

Oxford Academy & Central School Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2024

Mrs. Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Gates led those present in the flag salute.

Flag Salute

Additions: 1.3 2024 School Board Recognition Week, 2.3 FFA Overnight Trip to Albany,
2.4 Sports Overview, 7.1 BSK Correspondence, 10.5-10.9 Athletic Mergers
Deletions: None

Additions
Deletions

Present were Trustees: Julie Gates, John Godfrey, Nathaniel Emerson, Matthew Leach and
Brian Sheridan.

Present

Superintendent
School Business Manager
District Clerk
High School Principal
Middle School Principal
Primary School Principal

Nicholas A. Colosi
Erin Gramstad
Michele Rice
Jonathan Cooley
Greg Lehr
Michelle Hardler

Visitors

Claudia Tefft, Julia Bogardus, Sara Culotta, Jenny Davis, Tim Davis, Renee Johnson, Jon
Stockton and Jasmynn Abrams

Visitors

2024 School Board Recognition Week – October 14-18

School Board
Recognition

Mr. Colosi thanked and recognized BOE members for their years of service in honor of
School Board Recognition Week. BOE members were presented with a small gift as a token
of appreciation.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to approve the meeting minutes of
October 7, 2024. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

Minutes

Reports/Presentations

Energy Performance Report – Ms. Culotta from Siemens shared year 1 performance
assurance results. \$89,339 in energy and operation guaranteed savings for annual Period 1,
\$122,123 actual which included \$91,199 in measured and verified savings and \$30,942 in
operational savings for the construction period and year 1 combined. She noted there was
\$32,784 more savings than Siemens guaranteed and \$2,060 more savings in year 1 than
guaranteed. Additional savings were noted through optimization of HVAC operations.

Energy
Performance
Report

Ms. Culotta was thanked for her presentation.

NYS HS Assessment Results – Mr. Cooley shared June 2024 Regents results. The
percentage of students passing increased in ELA, Global Studies II, Physical Setting (Earth
Science and Chemistry), Algebra I, and Geometry from the prior year. All others decreased
slightly. The graduation rate for 2023-2024 was 93.3%.

NYS HS
Assessment
Results

FFA Overnight Trip to Albany – Ms. Johnson stated she has 3 students that have been
chosen to attend the NY Youth Agriculture Leadership Conference in Albany November 13
& 14. Consensus of the BOE was in favor of the trip.

FFA
Overnight
Trip

Sports Overview – Mr. Davis noted the fall sports season was good overall. Boys' soccer
won the league championship. Varsity football enjoyed a win this season but had to forfeit
their last game. Mr. Davis recommended the district have a discussion about the future of
football (8 or 11 man team). Golf had a good season. Winter sports are starting next week.
He noted several athletic mergers with Greene CSD are being presented for approval.

Sports
Overview

Leadership Team Updates

Quarterly Status Update Reports were shared with the BOE prior to the meeting. No one had any questions.

Public Comment

Mr. Stockton and Ms. Abrams from *The Evening Sun* stated, after hearing concerns about school lunches, they decided to conduct a survey. They presented the BOE with the survey results. Mr. Cooley noted the students appreciated being able to share their thoughts/concerns.

**Public
Comment**

Superintendent's Report

Project Update – Mr. Colosi noted phase I of the project (mostly exterior work) will go out for bidding in March. Work will begin in the spring of 2025. It was noted phase II of the project includes 2 new boilers for the MS and HS, new windows in the MS, complete LED lighting and STEAM in the HS. TIES will be hosting a virtual tour of a STEAM space in Texas. Discussion on the specifics of the design will continue. Mr. Colosi noted Fiscal Advisors will continue to work with the school and the architects on funding.

**Project
Update**

Regionalization Study Update – The state required study deadline has been extended. Mr. Colosi noted Oxford Academy's study has been submitted and thanked the principals and staff for gathering the information. District superintendents will continue to work on the regional study that is due in April. It was noted that the state will not be utilizing this information to merge school districts. The study will be reviewed to outline what a portrait of a graduate is and make sure students are getting what they need.

**Regionalization
Study Update**

At 6:46 p.m., Mr. Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Emerson to enter into executive session for the purpose of other matters made confidential by state or federal law 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. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried. Mr. Lehr was invited to attend.

**Executive
Session**

At 6:46 p.m., Mr. Cooley and Mrs. Hardler were excused.

Excused

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

**Clerk Pro
Tem**

Mr. Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leach to approve the CSE minutes. Yes-5, No-0, Motioned Carried.

CSE Minutes

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Lehr was excused.

Excused

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leach to come out of executive session.

**Come out of
Executive
Session**

Communications

The BOE acknowledged a correspondence from BSK, pertaining to a PILOT –Application for Real Property Tax Exemption.

Correspondence

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheridan to approve resolutions G1-G2. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

11-24(1) G1

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Oxford Academy & Central School Board of Education does hereby acknowledge that the 2023-2024 External Audit Corrective Action Plan includes no deficiencies and as such, no corrective action plan is needed.

**External
Audit
Corrective
Action Plan**

11-24(1) G2

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Primary School, Middle School, and High School Building Growth Initiatives for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

**2024-25
Building
Growth
Initiatives**

Business Office

An Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report for September 2024 were shared.

