

ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2024

Middle School Auditorium
60 S. Lincoln Ave., Orchard Park, NY 14221

Board of Education

Members Present: Dr. Jennifer Rogers, President
Mr. Ryan Anderson, Vice President
Mr. Ryan Cimo
Mr. Steven Comeau
Mr. Ed Draves
Mr. Tom Provost, arrived at 7:21 pm
Mrs. Karen Sreniawski
Mr. Shane Brege, Student Ex-Officio

Members Excused n/a

Others Present: Mr. David Lilleck, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sarah Hornung, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
Mr. Jeffrey Petrus, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Dr. Dean Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
Mrs. Cheryl Connors, District Clerk

Estimated Audience: 45

Dr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Announcements & Points of Pride - Mr. Lilleck shared the following announcements and points of pride:

- March 21st was World Puppetry Day. Students at South Davis Elementary have been creating their own puppets in art class celebrate World Puppetry Day. On March 26, South Davis hosted a school-wide puppet parade and celebration, inspired by their art teacher Adam Kreutinger.
- March 21st was World Down Syndrome Day. Students at both Eggert and Ellicott wore mismatched socks to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and students at Eggert Elementary even created a school-wide sock display outside of the main office.
- Ellicott Elementary held its annual Science Night on Thursday, March 21st. The event included more than 40 student exhibitors, a presentation on the eclipse and eclipse glasses. This event was sponsored by MOOG and Ellicott's PTO.
- Western New York will be experiencing a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. That day is a Superintendent's Conference Day in Orchard Park therefore no students will be in attendance. This week students will be receiving a pair of eclipse glasses along with some eclipse information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND POINTS
OF PRIDE

March 26, 2024

- Middle School Art Club students designed and created ceiling tiles for Buffalo General Hospital’s Emergency Room. A Middle School parent; Karen Allman, is the director of the ER and reached out with a request from her staff for ceiling tiles to be painted to lift the spirits of their patients. Art Club students started by looking at other artists for inspiration around the idea of creating "joyful art." They sketched their ideas first, then, selected a design and color scheme for each tile. Their designs were enlarged on the tiles and then carefully painted. Students participated in all aspects of the creative process for this project with the intent to spread happiness to others.
- The District collaborated with the Orchard Park Lions Club to provide vision screenings to some of our youngest students. The initiative began in 2017 when Wendy Gloss organized with worked the Lions Club to begin the annual vision screenings. We are thankful her legacy lives on. This year with the support of Dr. Paul Pietrantone, Amy Woodward and Michael Piatko the Lions Club was able to provide vision screenings for over 800 students from UPK to second grade, identifying the students who require further evaluation by a vision professional. He thanked the Lions Club for their partnership with the District.

Consensus Items

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the following consensus items:

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 6-0

Consensus Minutes

- March 12, 2024

Consensus Financials

- Treasurer’s Report – February 2024, Revenue Budget Detail – February 2024 and Health & Welfare Service Rates (attachment #1)

Consensus Personnel

Personnel Considerations – Teachers and Administrators

Appointments - Probationary and Regular Substitute

Name	Title	Cert Area / Status	Tenure Area	Initial Location	Type / Effective Date	Salary
Rauh, Pamela	School Psyc	School Psyc / Perm	Psyc	MS	Part Year Reg Sub 8/30/23 - 12/22/23 (end date amended) LOA - A Weiler	1 M (60) pro-rated
Robison, Jaclyn	Elem Ed teacher	Chil Ed Gr 1-6 / Initial	Elem Ed	WE	Part Year Reg Sub 8/30/23 - 05/22/24 (end date amended) LOA - D Izydorczak	2 M (30) pro-rated
Feathers-Dirrigl, Tamie	Elem Ed teacher	Nursery - Gr 6 / Perm	Elem Ed	WE	Part Year Reg Sub 08/30/23 - 03/28/24 (end date emended) LOA A Perry	2 M (30) pro-rated

