

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2017
410 W. Sullivan Street
Noon

Present: Ira Katzenstein Paul Hessney
 Mary Hirsch-Schena Frank Steffen, Jr.
 Colleen Taggerty Jen Mahar
 Jen Kless

Observer: Michiko McElfresh

Policy #3220 was discussed per the request of the Board and will be sent to the Board for a second reading with a few minor revisions.

Confidentiality Agreement - discussion on if this should be in policy or be process. The superintendent will refer it to the school attorney for direction.

District funded over-night trips for extra- curricular clubs - the superintendent will compile the total scope of the cost of all trips and the purpose of the trips. Is the purpose curricular? Enhancement to the curriculum? For fun or a reward to students, etc.? Once the data is compiled, the Operations Committee of the Board of Education will review and determine next steps. The primary purpose of the conversation is to minimize economic hardships and barriers, and to increase opportunities for more if not all students.

Creation of Scholarships - Mr. Hessney will contact Mr. Andreano, Mr. Martel and Mr. Howard to review current scholarships and discuss the process for initiating a new scholarship.

Other - Paul inquired as to the process of determining who will become the Board President and Vice President. Ira explained that it is informal based upon who is interested in the position and available to take on the extra responsibilities associated with both leadership positions.

Committee Goals were reviewed

Text books - Health, Social Studies, and Science will be updated for the 2017-18 school year.

Policies - are reviewed throughout the year.

Parent involvement - it is on-going and will continue to be a focus.

Differentiated learning - the district continues to focus on individual student needs. ELA/reading with training (IRLA) has been offered throughout the year; a new standard based report card was instituted; a new Husky app has been launched; the parent portal has been made available to all families; and professional development through BOCES continues to be supported for our teachers and administrators to attend. A discuss around a "Culture of Learning" for all was initiated by the superintendent for the committee to consider as a goal for the upcoming school year and beyond.

ESSA - the district continues to implement needed changes as regulations are provided.