OCSD Audit & Finance BOE Sub-Committee
Thursday, October 16, 2025

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1. CALL TO ORDER
A. Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. PRESENT:
Members: Kevin Stevens, Chairperson; Rene' Garrison, Julio Fuentes
Others: Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent, Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator; Jackie Reed, District Clerk

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
A. Cafeteria Profit & Loss - September

- September yielded a net profit of $65K, which is an increase from the past.
- We have a cafeteria worker on-site at RISE Academy to serve, but meals are made in the OIMS cafeteria, which is working well.
- We are fully staffed in the kitchen, with two more wokers than a year ago.
- The impact of the OESPA pay increase is reflected in the current statement.
- Employees do not take advantage of the cafeteria for breaksfast as much as lunch.
- The new schedule is being worked on by the Congruence Committee for 26-27 may have an impact on numbers at breakfast, which may impact the number of staff in the kitchen in the morning.

B. Federal Funding Update
Impact of the Federal Government Shutdown on OCSD

- We received funding from Title I and IDEA, which are laws, so the law would have to change before we would lose this funding; however there may be delays in receiving the funds.
- Most of our funding doesn't typically come until December.
- Sources of Federal Funding and what they provide:
    - Title I - Funding for Reading Teachers
    - School Improvement - Funding ($50K) for resources for after school programming
    - Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment, PD for Teachers
    - IDEA 611 - SPED Teachers in Resource Room and Co-Teaching and Support Staff for All Grades, but Self-Contained teachers are not included in this because they are able to be reimbursed through STAC funding
    - IDEA 619 - PK through Grades 1 only
    - We typically get receive payment within 30 days of submission for reimbursement, but expect delays with the government shutdown.
    - $1.7M for Cafeteria Funds is the one area of concern with the current situation as it is not backed by law, however, there is currently no indication that this funding will be eliminated
    - Medicaid Assisance - this is minimal funding for the district ($350K), but the concern is more for the care the families will receive than the impact on the school budget

Backup Plan - Should there be a significant impact, the State will have to provide guidance; however, OCSD still qualifies for CEP and has a healthy fund balance, but planning would be required going forward. There is the possibility that all students would not get free meals. This is the first year that NYS has required both breakfast and lunch be provided to all students. In the case that this decision is revoked, Olean is eigible for CEP for 3 more years.

C. Budget Status
There is misinformation in the community regarding the status and budget and program cuts, but the District has not made any cuts.

- There are ongoing discussions to see what programs and services can continue to be provided as the new terms of the OTA and OESPA contracts are put into place.
- For 2025-26, there is not additional teaching time, but that time is used for morning duties, congruence and professional development.
- The Congruence Committee is working to turn that into more student/teacher time starting with the 26-27 schol year.
- Teachers cannot get paid extra for duties within their contracted hours.
- The goal of the significant pay incrase in the OTA contract was to recruit and retain qualified teachers and provide them with a competitive salary and sufficient training to be successful.
- Other factors being considered, the District needs to hire five more teacher aides (2 full time), an Assistant Superinendent, and the HR Specialist, but funds are already set aside for these positions.
- The Federal government shutdown is not a concern as far as receiving the anticipated funding, however, it is a cash-flow concern, as discussed in Section B.
- Our transportation budget is $285K over in this budget due to the locations we are required to transport students (see Sept. 2025 Audit & Finance minutes).
- We will be offering programs after school, we are just looking closely at the budget and cash flow.

E. Health Plan Board of Directors Meeting
Jenny Bilotta attended this meeting and they reviewed Highmark, Univera and Independent Health.

- The cost savings to switch a new plan was not significant enough to disrupt the plan for 8,500 members on the plan.
- There is concern that providers no longer covering care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute were quelled because our plan is self-funded.
- Medicare Advantage coverage rates are increading significantly. Final rates haven't been released yet. and are currently $400 per month for a single plan.
- The biggest cost in pharmeceuticals on the plan are GLP-1 medications at $7.2M last year. New restrictions are being put in place that will require certain qualifications in place before the prescription can be continued.
- The new HR Specialist will be expected help promote the Wellness Challenges. Participation in these challenges help keeps increases to a minimum.
- The OCSD Fitness Center is open from 4:00 am to midnight every day, and is available to all faculty, staff and BOE members. If you wish to use this facility, let the tech dept know so they can program your keyfob.

4. ADJOURNMENT:
A. Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the BOE Conference Room.