



Orchard Park Board of Education 2023-2024



Orchard Park CSD Board Meeting Report

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Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Rogers, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Sreniazowski, Mr. Provost, Mr. Comeau, and student representative Shane Brege.

Congratulations

- Paul Pietrantone, Ed.D, director of student services & professional learning, on receiving tenure.
- Sue Langendorfer on her retirement. Sue is currently a confidential secretary in the human resources office.
- Alice Lapadat, teacher, on her retirement.

Welcome

- Jennifer Scott, registered nurse (district-wide)
- Dustin Achtziger, mechanic, (BG)

Announcements and Points of Pride

Superintendent Lilleck's announcements and points of pride can be found by clicking the link [Points of Pride](https://www.opschools.org/Page/11064) or visiting www.opschools.org/Page/11064.





Public Hearing - 2024-25 Budget & Propositions I, II & III

For more information on the Annual School Vote and Election please visit www.opschools.org/vote

Proposition I - 2024-25 Operating Budget (\$122,626,680)

- The budget will support students and safety initiatives. The budget includes the addition of two School Related Officers (SRO). An SRO will be assigned to each of our school buildings.
- Continues advancing inclusive programming and academic programming (Pre-K - 12).
- Supports all current student programs and activities.
- Fiscally Responsible - third lowest budget-to-budget increase in 18 years.
- A balanced operating budget that does not exceed the estimated allowable tax levy cap of 3.18%.

Proposition II: Purchase of Property - 75 Bank Street, Orchard Park- \$1,500,000 (Use of capital reserves funding to purchase property) - No new tax levy impact.

- Solution to long-range plan for buildings and grounds department - property purchase will come from the capital project reserve fund which can only be used for capital purchase or repairs.
- Will house the Orchard Park Family Solutions Center (opened in 2022 with assistance from the town to temporarily house the program in town facilities).
- In 2023 OP Family Solutions Center relocated to 75 Bank Street.
- Benefits of Purchasing the Property: No need to rent from outside facilities for storage or other needs. Move current office from Freeman Road to Bank Street. Move current grounds department from old bus garage to Bank Street.
- Estimated yearly savings of \$204,000 No new taxes will be raised or levied by the purchase.

Proposition III: Purchase and Financing of Buses, Related Equipment and Supplies - \$1,212,000 - No new tax levy impact

- Purchase of four (4) seventy-seven (77) passenger school buses (at an estimated maximum cost of \$186,000 each) and four (4) thirty-three (33) passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$117,000 each.
- NYS Transportation Aid funds will be applied.

Election of Two (2) Trustees to the Board of Education

Voters will be electing two trustees to the Orchard Park Central School District Board of Education. The terms of Mr. Ryan Cimo and Mrs. Karen Srienawski will expire on June 30, 2024. There are two candidates running for the two seats. They are:

1A Karen Sreniawski

2A Ty Romanello

To learn more about the candidates visit: <https://www.opschools.org/Page/11183>



Action:

- Approved all Consensus Items
- Approved two IPA's with Erie 1 BOCES. One is for the replacement of copy machines in the two copy centers. The other is for back-up infrastructure. Both IPA's are budgeted for and will receive BOCES aid.
- Declared some ELA middle school textbooks as obsolete.
- Accepted two donations, one from STAP-Comm (valued at \$10,00) of several items including a projector and inflatable movie screen for the high school. The other donation is from the American Heart Association and is gift cards valued at \$1,300 for the Ellicott physical education department and wellness program. The donation is a give back to Ellicott from their "Kids Heart Challenge" fundraiser where they raised \$19,000 for the American Heart Association.
- Approved the appointment of the elections inspectors for the May 21, 2024 vote/election.

Discussion:

Discussed a first read of changes to Policy 7350: Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions. The suggested changes to this policy are in response to amendments to the Commissioner of Education's regulations regarding corporal punishment, and limited use of timeout and physical restraint.

Presentation:

Long Range Plan for Special Education - Ms. Betsy Dicanio, special education director, and Mrs. Jill Sengbusch, assistant special education director, presented information on the special education department, goals for the department, and the long-range plan. They shared that the special education department recognizes that all students are individuals who learn at different paces, with differing styles, through a variety of methods and tools. They shared that they believe in early intervention to promote student learning in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). Their presentation can be found [here](#).



Reports:

- **Student Ex-Officio Report:** Shane Brege, reported on STAP-Comm's senior walk which has been approved for graduating seniors to walk the halls of the elementary they attended with their cap and gown on. He reported on the blanket-making event to donate to Kaely's Kindness. STAP-Comm is preparing for next year's new cabinet. The final meeting is on May 20 at 7 p.m.
- **District Character Education Council:** Mrs. Hornung, shared the District Character Education Council met to review the feedback shared by the parents, staff, and students regarding the Olweus anti-bullying education program. Overall the majority of the feedback shared stated that Olweus is outdated. The committee will look to pilot new programs during the next school year. Olweus will continue next year during the pilot.



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