

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
4:30 pm
Board Room

Present:	Julio Fuentes	Kelly Keller
	Mary Hirsch-Schena	Jen Mahar
	Genelle Morris	Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry

Status of the Policy audit

- Erie 1 Policy Services does not audit policy manuals over five years in age
- A new policy will be created and developed with the assistance of an Erie 1 Policy Coordinator

The committee discussed student handbooks; difference between EV and WW – should they be more similar or are handbooks based on the individual schools?

Discussion about Student Service on School Board

- Education Law allows small city school districts to have a high school student serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the board
- Student board member is not entitled to vote, they can sit with the board at all public meetings and participate in all board hearings, except executive session
- District voters have to approve having a student serve in that capacity
- A district may offer voters this option once every two years
- Have sample board policies if this is the direction the board would like to go

Board Meetings – Videoconferencing, Live Streaming

- The Governor did not extend the virtual meetings law
- If a board member needs to videoconference, the address the board member will be at must be stated on the agenda
- Board agenda must state the public has the right to attend both locations; signage must be posted at both locations indicating the public is invited to attend
- Refer to policy #1510; school law book section 14:13
- Audit committee meetings are also required to be open to the public – Education Law 2116-c
- Continuation of livestreaming board meetings via YouTube – Julio and Mary noted many community members and staff view the meetings – for transparency reasons

Connecting Communities in Action Home School Liaison and Head Start UPK contracts

- Jen Mahar discussed the Home School Liaison contract
Contracts are renewed annually; referrals are made by counselors or parents; liaison case load is approximately 15-20 students currently – may increase as the school year progresses; two liaisons – one for OIMS/OHS and one for EV/WW
- Jen Mahar discuss the UPK Head Start MOU
Contract is renewed annually; up to 18 students per classroom – currently 14-15 students; UPK students are only eligible for one year and then become kindergarten eligible; birthdate deadlines are set by the state and federal governments

Meeting ended at approximately 5:45 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2022 at 4:30 pm