b>X</b>                 |
| <b>Amy Mayo</b>          | <b>X</b>                 |
| <b>Michelle Anderson</b> | <b>X</b>                 |
| <b>Robyn Appler</b>      | <b>Absent</b>            |
| <b>Carl Graziadei</b>    | <b>Arrival at 7:20pm</b> |
| <b>Brian Judycki</b>     | <b>X</b>                 |
| <b>Adam Kernan</b>       | <b>X</b>                 |

Administrators Present: Mr. Gaffney, Mrs. Widman, Mrs. Lowell, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Hinderling

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ms. Mayo.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda: 1. Approval of minutes: 8/6 and 8/14

Motion by Michelle Anderson, seconded by Adam Kernan, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that the Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve the Board minutes of 8/6 and 8/14.

Yes-5  
No-0  
Motion Carried

Communications, Reports and Announcements:

1. Additions/Deletions to Agenda- none
2. Communications of the Board President- none
3. Communications of the Superintendent
  - a. Mr. Gaffney spoke about the Board walk-through and asked if the board members had any questions or concerns. He asked that any concerns or comments, please be emailed to him so that he can address them.
  - b. Thursday this week, the elementary gym will be set up for the Poverty Simulation. Thank you to Michelle Anderson and Therese Hanna for volunteering to help out with this.
  - c. Mr. Gaffney said that he and Ms. Lowell are discussing how to utilize Jasmine Peck within the district. Jasmine is currently the OHM PBIS/Safety Coordinator.
  - d. He officially welcomed Laurie Widman as the new School Business Administrator.
4. Communications of the School Business Administrator/District Clerk

- a. Mrs. Widman thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the district. She said that everyone has been very warm and welcoming.
  - b. She and Patti Service have been working on information for the auditors, state aid and Medicaid, and she mentioned that Ms. Service has been a big help during the transition.
5. Communications of the Elementary Principal.
- a. Ms. Hinderling said that generous donations were accepted from both The United Way and VFW Post 7393 Malsa-Jones Auxiliary. Families in need have been contacted and have been coming to the school to pick up what they need.
  - b. On August 23, six elementary staff members and Ms. Hinderling attended The Positivity Project training at OHM BOCES. They look forward to implementing it and integrating it with their PBIS Assemblies and The Walbran Way.
  - c. This week the elementary school looks forward to welcoming the Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students for an orientation. Students will be picked up by the school bus and dropped off at the school. They will bring their supplies to their classrooms and have a brief visit with their teachers before heading back home on the bus.
  - d. Six Google Certified Trainers completed the training last week and passed the Google Online Assessment to become certified. Over the school year, each trainer will run 4 mini-sessions for the faculty and staff.
  - e. Ms. Hinderling reported that she and Ms. Thompson attended a two-day Leadership Research Institute with other OHM BOCES component district principals. The focus of the institute was to discuss the book they read in advance of the training, called Coherence, and how it can be used to implement The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
6. Communications of the High School Principal
- a. Back to School Night is next Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. During this event students in grades 8-12 can pick up their schedules and their chromebooks with a completed user agreement and insurance policy. A revised 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation is part of the event, with students and parents meeting together for the beginning portion. Halfway through, Positivity Project students will take 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to figure out where their classes are and help them open their lockers. Parents will stay with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team for more information about the transition from the elementary school. There will also be a Chromebook orientation for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students, and any new students to the building and their parents. All students will be able to receive their Chromebooks after this orientation. We are also holding a 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation for the first time, which will focus on the key components of high school courses, including credits and course and testing requirements for graduation. The last hour of the event will be a traditional Open House, with students and parents meeting with teachers to discuss course outlines and course expectations.
  - b. Sarah Fredericks, who is the co-chair of the Trinity United Methodist Church Council in Whitesboro, reached out to Ms. Thompson to donate magnets for students transitioning to the Jr/Sr HS - either new students or 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Their congregation wanted students to feel accepted, supported, and know they

matter. These magnets will be a surprise for students when they open their lockers for the first time. Ms. Thompson wanted to publicly thank the Trinity United Methodist Church Council for this donation.

