

Operations Committee Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 4:32

Members Present: Mary Fay, Chairperson; Betty Burrows, Alex Calbi, Jen Mahar, Jen Kless, Dr. Genelle Morris, Jenny Bilotta, Jackie Reed, Cathy Young

Excused: Rene' Garrison

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2026-27 Safety Plan

The 2026-27 Safety Plan has been shared with the public and advertised, available for for public comment, and the Public Safety Hearing has been advertised. It will be held before the Regular BOE meeting on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 in the BOE conference room.

Discussion about how safety information was shared with parents and students. It is in the Code of Conduct, the school wide Safety Plan, and through practice drills.

Discussion about the safety training for all personnel and how that is implemented. Jen Kless explained that it is managed in SafeSchools and personnel are required to complete each of the safety trainings annually. The list of required trainings are maintained by the Director of Curriculum & Instruction and will be shared with the Committee.

Safety information is communicated to Parents and Students by sharing the Safety Plan publicly and having the students participate in Safety Drills.

Incident Command Center algorithm is not released publicly due to confidentiality, according to the law.

B. Afterschool Child Care Partnership with YMCA Proposal

Jen Mahar shared the proposal with the YMCA of the Twin Tiers for the Afterschool Child Care provided by the YMCA.

The YMCA grant renewal was not approved for the upcoming 5-year cycle, so it will be fee-based for parents, and the cost varies depending on the type of care: school day, non-school day or summer. Parents may contact the Y about scholarships or DSS Financial Assistance.

- Staffing is provided by the Y.
- Families have been given information on how to register.
- Agreement is to host at EV and WW on school days.
- The District wrote a grant for OIMS and was approved.
- Extended school day grants are on a 5-year cycle. when it came time to apply, the state changed the rules on the cap and could not allow the Y to do as many applications as previously done. It appears to be the state has shifted towards district-operated programs.
- The agreement is for use of OCSD buildings. OCSD does not charge for use of the buildings; however, the cost to the district is minimal because the buildings are already staffed. The program is typically limited to the cafeteria, library and gym.

The Committee is forwarding this agreement to the BOE and recommending approval.

C. Policy Review

Discussion of Policy #7130 Entitlement to Attend School

In aligning the policy with the homeschool guidelines, a question was raised on the District's position on this policy.

The current is Olean-specific and exercises what is allowed vs. what the state minimum requirement for entitlement to attend.

Currently the OCSD-specific Policy states that Compulsory age for students goes through the age of 17, unless the student is employed full-time.

The state requirement is only to 16, but allows for Districts to decide if they would like students to continue to 17.

Attendance and enrollment in the past has not been aligning.

After discussion, the Operations Committee decided to keep and enforce the policy as currently written.

D. Follow-up with Community Collaboration for Middle-School Students Interest in Athletics

This discussion has been postponed. Alex Calbi will reach out to Community Partners and report back at the next meeting.

E. Other

Tax Pledge Agreement for Olean Public Library

The Olean Public Library Capital project requires the District to collect taxes for remittance to the Dormitory Authority.

There is no cost to the district, only additional duties.

The county will make the District whole for any unpaid taxes which are due by December 31st, but they will not make the payment until Spring following the due date.

The motion being presented to the BOE on 8/11/26 is to allow Dr. Morris to be able to sign the agreement.

Jenny Bilotta has been working on this closely with the attorneys, and expects the entire process to take about 4 years.

The Committee recommends approval at the August 11, 2026 BOE Regular Meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 4:54 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the BOE Conference Room.