

Olean City School District  
Operations Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
4:30 pm  
Board Room - Via ZOOM

Present:	Ira Katzenstein – ZOOM	Janine Fodor – ZOOM
	Kelly Keller – ZOOM	Rick Moore
	Jenny Bilotta	Jen Mahar
	Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry	

Status Report on summer school – staffing, enrollment, other  
Jen Mahar reported on the following:

- There will be traditional summer school from grades 6 & 7 and high school; program runs July 6 – August 13; no regents exams
- 6-12 graders may be able to take up to two classes (possibly 3)
- OIMS and HS will have three self-contained special ed classes
- BOCES Rise Academy will also have a summer school program
- Liberty Partnership have between 34-39 students helping in the classroom – will receive a \$500 stipend each
- Kelly requested the list of course offerings be emailed to the committee
- Summer lunch program through Community Action – sites will be OIMS, EV, WW, War Vets and Oak Hill Parks

Rick reported on the following:

- Meeting held with the OTA regarding summer school pay – hoping to bring an MOA forward; deadline for OTA response is Thursday; will advertise for outside staffing on Friday?
- Staffing the summer school program has been difficult
- Spoke to Nick Patrone about doing a version of STAR this summer; he would like summer school to be unique and fun
- Will secure summer substitutes to work with remote learners

Committee discussed:

- Based on the dashboard data presented previously many students were failing. How many students will need to go to summer school? Is it possible to hire outside the OTA? If staffing summer school is an issue, why continue to wait to advertise for outside staff?
- How is the district reaching out to parents and/or students regarding summer school?
- Zearn Math and Reading Eggs – will students be issued iPads for the summer? If students have to use their own computer, will workbooks be available: Rick indicated he will speak to Mike Martel
- Use stimulus money for bringing parents/student together prior to returning to school – picnic, small grade level class reunions
- Back to School Parent Night – small presentation from teachers for parents – not the Open House when parents drop off school supplies
- Can the district pay for school supplies with stimulus funds? Rick noted he is working with SBU on “Stuff the Bus (school supply initiative)”
- Stimulus money application due June 15th – people were not happy due to the lack of input on the Reopening Plan; requested a brief presentation at the next BOE meeting on what the money will be used for
- Can stimulus money be used as an incentive to encourage parents to participate in return to school activities?
- Comparative Group – what is being used for comparison to make decisions

- Need CONCRETE plans put in place; not opened ended promises
- Staff and students – what do they need to make the transition back to school 100% for the upcoming school year? Rick noted Jen Mahar created a form for input

#### Status Report on fall reopening

- a. Sensitive ... mental health/trauma informed ....children and staff
  - Rick noted on the next board agenda is a resolution granting 80 day for guidance counselors to work during the summer to work on student mental health issues and re-entry; will also be using college students; counselors will go into classrooms during the upcoming school year to work with the whole class; will spend stimulus money on positive assemblies; have summer stress release mini courses
- b. Planned use of federal windfall – any need for technology enhancements, busses, staff (such as mental health staff)
  - Jenny noted that it is taking 6-8 months to get a new bus not to mention the bus driver shortage; changes to the district's transportation guidelines would require voter approval; working on staggered bus runs if the guidelines do not change (currently allowed one student per seat unless from the same household)
- c. Planned transitions for kindergarten, elementary to OIMs and OIMS to OHS
  - Rick noted 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been coming to the high school for tours and meeting with the counselors
- d. Assessing the learning loss - retention data compared to a 'normal year' and how to make it up...is there a need to assess and test
  - Rick noted that teachers will put grades in the computer; guidance and administrator will review and determine what is best for the student; Rick is leaving the decision to pass or fail up to each principal
  - Jen noted benchmark, STAR assessment results are being compiled and reviewed as well as IRLA and Delta's
- e. What will gifted talented and art/music look like
  - Rick noted it will be a great summer to do great things; let people teach what they want
  - Hope to have instructors for summer art and music

Other – Status on website redesign....add board members e-mails and home address and phone to board listing page

- Security issues were discussed as well as chain of command process

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Next meeting: July 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm