

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021
4:30 pm
Via ZOOM

Present:	Ira Katzenstein Janine Fodor Jenny Bilotta Jen Mahar	Kelly Keller Rick Moore Aaron Wolfe Jen Kless
Guest:	Jerry Trietley Jeff Andreano	Kelly Andreano Lauren Stuff
Observers:	Paul Hessney	Mary Hirsch-Schena

2021-2022 DRAFT School Calendar

- Mr. Moore presented two options: 1) split break and 2) two week break in April
- Mr. Moore has been working with Tim Simon, Portville Central School, due to shared busing; Portville will have a two week break in April 2022
- Due to the district's upcoming capital project, Mr. Moore feels a two week break would be beneficial for construction
- Discussions included learning loss during a two-week break, especially before state assessment tests; no break between Christmas and Easter break; what is best for families? Does this pose a hardship on families that do not go out of town? Is finding daycare for two weeks harder than one week?
- Mr. Moore noted it would only be Olean and Portville schools that would have a two week break in April 2022
- Committee members recommended this be a one year only two week break; will not set a precedence for future calendars
- The calendar will be placed on the April 20th BOE agenda

Code of Conduct Revisions

- Jerry Trietley, Code of Conduct Chair, reviewed the proposed revisions - he will review the revisions at the next board meeting; a public hearing will be scheduled; BOE adoption in June

Speech Pathologist

- Kelly Andreano noted the district is in need of a Speech Pathologist to fill in for a district employee that is on an extended leave
- This is a temporary (substitute) position – an emergency need for required IEP services; no jobs are being taken away for OTA members; the district employee currently on leave expects to return to work in the Fall
- Kelly was fortunate to find an individual with the proper credentials and license; Kelly also devised a contract which will be placed on the April 20th BOE agenda
- Janine thanked and complimented Kelly for her efforts in securing services for district students and a job well done on the contract; school attorney should review the contract as well
- Rick will speak to the OTA regarding this emergency need

2021-2022 Non-Resident Student Tuition

Current tuition:

	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
September – January 15th	\$400	\$700
January 16 – February	\$200	\$350
March – April	\$125	\$225
May - June	\$0	\$0

- Mr. Moore noted it is that time of the year to review tuition rates for non-resident students
- Kelly requested additional information – student aid, cost to district, tuition cost of other districts, does the tuition the district charges cover the cost of education for a non-resident student, etc.; Jenny will compile the data

Parent Option for Student Remediation

- Mr. Moore noted that parents can request a student be retained which may not always be advantageous
- Resources are being allocated for summer school and summer remediation and enrichment programs
- The district is trying to secure staff to work summer programs
- Committee members stated “students need help NOW!”
- Mr. Moore noted this topic will be discussed at a meeting with administrators tomorrow
- Jen Kless discussed the ERLA and Math spiral programs
- Jeff Andreano noted there are several 100% remote students that have not participated in a year; numerous attempts to reach out to students and guardians have been made; does he have the support of the board to demand these students return in person
 - The committee supports these students return to the classroom unless there is a drastic health reason; bringing back high-rise students is a priority

Ira questioned the status of the Reopening Plan

- Ira noted there are requirements to bringing students back – meetings with stakeholders, etc.
- Mr. Moore noted this items will also be discussed with administrators tomorrow

2021-2022 School Year

- Kelly recommended no remote learning; students and staff must return to the classroom
- Mr. Moore noted that Andrew recommended at a previous option that remote learning be an option; Janine recommended that a remote learning only contract be devised (guardian and student must sign) – if a student does not participate and turn in school work, the student must return to in-person learning

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm

Next meeting: May 3, 2021 at 4:30 pm