MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING

October 5, 2016 BOCES, Goshen, NY

In Attendance: Bill Hecht (O/U BOCES), Dottie Slattery (O/U BOCES, NYSSBA Area 9), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Meg Sgombick (Florida), Ron Sommer (Greenwood Lake), JoAnn Reed (Marlboro), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Jon Huberth (Monroe-Woodbury), William A. Smith (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Sheila Schwartz (Valley Central), Colleen Doyle (Washingtonville), Susan Doyle, Karyn Meier (OCSBA), plus Guests: Manny Pardo (Lions Club – Goshen Chapter), Roy Sheppard, Cliff Youngs (Lions Club – Middletown Chapter), and Barry Entwistle (Director of Member Relations, NYSSBA)

President Ron Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.

Call to Order

A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/7/16 meeting was m/s/c.

Approval of Minutes

No Treasurer's Report for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Lions Club representatives Roy Sheppard, Manny Pardo, and Cliff Youngs discussed the Lions' free community service program, Kidsight USA, which is a painless, non-invasive vision screening test for children aged 6 months to 6 years old, and available to any interested school district.

Presentation: Lions Kidsight USA

Susan Doyle reviewed details regarding OCSBA's hospitality suite, and the NYSSBA Voting Delgates' meeting during the NYSSBA Convention. She reviewed both confirmed and tentative attendance at OCSBA dinners during the convention.

Executive Director's Report

NYSSBA's Director of Member Relations, Barry Entwistle, gave an overview of preconvention and convention featured topics and meetings, as well as discussing the logistics of how to prepare in advance for attending convention, and noting new and improved services available such as the NYSSBA app, Tech Lounge, free Wi-Fi, and shuttle service.

Presentation:
Navigating the NYSSBA
Convention Experience

President Sommer welcomed the continued membership of Kiryas Joel. He reported that representatives from Legoland will attend OCSBA's November 2nd meeting, and that on 11/16/16 OCSBA is offering Mandated Child Abuse Reporter training for school board members, with a subsequent legal issues update (including ESSA) and roundtable discussion to address new board members' questions and concerns. Barry Entwistle commented that NYSSBA is also planning receptions for new board members around the state.

President's Report

President Sommer gave a summary review of NYSSBA resolutions and addressed a few questions and comments. A discussion began about school districts' abilities to provide adequate time for lunch and recess, with a recommendation to pursue the topic in December when OCSBA develops its legislative platform. Barry Entwistle mentioned that NYSSBA has researchers available to help answer questions when local districts want to draft resolutions.

Legislative Report: NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions

Bill Hecht informed delegates that a three year BOCES Facilities Plan was reviewed during a recent superintendents' meeting, detailing planned improvements and funding strategies. There was also a request to provide school board members with clear information about teacher training and the types of services and actions needed/required of districts to meet the needs of special education students, especially when students are in district. BOCES agreed to take that request under consideration.

Delegates' Concerns

President Sommer thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 9:13 PM.

Adjournment