

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020
4:30 pm
Via ZOOM

Present:	Kelly Keller Frank Steffen, Jr. Jenny Bilotta Jen Kless Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry	Janine Fodor Rick Moore Jen Mahar Aaron Wolfe
Guests:	Mary Hirsh-Schena Lauren Stuff	Brian Crawford Andrew Caya

UPK Contract

- Jen Mahar noted this is a continuing program; UPK grant; provides funding for a certified teacher in each UPK classroom
- Janine asked whether or not there are 18 kids in each classroom (1 classroom at WW and 1 classroom at EV); Jen indicated not at this time; hybrid model of learning
- Contract to include the parent bill of rights, executed vendor agreement and confidentiality agreement

Santa Claus Lane Parade

- Mr. Moore noted that Meme from the Chamber inquired about using the OIMS parking lot for the parade on November 27th; he was under the impressions that all parade floats would have participants on it before the float entered the parking lot which he discovered was not the case; kids would be dropped off near OIMS and they would walk to designated float
- Mr. Moore needs to check with insurance carrier, DOH, etc. regarding committee concerns and liability issues
- The Chamber does have a backup plan in the event it is not able to use the OIMS parking lot

Policy #3421 - TITLE IX AND SEX DISCRIMINATION

- Mr. Moore noted this is a new mandated policy
- Janine noted much of the language in the policy is discussed in other policies; Mr. Moore will have the school attorney review
- The committee will review the revised policy at its December 7th meeting

FAPE (free appropriate public ed) - Are our special Ed kids making appropriate progress (percentages, why not)

- Jen Mahar noted the district is currently undergoing a special education review by the state
- Currently focusing on IRLA for grades PreK-7; STAR testing has been postponed for grades K-3
- OIMS will complete its STAR testing by Wednesday
- Mr. Moore noted the district needs to focus the special ed area due to the district's high needs population
- Janine indicated that she would like to get a better understanding of the process for referral for special ed services; what constitutes a disability and services (academic failure and/or failure to advance); what is the district doing to address or prevent the need for an IEP; what is the RTI process
- Special Ed students moved to 15:1:1 classroom settings; how will the district transition these students back in to the classrooms

- A future board meeting (either December or January) one (1) hour will be dedicated to this topic of discussion – what do we want special ed services to look like

Specials-Gym Art Music - how are they delivered? Any remote options? Are parents in contact with these teachers?

- Phys Ed, Art, Music is being offered at elementary schools one day per week
- Phys Ed, Art, Music is being offered like it normally would in school and remote
- Secondary Music – teaches feeling good about the programs they are able to deliver
- Secondary Art – Kellie O'Brien is doing a fantastic job

Impact of Hybrid on **APPR** (teacher and principal evaluations); need for JUUL agreements (extensions)

- Mr. Moore noted governor waived APPRs for teachers and principals; probationary may be extended for one year if the district feels it is necessary

Wednesday interactions at each grade level? Is it appropriate? How are teachers using this time? What is happening in the school? Can we work in zoom at elementary level?

- Some teachers are Zooming on Wednesdays; some teachers give out assignments; some teachers get professional development; some teachers participate in grade level meetings or team meetings, some teachers work on the curriculum calendar, math alignment, spiral curriculum, American Reading
- Grades 6 & 7 teachers are teaching lessons remotely on Wednesdays

Holiday travel students and teachers? What will be the guidelines? One consistent message for the entire district.

- Aaron sent an email to staff on Friday regarding holiday travel outlining the guidelines and quarantining; the governor issued a new executive order later that day with new guidelines
- Janine noted the governor's new executive order timeline is impossible
- Kelly asked if the district was considering shutting down school from Thanksgiving break through mid January and going 100% remote; Mr. Moore noted it will be discussed at the November 10th BOE meeting

Note – NYS Travel Advisory Changes Weekly and should be incorporated into health screenings

School Climate – obviously impacted by Covid – staff, children, families – shall we do a survey?

- Mr. Moore noted this should be a focus
- Jen Mahar discussed the CASEL.org mental health/well-being survey; could be made available to staff, students, parents/guardians

Janine recommended seniors and juniors be a priority; identify which students are at risk for not meeting graduation requirements; assist students in meeting/completing those requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Next meeting: December 7, 2020 at 4:30 pm