* This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

CONSENSUS ITEMS

MINUTES

FINANCIALS

PERSONNEL

Appointments – Community Education (Teachers and Others)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Employee Group	Salary / Stipend
DeWald, Evan	5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course	Spring 2024	OPTA	\$40/hr
Jay, Lynn	Watercolor Painting	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$25/hr
Manka, Jill	Cheer Spring Training	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$35/hr
Schugardt, Lauren	Cheer Spring Training	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$35/hr
Mueller, Jenelle	Cheer Spring Training	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$35/hr
Anderson, Mary Kate	Cheer Spring Training	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$35/hr
Gaeta, Nicolette	Cheer Spring Training	Spring 2024	OPTA	\$35/hr
DeWald, Evan	Driver Education	Spring 2024	OPTA	\$40/hr
Bella, Joseph	Driver Education	Spring 2024	OPTA	\$40/hr

Appointments – Coordinators and Instructional Leaders (Teachers and Administrators)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Employee Group	Salary / Stipend
Setera, Rebecca	IL-Special Education (EG) (0.25)	2023/24	OPTA	\$988.75

Appointments – Per Diem Substitutes (Teachers and Others)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Certification
Eberhardt, Laura	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/15/24-6/30/24	Certified
Foley, Conor	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/22/23-6/30/24	Uncertified
Hanford, Kelly	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/23/24-6/30/24	Certified
Piowar, Melissa	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/21/24-6/30/24	Uncertified

Appointments – Coaching (Teachers and Others)

Name	Title / Activity	Effective Dates	Employee Group	Salary / Stipend
Oliver, Nolan	Baseball - Modified	Spring 2024	Community Member	\$3,144 / Step 3

Personnel Considerations – Support Staff

Appointments (Support Staff)

Name	Position (Initial Location)	Type of Appointment	Effective Date	Compensation (Initial Schedule)
Karaszewski, Aaron	Full-time 12 month Assistant Automotive Mechanic Crew Chief - Lead	Probationary	03/18/24	\$35.25/hour Salary Schedule D
Brock, Matthew	Full-time 12 month Head Custodian	Probationary	03/18/24	\$38.10/hour Salary Schedule A
Cooke, Amy	Full-time 10 month Registered Professional Nurse (SD)	Probationary	03/27/24	\$26.23/hour Salary Schedule L

Appointments (Support Staff Substitutes)

Name	Title Activity	Effective Dates	Civil Service Title
Shepard, Dawn	Support Staff Substitute	3/19/24-6/30/24	Teacher Aide
Ogden, Deborah	Support Staff Substitute	3/18/24-6/30/24	Monitor, Teacher Aide

Personnel Considerations – Support Staff

Leaves of Absence (Support Staff)

Name	Title Activity	Effective Dates	Comment
Dejou-Newman, Roxanne	Part-time 10 month Bus Driver(BG)	2/5/24-2/6/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Drews, Sebastian	Full-time 12 month Building Maintenance Mechanic-HVAC	1/12/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Galbo, Marco	Part-time 10 month Bus Driver(BG)	9/8/23-4/8/24 (amend end date)	Unpaid medical leave
Glowicki, David	Full-time 12 month Custodian	1/2 day 2/28/2024 & full day 2/29/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Kinley, Sara	Full-time 10 month Building Guard	9/29/23, 10/17/23, 12/12/23, 12/14/23, 1/30/24, 2/29/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Nutter, Jamie	Part-time 10 month Teacher Aide(HS)	(.75) 2/9/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Poules, Thomas	Part-time 10 month Bus Driver(BG)	2/29/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Rieman, Kimberly	Part-time 10 month Teacher Aide(EG)	3/1/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Rogers, Tina	Part-time 10 month Bus Driver(BG)	2/9/24, 2/28/24 1/2 day 2/27/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Schnorr, Mary	Full-time 10 month Registered Professional Nurse (NP)	1/2 day 1/29/24, Full day 1/30/24 & 2/16/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Taylor, Cynthia	Full-time 10 month Cleaner	1/3/24;2/6/24-2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 1/2 day 2/5/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Taylor, Hayden	Full-time 10 month Building Guard(HS)	2/16/2024	Unpaid leave of absence
Testa, Robert	Part-time 10 month Teacher Aide(HS)	1/5/24;1/8/24-1/12/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Webber, Ethel	Part-time 10 month Teacher Aide (SD)	1/16/24;2/2/24-2/6/24; 2/8/24-2/9/24; 2/15/24; 2/28/24-2/29/24	Unpaid leave of absence
Weber, Todd	Full-time 10 month Maintenance Mechanic	1/30/24-1/31/24; 2/2/24; 2/12/24;2/23/24	Unpaid leave of absence