**Approp &
Revenue
Reports**

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to approve resolutions G3-G9. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

11-24(1) G3

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor Report prepared by DCMO BOCES for September 2024.

**Internal
Claims
Auditor
Report**

11-24(1) G4

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the DCMO BOCES billings (contract invoices) for services rendered for 010-25OT Sports Official Warrant, C0049-25 Contract Invoice AS-7, CC011-25 Contract Credit Memo and 949-25A September Print Shop (Volleyball) totaling \$412,539.37.

**BOCES
Invoices**

11-24(1) G5

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity with Greene Central School District for Varsity/JV Boys Wrestling for the 2024-2025 season.

**Athletic
Merger
Boys
Wrestling**

11-24(1) G6

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity with Greene Central School District for Varsity Girls Wrestling for the 2024-2025 season.

**Athletic
Merger
Girls
Wrestling**

11-24(1) G7

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity with Greene Central School District for Modified Wrestling for the 2024-2025 season.

**Athletic
Merger
Modified
Wrestling**

11-24(1) G8

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity with Greene Central School District for Varsity Boys and Girls Bowling for the 2024-2025 season.

**Athletic
Merger
Bowling**

11-24(1) G9

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity with Greene Central School District for Varsity Boys and Girls Indoor Track for the 2024-2025 season.

**Athletic
Merger
Indoor Track**

Personnel

Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheridan to approve resolutions C1-C2 and UC1-UC5. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

11-24(1) C1

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Substitute
Teachers**

Lauren Benjamin	-	Uncertified
Hailey Branham	-	Uncertified, retroactive to October 1, 2024
Sylas Emerson	-	Uncertified, pending fingerprint clearance
Emily Petramale	-	Uncertified
Vanessa Picca	-	Uncertified

11-24(1) C2

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the appointment of the following Winter Coaches and Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year, pending coaching certification requirements.

**Winter
Coaches and
Volunteers**

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COACH</u>
Bowling	Frank Ross
V & JV Boys Basketball Volunteer	Jason Davis
V Girls Basketball Volunteer	Kenneth Seiler
JV Girls Basketball Volunteer	Jason Finch
Modified Boys Basketball Volunteer	George Heggie
Indoor Track Volunteer	Irene DeJager

11-24(1) UC1

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the appointment of **Penny Hinman** to the position of Full-time Teacher Aide subject to successful completion of a probationary period as defined in the rules for the Classified Civil Service of Chenango County, effective November 4, 2024. (Vice: J. Albin)

**Teacher Aide
P. Hinman**

11-24(1) UC2

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby accept **Charlene Bryant's** letter of intent to retire from her position of Bus Driver, effective after the close of day December 31, 2024.

**Bus Driver
Intent to
Retire
C. Bryant**

11-24(1) UC3

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby accept **James Manwarren's** letter of intent to retire from his position of Custodial Worker, effective after the close of day October 31, 2024.

**Custodial
Worker
Intent to
Retire
J. Manwarren**

11-24(1) UC4

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the appointment of the following Substitute Support Staff for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Substitute
Support Staff**

Chance Reynolds	-	Custodial Worker PT sub, pending fingerprint clearance
William Nolis	-	Bus Driver PT sub, retroactive to October 28, 2024

11-24(1) UCS

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that this Board does hereby approve the appointment of **Danny Dewey** as Head Bus Driver, effective November 5, 2024, pending Civil Service approval, along with the individual contract as presented. (Vice: C. Ketchum, Jr.)

**Head Bus
Driver
D. Dewey**

Planning

Mrs. Gates noted the following reminders.

- November 11 - No School/Offices Closed – Veterans Day
- November 12 - National Honor Society Inductions, 6 pm, OAPAA
- November 27-29 No School Thanksgiving Recess (offices closed 11/28-11/29)
- December 2 - Regular BOE Meeting, 6 pm, MS Conference Room

Reminders

Public Comment

None

**Public
Comment**

BOE Member Comments/Concerns

Mr. Leach gave kudos to the chaperones that attend the MS trip to Albany.

Mr. Godfrey commented on the tremendous support at sporting events.

Mrs. Gates stated her and Ms. Gramstad attended the health consortium meeting. They commented on the increasing cost of prescription drugs. Ms. Gramstad noted they are looking for people to be part of the rate creating meeting.

Mr. Colosi noted the HS play date changed. He noted winter concerts will be coming up and then it will be budget season. He also informed the BOE that the budget process will be different this year. Also, OESPA negotiations will start this week.

Ms. Gramstad noted she worked with Mr. Hodge on a safe workplace grant which, if granted, could be worth \$2500.

Mr. Sheridan complemented the sports teams and FFA trips.

**BOE
Member
Comments/
Concerns**

At 7:28 p.m., Mr. Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Emerson to enter into executive session for the purpose of 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. Yes-5, No-0, Motion carried.

**Executive
Session**

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

**Clerk Pro
Tem**

At 8:16 p.m., Mr. Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to come out of executive session.

**Come out of
Executive
Session**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**Meeting
Adjourned**



Michele D. Rice
District Clerk