

**Oxford Academy and Central School District  
Board of Education Special Meeting – Via Zoom  
April 20, 2020**

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**Call to Order**

Mr. O'Brien led those present in the flag salute.

**Flag Salute**

Additions: Add wording to 04-20(2) G4 Resolution  
Deletions: None

**Additions/  
Deletions**

Present were Trustees: Timothy O'Brien, Julie Gates, Nathaniel Emerson, John Godfrey and Betsy Locke.

**Present**

Superintendent

John Hillis

Business Administrator

Joseph Gugino

District Clerk

Michele Rice

Director of Special Education

Dawn Hover

**Visitors**

None

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**Approve Minutes**

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gates to approve the meeting minutes of March 30, 2020 and April 9, 2020 with corrections noted. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**Minutes**

**Public Comment**

None

**Reports/Presentations**

2020-2021 Budget Update – Mr. Gugino shared an update on the proposed 18,510,542 budget. The budget includes a 2.73% increase on the tax levy, utilizing \$177,555 from the fund balance and various (administration, support staff, SRO) personnel cuts. The budget also proposes the purchase of two 30-passenger vans for a total not to exceed \$125,000. To date, the state has not decided on a budget vote date or any of the particulars.

**2020-2021  
Budget**

**Board Committee Reports**

Finance - Met 1/6/20

Policy – Approve Amending Policies **04-20(2) G1**

- #6 – Public Complaints Policy
- #13 – Dress Code Policy

Buildings & Grounds – Met 2/3/20

Transportation – Met 3/2/20

Personnel – Need to schedule

**BOE  
Committees**

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gates to approve resolution G1. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**04-20(2) G1**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby amend/adopt the following policies:

**Amend/  
Approve  
Policies**

**Additional Appropriate Policy**

6 – Public Complaints Policy

**Recommended Policy**

13 – Dress Code Policy

**Business Office**

Mrs. Gates made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to approve resolutions G2-G4. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**04-20(2) G2**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$2,379,500.

**BOCES  
Administrative  
Budget**

**04-20(2) G3**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Oxford Academy & Central School District Board of Education does hereby cast one vote for **Linda Tuller**, and one vote for **Linda Zaczek** to fill the vacant seats for the position of board member of the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Board of Education.

**BOCES  
Board  
Members**

**04-20(2) G4**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby adopt the proposed budget for the Oxford Academy and Central School District in the amount of \$18,510,542 for the 2020-2021 school year;

**2020-2021  
Budget**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Board reserves the right to amend such dollar amount pending further reductions relative to the state budget and Covid-19 pandemic.

**Planning**

Mr. O'Brien noted the following reminders:

- May 4, 2020 – Regular BOE Meeting, MS Conference Room/Zoom, Time TBD

**Reminders**

**Public Comment**

None

**BOE Member Comments/Concerns**

None

At 12:17 p.m., Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gates to enter into executive session for the purpose of other matters made confidential by state or federal law and of collective negotiations and the medical, financial, credit and/or employment history of a particular person or corporation, and/or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Mrs. Hover was invited to attend. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**Executive  
Session**

Mr. Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gates to appoint Mr. Hillis Clerk Pro Tem. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**Clerk Pro  
Tem**

At 12:24 p.m., Ms. Hover was excused from the meeting.

**Excused**

At 12:43 p.m., Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Emerson to come out of executive session. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**Come out of  
Executive  
Session**

There being no further action to come before this Board, Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to adjourn. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

**Meeting  
Adjourned**



Michele D. Rice  
District Clerk