Appointments –Resignations and Retirements (Support Staff)

Name	Position	Effective Dates	Comment
Karaszewski, Aaron	Full-time 12 month Auto Mechanic	03/18/24	Resignation contingent on appointment to Full-time 12 month Assistant Automotive Mechanic Crew Chief - Lead. See Item No. 3.5.B.1.1
Brock, Matthew	Full-time 12 month Custodian	03/18/24	Resignation contingent on appointment to Full-time 12 month Head Custodian. See Item No. 3.5.B.1.2
Hallman, Michael	Full-time 10 month Cleaner	03/29/24	Resignation

Appointments – Seasonal – Nurses (Support Staff)

Name	Title/Position	Rate
Banks, Rebecca	Registered Professional Nurse (EG)	Up to 40 hours @OPSRPA Schedule E
Johnson, Sarah	Registered Professional Nurse (WE)	Up to 40 hours @OPSRPA Schedule C
Krawczyk, Brenda	Registered Professional Nurse	Up to 20 hours @OPSRPA Schedule D
Odrzywolski, Melissa	Registered Professional Nurse (EL)	Up to 45 hours @OPSRPA Schedule I
Lucidi, Michelle	Registered Professional Nurse (HS)	Up to 30 hours (HS) and 70 hours (Athletics) @OPSRPA Schedule F
Niewicz, Karen	Registered Professional Nurse (MS)	Up to 40 hours @OPSRPA Schedule L
Schnorr, Mary	Registered Professional Nurse-NP	Up to 24 hours @OPSRPA Schedule K

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Special Education (attachment #2)

- Recommendation by the Committee on Special Education for **Annual Reviews of Sixty-Eight (68)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Special Education for **Re-Evaluation of Twenty (20)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Special Education for the **Initial Educational Placement of Five (5)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Special Education for **Amendments of Five (5)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Special Education for **Declassification of Four (4)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the 504 Committee for the **Accommodation Plan of Twenty-Six (26)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on **Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Annual Review of Seven (7)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the **Preschool Initial Educational Placement of Eight (8)** Resident Children
- Recommendation by the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the **Preschool Amendments of Five (5)** Resident Children

**COMMENTS ON
CONSENSUS/
REPORTS**

Comments on Consensus and Committee Reports

- Shane Brege, student ex-officio, reported on having a candidate's conference on April 18 at 2 pm for those students interested in running for STAP-Comm and as the student ex-officio member. He reported on the Thrift Pop-Up Shop that will be selling gently used closed prior to next STAP-Comm meeting on April 15 at 7 pm in the high school commons. STAP-COMM raised \$200 money for the boys and girls club to have the March madness games streamed in commons and cafeteria in the high school. They will be holding a Blanket-making event on April 23 to benefit local charities.
- Mrs. Hornung, assistant superintendent for curriculum, reported on the Wellness Committee's work. The committee is currently working on revisions to the wellness policy. The committee is also working on the district-wide safe snack list.

DISCUSSION

Discussion

- **Quaker Athletic Booster Club Donations** – Mr. Petrus shared that the Quaker Athletic Booster Club would like to make donations valued at \$2,877. The donation include a tennis ball machines for the tennis teams, trampolines and a Bous Ball for the track teams, a speed swing training system for golf and a collapsible wagon for the softball team.
- **Donation from Kim Caligiuri to Middle School** – Mr. Petrus that the donation from is Kim Caligiuri for the middle school. The donation is \$500 worth of hydroponics, vegetable herb seeds, and materials for life and careers.
- **Donation (Revised) from the OP Foundation for Academic Excellence** – Mr. Petrus shared that the donation was originally approved at \$5,734.70 for the purchase of the sewing machines. Once the purchase was ready to be completed, the actual cost of the sewing machines was \$5,399.70
- **Rules for Use of Voting Machines** – Mrs. Connors shared that the rules were reviewed by legal counsel and are ready to be considered for adoption by the Board.

