

# Orange County School Boards Association

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## MINUTES: DELEGATES' MEETING      OCTOBER 4, 2017      OU-BOCES, GOSHEN, NY

**In Attendance:** Bill Boss, Bill Hecht, Jean Pavek (OU-BOCES), Sandy Nagler, John Pasichnyk, Frank Sambets (Chester), Larry Berger (Cornwall, OU-BOCES), Margaret Quinn (Cornwall), Martha Bogart (Goshen, OU-BOCES), Kevin Tuhy (Greenwood Lake), Faith Aprilante (Highland Falls), JoAnn Reed (Marlboro), Pastor John Williams (Middletown), Joseph Flaherty (Minisink Valley), Anthony Andersen (Monroe Woodbury), Kristi Kheiralla (Pine Bush), Deborah Lasch, Valerie Maginsky (Port Jervis), Meg Vaught (Tuxedo), Joseph Bond (Valley Central), Dave Eaton (Warwick, OU-BOCES), Kathleen Gualtieri, Robin White (Washingtonville), Karyn Meier (OCSBA). **Guests:** Elizabeth Russell, Staff Development Specialist, OU-BOCES

- Call to Order**      President John Pasichnyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to recognize the victims of the Las Vegas shooting. Afterwards, OCSBA attendees introduced themselves and our guest was welcomed.
- Approval of Minutes**      A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/6/17 meeting was m/s/c.
- Presentation: Understanding McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**      BOCES' Elizabeth Russell reviewed the criteria that qualify a student as homeless, and the necessary steps a school district must take to enroll that student and to meet their educational needs. She talked about the benefits of training school staff in Adverse Childhood Experiences, and a trauma informed model of meeting student needs. Ms. Russell also reported on the success of BOCES' Bibliotherapy Grant, which is being used by twelve Orange County districts.
- President's Report**      President Pasichnyk called attention to our November program, "The Opioid Epidemic and its Impact on our Schools", to be given by Tammy Rhein, Director of Mental Health Services for the Orange County Department of Mental Health.
- Executive Director's Report:**      Karyn Meier reported that everything was set for OCSBA dinners during the NYSSBA Convention in Lake Placid, and noted that there would be a Voting Delegates meeting at 4:30 pm on Friday afternoon at the Golden Arrow Resort.
- Legislation News: NYSSBA Resolutions**      Legislative Director Bill Boss reviewed NYSSBA's proposed resolutions to be voted on during the convention, with assistance from Valerie Maginsky who has been an active participant on NYSSBA's Resolution Committee. He also gave voting delegates a preview of how NYSSBA's Business Meeting operates so that the delegates would know what to expect and be prepared.
- Delegates' Comments**      Continuing the discussion from the September meeting, it was noted that the Ward Bill is already at the legislative level and is on the Governor's desk. Kevin Tuhy mentioned that Dr. Steven Cohen accepted Greenwood Lake's offer and will now be their Superintendent. Congratulations and best wishes were offered. Joseph Bond asked districts to share information about whether districts collect their own taxes or if that's done by their town, and if so, were any fees attached to that collection. Pastor John Williams noted that Middletown completed their recent construction project and he gave an overview of the increased educational benefits that are now available to their students.
- Adjournment**      President Pasichnyk thanked all for attending. Motion to adjourn was m/s/c at 8:34 PM.