- c. At the last BOE meeting Ms. Thompson discussed the Writing Guide. This Guide has been printed and all staff members will receive copies next week. All students will receive an electronic copy, which has even more information than the printed copy. English teachers will be reviewing the Writing Guide with their students in the first week of classes.
7. Communications of the Director
    - a. Mrs. Lowell said that the New Employee Induction began today and runs through Wednesday, this week.
    - b. Utica College classes began today and another will start tomorrow. There are 46 Utica College students taking on-site courses at NA Walbran Elementary. This generates future scholarship monies for our students.
    - c. The OCCF Alternative High School – bringing programs in over the summer to prepare student for transitions back into the community. MVCC, Dr. Mark Montgomery has been in a handful of times to provide motivational and engaging presentations about how incarcerated youth can transition back into the community. This includes transitioning back to their communities and continuing their education.
    - d. Completing the grant funding opportunities for the 18-19 school year. We do have \$10,000 in additional funding as a result. We are working as an admin team on this to craft a plan for what this programming can look like for our students.
  8. Communications of the Board of Education-
    - a. Therese Hanna spoke about the success of Project Fibonacci this summer.
    - b. She spoke about the results of the BOE Development Leadership program she attended and passed out related material.
    - c. She suggested writing an article about the roles of the School Board Officials.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Appointments:
  - A. Tracy Blair Reed- Cafeteria Monitor
  - B. Suzanne Scribner- Cafeteria Monitor
  - C. Tammy Kotary- Full-time Monitor
  - D. Lisa Balzano- Mentor Teacher
  - Claudette Cronauer- Mentor Teacher
  - Michelle Commisso- Mentor Teacher
  - Erin Cortese- Mentor Teacher
  - Heather Gray- Mentor Teacher
  - Donna Harper- Mentor Teacher
  - Patricia Jenks- Mentor Teacher
  - John Lucianatelli- Mentor Teacher
  - Teresa (Penny) Mann- Mentor Teacher
  - Denise Mazza- Mentor Teacher
  - Angela Meiss- Mentor Teacher

- Tanja Tamburino- Mentor Teacher
- Deborah Waskiewicz- Mentor Teacher
- Mary Zarnoch-Riley- Mentor Teacher
- E. Raymond Shackett- Part-Time Bus Driver
- F. Kelly Nuccio- Earth Science Teacher

Motion by Therese Hanna, seconded by Brian Judycki, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve Appointments A and C-D.

Yes- 5  
No-0  
Motion Carried

Motion by Therese Hanna, seconded by Adam Kernan, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve Appointment E- Raymond Shackett to part-time bus driver.

Yes-5  
No-0  
Motion Carried

Motion by Therese Hanna, seconded by Michelle Anderson that the Oriskany Central School Board of Education table Appointments B and F.

Yes- 5  
No-0  
Motion Tabled

## 2. Resignations:

- A. Raymond Shackett- Full-time Bus Driver
- B. Marla L. Golden- Monitor

Motion by Michelle Anderson, seconded by Therese Hanna, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve the resignations of Raymond Shackett and Marla Golden.

Yes-5  
No- 0  
Motion Carried

## 3. Motion to Move Into Executive Session: Legal and Personnel

Motion by Brian Judycki, seconded by Michelle Anderson, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session at 7:20p.m.

Yes-5  
No-0  
Motion Carried

4. Return from Executive Session at 8:17p.m.

5. Revisit of Appointment F.

Motion by Therese Hanna, seconded by Adam Kernan, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve the appointment of Kelly Nuccio to Earth Science Teacher.

Yes-6  
No-0  
Motion Carried

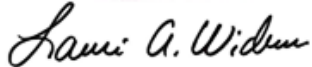
6. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Therese Hanna, seconded by Michelle Anderson, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Mr. Timothy Gaffney, Superintendent of Schools, that Oriskany Central School Board of Education approve the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Yes-6  
No-0  
Motion Carried

Resident Participation: 30 minutes on any agenda or school related item- None  
See Sign-In Sheet and Superintendent's Regulation 2306.1 forms submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie A. Widman  
District Clerk