- **SEQR & EAF for Purchase of 75 Bank Street** – Mr. Petrus shared that the resolution is required to be approved by the Board as part of the property purchase approval process. He shared that as expected the findings are that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment because of this purchase for our use.
- **Required Legal Notice for May 21, 2024 Annual Vote/Election** – Mr. Petrus shared that the legal notice is required for the Annual School District Public Hearing and Vote on May 21, 2024.
- **Recommended 2024-25 School Operating Budget** – Mr. Lilleck and Mr. Petrus presented the recommended 2024-25 school operating budget in the amount of \$122,626,680 which is a budget-to-budget increase of 2.32%, one of the lowest in 18 years. The budget will:
 - Increase safety by adding two additional School Related Officers (SRO). An SRO will be assigned to each school building.
 - Continue advancements in inclusive programming and academic programming (Pre-K - 12).
 - Not exceed the tax cap levy requirements which this year is 3.18%.
 - Will not change the class size guidelines and will maintain all current class offerings and extra-curricular activities for students.
- **Participation in Social Media Litigation** – Mr. Lilleck shared that the resolution was recommended by legal counsel for adoption in order to decide to opt-into any litigation moving forward.

ACTION

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the following donations, valued at \$2,877, from the Quaker Athletic Booster Club:

- Lobster Elite Tennis Ball Machine for the Tennis teams (\$1,487 value)
- 10 Mini Trampolines & 1 Bosu Ball for the Indoor & Outdoor Track teams (\$600 value)
- (2) The Stack Systems for speed swing training for the Boys Varsity Golf team (\$700 value)
- Collapsible Wagon to carry equipment when traveling around campus for the Varsity Softball team (\$90 value)

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the donation from Kim Caligiuri of \$500 worth of hydroponics, vegetable herb seeds, and materials for the middle school.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

**ACTION
ACCEPTANCE
OF
DONATIONS
FROM QABC**

**ACCEPTANCE
OF DONATION
FROM KIM
CALIGIURI**

**ACCEPTANCE
OF REVISED
DONATION
FROM OPFAE**

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the revised donation from the Foundation for Academic Excellence of \$5,734.70 for the purchase of Sewing Machines.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

**ADOPTION
OF RULES FOR
USE OF VOTING
MACHINES**

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby adopts the Rules for Use of Voting Machines as follows:

NOTICE ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RULES FOR USE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING MACHINES AND THE SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OR PROPOSITIONS TO BE PLACED THEREON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District the following rules were adopted:

Rules for use of Optical Scan Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon:

The form of ballot and the voting procedure shall conform substantially with the operational requirements of the optical scan voting machines to be used by the District, and with any requirements prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York for use of optical scan voting machines applicable to school districts.

The optical scan voting machines shall be those owned by the District, but if the District's machines are not available, optical scan voting machines may be obtained from some other source satisfactory to the Board of Education.

For each optical scan voting machine used, two (2) qualified voters of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Education to act as Election Inspectors.

The Board of Education shall pay all expenses necessary or incidental to the use or rental, as the case may be, of optical scan voting machines, including but not limited to the operation, calibration, maintenance and securing thereof and the training of the Election Inspectors in the use thereof.

Immediately before any optical scan voting machine is used at meetings, elections or votes, annual, special or however otherwise denominated or designated, the Election Inspectors shall examine and calibrate it and see that the machine is, in all respects, in proper condition for use. The Election Inspectors shall also ensure that the configuration of the voting area provides for voter privacy.

Each optical scan voting machine shall remain locked against voting, and the paper ballots cast through the optical scan voting machine shall be secured and retained, for the period of thirty days following the meeting, election or vote at which same has been used and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of existing or threatened contest over the result of the meeting, election or vote, except as otherwise provided by the Education Law of the State of New York.

Any proposition to be voted upon, when presented other than by the Board of Education,, must be set forth in such manner as to conform to the requirements of the Education Law of the State of New York, and must be presented in a petition bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 5% of the number of qualified voters voting in the previous annual vote - whichever is greater, of the School District (except where the number of signatures is specified in said Education Law in which case the provisions of the Education Law shall apply) and filed with the Board of Education not less than sixty (60) days before the meeting, election or vote, unless otherwise prescribed by law.

Any question or proposition to be presented by the Board of Education must be set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, election or vote, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published notice of the meeting, election or vote, in which event such resolution must be adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fifty (50) days before the meeting, election or vote, except that the fifty (50) day time limitation shall not apply to a special meetings called under the provisions of Section 2007 subdivision 3, paragraph a. of the Education Law of the State of New York.

In the event that any question or proposition to be voted upon is too lengthy to be placed upon the ballot to be used in conjunction with the optical scan voting machines, an abstract of such question or proposition shall be placed thereon in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District, concisely stating the purpose and effect and setting forth and indicating generally and briefly the subject matter of the question or proposition. Wherever the question is excessively lengthy as above described, a sufficient number of copies thereof shall be available at the voting place in order that each voter may be furnished with a copy thereof before voting.

Where circumstances require that the form of ballot, type or ballot label be different from that prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York, the form of ballot, type or ballot label shall conform to that required by such circumstances.

Except as may otherwise be required by law, the Erie County Board of Elections shall have no jurisdiction with regard to the use of optical scan voting machines in connection with any school district meeting, election or vote.

Except as may be otherwise required by law, the District Clerk shall have sole discretion in determining when optical scan voting machines shall be used. Paper ballots may be used if so determined by the District Clerk, including under circumstances where optical scan voting machines are unavailable or not operational, in which case the use of paper ballots shall be consistent with applicable legal requirements, as well as consistent with these Rules to the extent practicable as determined by the District Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cheryl Connors, District Clerk, Dated: March 26, 2024

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopts the SEQR and EAF resolution for Purchase of 75 Bank Street, Orchard Park, NY as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”), DATED MARCH 26, 2024, (1) DETERMINING THE DISTRICT’S PLANNED ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY AT 75 BANK STREET IN ORCHARD PARK, NEW YORK, TO BE AN UNLISTED ACTION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT; (2) AUTHORIZING (SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL) THE EXPENDITURE OR APPLICATION FOR THIS PURPOSE, DURING THE DISTRICT’S 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR, OF \$1,500,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND, 2017; AND (3) CALLING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE DISTRICT’S VOTERS OF A PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SUCH PROPERTY AT SUCH PRICE AND DIRECTING THAT SUCH PROPOSITION BE INCLUDED IN THE LEGAL NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT’S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE.

**ADOPTION
OF SEQR
AND EAF
FOR PURCHASE
OF 75 BANK
STREET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Orchard Park Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) entered into a lease, with an option to purchase, in July 2023 consisting of improved real property located at 75 Bank Street in Orchard Park being a portion of SBL No. 172.12-1-25.1 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property, and the lease was for five (5) years or less with an option to purchase the Property, and prior to approving the lease agreement, the District / Board completed an environmental review of that Unlisted Action including the District’s contemplated uses of the Property pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board/District determined the lease, option to purchase, and contemplated uses of the Property would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the reasons expressed in a Negative Declaration made on July 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board/District is the “Lead Agency” for the proposed action to exercise the option to purchase, and an environmental review of this Unlisted Action has been conducted pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the District and Board have duly considered the action, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate including last year’s SEQRA review and Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the District and Board have identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, have taken a hard look at these areas, and have made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for the SEQRA determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the District (and other persons utilizing District-owned properties and facilities) to exercise the option to purchase in order to acquire the Property for District purposes as may be determined by the Board including the current uses of the Property by the District (the “Acquisition”); and

WHEREAS, the Acquisition is subject to certain contingencies being met, including the receipt of the approval of the Acquisition by the qualified voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools (the “Superintendent”) has undertaken negotiations with the owner of the Property on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the acquisition of the Property, the District will pay an estimated maximum purchase price of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the District has established, in May of 2017, a certain Capital Improvements Reserve Fund (the “Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to utilize \$1,500,000 from the Fund for the acquisition of the Property subject to voter approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The SEQRA Unlisted Action of acquiring the Property will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

SECTION 2. The attached SEQRA Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference (see Exhibit A attached hereto), is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration, and the Environmental Assessment Form is also incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign and file all documents to comply with SEQRA.

SECTION 4. The Board authorizes the cost of the Acquisition through the expenditure of \$1,500,000 from the Fund, if approved by the qualified voters of the District.

SECTION 5. A proposition for the approval or disapproval of the Acquisition, including the expenditure of \$1,500,000 from the Fund, will be submitted to the qualified voters of the District at the annual District meeting and vote that is anticipated to be held on May 21, 2024 (or at such later date, or under such alternative arrangements, as may be provided by law).

SECTION 6. That provisions in substantially the following form (subject to final review and approval of the appropriate District officials and the District’s counsel) shall be added to the District’s notice of annual meeting and vote for 2024, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 PURCHASE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Orchard Park Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase a certain parcel of improved real property being a portion of the property commonly known as 75 Bank Street, Orchard Park, New York, SBL No. 172.12-1-25.1 for the price of \$1,500,000 upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall deem appropriate, to expend or apply toward the purchase, during the current fiscal year of the District, \$1,500,000 from the District’s Capital Improvements Reserve Fund that was established in May of 2017, without the necessity of borrowing.

This paragraph needs to go in the notice underneath the propositions:

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the property purchase that is the subject of Proposition No. 2 above, which is an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), a thorough review of such property purchase’s potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that such property purchase will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby adopts the May 21, 2024 Legal Notice for Annual Vote/Election as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual School District Vote (the “Annual Vote”) of the Orchard Park Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 7:00 o’clock a.m. prevailing time to 9:00 o’clock p.m. prevailing time in the Orchard Park High School, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, New York, for the purposes of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”), voting on the budget of the District for the 2024-25 fiscal year, voting on two other propositions, and transacting such other business as may be authorized by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board shall be held to fill two (2) at-large positions on the Board. The candidates receiving the two highest vote totals shall each be elected to three-year terms (commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027) to fill the vacancies created by the expiration, on June 30, 2024, of the terms of Mr. Ryan Cimo and Mrs. Karen Sreniawski.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all candidates for the office of members of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall be signed by at least ninety-six (96) qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence of the candidate, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 o’clock a.m. prevailing time and 5:00 o’clock p.m. prevailing time not later than April 22, 2024.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting at the Annual Vote shall consist of the Board election, voting on the following propositions, and voting on any other propositions as may be authorized by law and the rules of the Board to be voted on at such time:

**ADOPTION
OF
LEGAL NOTICE
FOR
MAY 21, 2024
VOTE AND
ELECTION**

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (2024-25 BUDGET)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the basic budget for the Orchard Park Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (PURCHASE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Orchard Park Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase a parcel of improved real property commonly known as 75 Bank Street, Orchard Park, New York, SBL No. 172.12-1-25.1 for the price of \$1,500,000, subject to certain conditions set forth in the purchase contract between the parties, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem appropriate, to expend or apply toward the purchase, during the current fiscal year of the District, \$1,500,000 from the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund that was established in May of 2017, without the necessity of borrowing.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the property purchase that is the subject of Proposition No. 2 above, which is an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of such property purchase's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that such property purchase will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 (PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF BUSES, RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES)

Shall the following resolutions be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Orchard Park Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase school buses (and related equipment and supplies) for use in the transportation program of the District, including: four (4) seventy-seven (77)-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$186,000 each; and four (4) thirty- three (33)-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$117,000 each; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,212,000 (which includes certain up-front financing costs and is the total of the aforesaid estimated maximum costs), plus an amount for interest thereon, shall be funded by the imposition of a tax which is hereby authorized to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board and, in anticipation of such tax, (i) bonds or other obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued and (ii) the District shall be authorized to enter into lease or lease/purchase arrangements (having a term of up to five years) if approved by the Board in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that New York State Transportation Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of the cost of the buses hereby authorized, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a public hearing for the voters of the District on the District's 2024-25 budget and expenditure of funds will be held on May 7, 2024 commencing at 7:00 o'clock p.m. prevailing time at the, Orchard Park Middle School, 60 South Lincoln Avenue, Orchard Park, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the District's 2024- 2025 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount for each purpose estimated as necessary for payments to the boards of cooperative educational services shall be shown in full, with no deduction of estimated state aid. The amount of state aid provided and its percentage relationship to the total expenditures shall also be shown.

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Such statement shall be completed at least seven (7) days before the budget hearing, at which it is to be presented, and copies thereof shall be prepared and made available upon request, to District residents during the period of seven (7) days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual meeting and election, and may be obtained by any District resident at each schoolhouse in the District, and in the District Office, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding, and on the day of, the Annual Vote, except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that optical scan voting machines will be used to record the votes on the Board election, the budget, and the other propositions presented, pursuant to the District's Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon. Printed copies of the Rules are available at the office of the District Clerk located in the District Office, 2240 Southwestern Blvd., West Seneca, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Vote will be available at the office of the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or no later than the day before the vote if the ballot is to be issued personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on May 21, 2024. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) business days prior to the Annual Vote.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for early mail ballots will be available at the office of the District Clerk and can be requested either in person or by letter. A letter request for an early mail ballot must be received by the office of the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election and no later than seven (7) days before the election. A voter requesting an early mail ballot by letter will be sent both an application form and a ballot. The completed application form and properly marked ballot from a person who requested them by mail must be received by the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. An early mail ballot from a voter who requested it by letter will not be counted unless the completed application is returned with the ballot. All completed early mail ballots, whether requested in person or by mail, must be received in the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the election.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

By Order of the Board of Education Orchard Park Central School District

Dated: March 26, 2024 Cheryl A. Connors District Clerk

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the proposed 2024-25 Operating Budget as presented in the amount of \$122,626,680 and presents it as Proposition No.1 on the Official Ballot of the Annual School District Vote for residents of the Orchard Park Central School District.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

**ADOPTION
OF 2024-25
OPERATING
BUDGET**

March 26. 2024

**ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION
FOR
PARTICIPATION
IN SOCIAL MEDIA
LITIGATION**

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Orchard Park Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby adopts the following resolution for the participation in Social Media Litigation:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION WHEREAS, this Board of Education is aware that for many years interactive technologies have been made available to the public to facilitate the creation and sharing of content, ideas, interests and other forms of expression through virtual communities and networks; and WHEREAS, this Board has also come to learn that over time social media platforms can become addictive, particularly among our youth; and WHEREAS, this Board has become aware that certain Big Tech companies have intentionally created addictive platforms specifically designed to hook student audiences by designing algorithms to maximize company revenues by increasing usage without regard to the harm suffered by students as a result of such usage; and WHEREAS, these tech products, designed to hook young users into compulsive use, have taken a heavy toll on today's youth, whereby they face unprecedented levels of severe mental health issues like anxiety, depression, eating disorders and suicidal ideation, and with so many students in tuition, schools have had to divert crucial resources to help them; and WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a public advisory that social media could have a profound risk of harm on the health of children and adolescents; and WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Children's Hospital Association have all declared child and adolescent mental health a national emergency; and WHEREAS this School District and other School Districts around the country have had to hire additional counselors, develop resources and train staff to handle the burgeoning number of students succumbing to what best can be described as a youth mental health crisis; and WHEREAS, a number of other school districts have filed or will be filing legal claims in the Northern District of California against a number of social media companies, such as TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Google and their parent companies, seeking restitution for expenses incurred and the funds necessary to provide ongoing student support and changes to the platforms to make them less addictive; NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Education hereby authorizes the following: 1. That this School District file and join claims in the Multi-District Litigation pending in the Northern District of California to recoup damages against students and the District inflicted by social media companies; 2. That this Board appoint the following law firms to represent the District's interests in this matter; 24503169v1 a. The Frantz Group ALPC (San Diego, California); and b. Hodgson Russ LLP (Buffalo, New York) 3. That the Superintendent of Schools and Administrative Staff of this District be and hereby are directed to cooperate with the appointed attorneys to gather the necessary data and take other required actions needed to assist the law firms in representing the foregoing interests of the District; and 4. This District will expend no resources or funds for its participation in this litigation, other than the personnel time necessary to gather the data needed to participate in this litigation.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – Cimo

Motion Unanimously Carried 6-1

Public Comment / Correspondence - None

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to enter executive session at 7:49 pm regarding consideration of 3020-a charges, which may lead to discipline, suspension, dismissal, or the removal of a tenured teacher

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to adjourn executive session at 9:31 pm

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Comeau and Draves

No – Cimo

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Dr. Rogers called the meeting back to order at 9:31 pm

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Sreniawski, to adjourn 9:31 p.m.

Yes – Rogers, Anderson, Cimo, Sreniawski, Provost, Comeau and Draves

No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Connors
District Clerk

Minute Attachments

1. Financials
2. Special Education

Other Attachments

Official Meeting Announcement
Agenda